

EXCALIBUR PRIMARY SCHOOL Ivy Lane, Alsager, Stoke on Trent, ST7 2RQ Head Teacher: Juliet Jones Tel: 01270 845781 E-mail: admin@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our survey and give us feedback. This is used alongside the staff survey, progress and attainment data and pupil voice to help us identify development points for the school and to continue to try and offer the best provision we can – so your views are very important to the whole school community.

As you can see, you have given us overwhelmingly positive feedback which is great to see. It serves as a real celebration of the hard work by everyone who is part of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Juliet Jones

Head Teacher

Parent Voice Summary

Parent responses: 67

Year Group Responses

Year	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Number of	8	9	11	9	6	15	9
responses							

Question	Strongly	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly	
	agree		agree nor disagree		disagree	
My child is happy at Excalibur.	61% (41)	33% (22)	4.5% (3)	1.5% (1)	0	
My child feels safe at Excalibur.	67% (45)	30% (20)	1.5% (1)	1.5% (1)	0	
My child makes good progress at Excalibur.	64% (43)	30% (3)	4.5% (3)	1.5% (1)	0	
My child is well looked after at Excalibur	69% (46)	24% (16)	4% (3)	3% (2)	0	
Teaching and learning at Excalibur is good	64% (43)	31% (21)	5% (3)	0	0	
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	39% (26)	51% (34)	7% (5)	3% (2)	0	
The behaviour of children at Excalibur is good.	42% (28)	50% (33)	6% (4)	3% (2)	0	
Excalibur deals effectively with bullying.	28% (19)	28% (19)	39% (26)	1% (1)	3% (2)	
Excalibur is well led and managed.	63% (42)	34% (23)	1.5% (1)	0	1.5% (1)	
Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
Excalibur responds well to concerns I raise.	45% (30)	37% (25)	16% (11)	0	1% (1)	
I believe my child is valued and included at Excalibur.	51% (34)	43% (29)	4.5% (3)	1.5% (1)	0	
My child receives support if he/she needs it.	49% (33)	42% (28)	6% (4)	1.5% (1)	1.5% (1)	
Staff at Excalibur are approachable.	61% (41)	36% (24)	3% (2)	0	0	
The school keeps me well informed about events in school.	61% (41)	36% (24)	3% (2)	0	0	
The school takes account of parent's/carers' views.	42% (28)	42% (28)	12% (8)	4% (3)	0	
I would recommend Excalibur to another parent.	67% (45)	28% (19)	3% (2)	0	2% (1)	
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at Excalibur.	67% (45)	31% (21)	0	2% (1)		

Excalibur would be even better if...

Child language is better managed, especially during break times. We have increased the number of adults with the children during break times. Any instances where children are using inappropriate language is dealt with immediately and in accordance with our behaviour policy.

All drop off and collections were at the same time, perhaps within a 15 minute to window so we didn't have to wait on the playground, just 1 loop round to drop and 1 loop round to collect.

During the present pandemic, we are following Government guidance to have staggered start and finish times. In order to make it as easy for parents as we possibly can, we have reduced the timings to be within a 20 minute period. In addition to this, we are welcoming siblings into school at the same earlier time. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will revert back to our start time of 8.50am for all pupils.

There were more options for after school activities for each year group. My daughter loves gymnastics and dancing but no after school club to offer this.

A review of the after school sports provision will be undertaken in the New Year.

We had more communication from teachers throughout the year relevant to individual children. Not just on parents' evenings.

We have opportunities for termly feedback through parent's evenings in the autumn and summer term and midterm report cards in the spring term. We believe that communication is key and we are proud of our open door policy. As such, staff are available daily should parents wish to discuss any aspect of their child's education at any time.

They dealt with child on child abuse.

Any allegations and incidents are dealt with in a timely manner and in line with our school policy. We update our Safeguarding policy annually and make changes accordingly. All incidents are recorded, responded to and monitored.

More activities online.

All classes have now been set up with Seesaw and Microsoft Teams. These are being used for both remote learning and for homework activities.

My child's homework pushed him more.

Homework set consolidates the week's learning. For additional maths activities, children can access either MyMaths or Times Table Rock Stars on our website. Pupils all have individual logins for Prodigy which allows them to work at their own pace and level of ability. In addition, class pages have links to games to further children's understanding particularly in maths.

It had a pre-school.

We are at present exploring our options regarding a preschool.

Really minor point but be better if non uniform days were on a Monday or Friday. Homework is put onto seesaw in advance of the weekend so it can be done over the weekends when we have more time. Non uniform day for house point winners will be on a Friday from January.

Children should have a week to complete all homework, including a weekend as we appreciate parents have busy lives and very often this is the best time to support with homework activities.

Lunchtime needs better monitored and more regular support for SEN and more regular feedback to parents on progress. For future planning I would like to see that in the case of another lockdown or a class having to isolate, virtual teaching is done to keep some routine and formality for the children. It will also help to decrease the impact on there learning. During lockdown where the social side of learning abruptly ended it impacted on the children's well-being. Virtual learning will not stop this all together but will go some way into keeping some normality in a abnormal time.

We have increased the number of adults supervising the children at lunchtimes.

We have updated and reviewed our remote learning strategy so that no children will miss out on valuable learning should the need to self-isolate arise. Full details of our Remote Education Provision can be found on our website under online learning.

I appreciate you have to follow the curriculum but I've had two children go through Excalibur since 2012 my third child is currently in year 3 and the projects and work topics are the same as when my first child went though and the second. Why? There are many other books etc for it to be a bit different not exactly the same. A bit of variety for parents would be good please for when my youngest comes through. Our curriculum offer is reviewed annually and updated where appropriate. We endeavour to provide a curriculum that is broad and balanced. Some of the changes that we have made most recently have been covering Antartica in Year 3 and Rainforests in Year 5.

My child is cold at school this year.

Unfortunately, at the moment, we are having to keep windows and doors open for ventilation. Children are welcome to wear thicker jumpers at school in order to remain warm.

Some additional comments...

The school has dealt extremely well to the pressures and challenges that the pandemic has brought. We are exceedingly grateful for everything everyone is doing.

Amazing school. My child is well cared for but challenged in her learning. She loves going to school and enjoys every day

All answers are answered honestly. Neither disagree or agree was answered because I have not needed to use these facilities

It is a very excellent school

The school has been through a tough year and have done a good job navigating the lockdown and new leadership. The passion from the teachers has clearly not been distinguished and there dedication to trying to bring some normality to school has been fantastic.

This year my child is the most enthusiastic I've seen him and LOVES his teacher.

I want to thank all at Excalibur who have made the school a safe place since the return in September. The home schooling was dealt with very well and lessons and resources provided were great. My son loves to come into school and is helped with his behaviour and how to deal with his feelings

The handling of current circumstances has been to a high standard. The best decision I made was this school for my children because staff genuinely care!

Excalibur is an excellent school with kind, caring staff - couldn't ask for more!

Excalibur is fantastic!!

Perfect as they are!

The teachers in Reception have been fabulous and keep us updated on Seesaw regularly. Thank you !

It's really difficult to think of anything I would like to see improved, but would like to take the opportunity to say how impressed I have been with Miss Bass. The children have been coming out of school so happy and motivated that it truly is lovely to see! They are so keen to go in every morning that they haven't even been bothered to say goodbye!

Mrs Jones is a fantastic head teacher, her caring nature towards the children shines. She is a real credit to the school. The senco team and the TAs do a fantastic job at Excalibur too

The school is run efficiently and every efforts are made in the interest of all children!