

Annual Survey of Parents/Carers Views 2019

Number of responses: 55

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at this school.	76%	24%	0	0	0
My child feels safe at this school.	91%	9%	0	0	0
My child makes good progress at this school.	84%	13%	3%	0	0
My child is well looked after at this school.	91%	9%	0	0	0
My child is taught well at this school.	93%	7%	0	0	0
The school makes sure that its pupils are well behaved.	82%	16%	2%	0	0
The school deals effectively with bullying.	56%	20%	24%	0	0
The school is well led and managed.	89%	11%	0	0	0
The school responds well to any concerns I raise.	77%	7%	16%	0	0
I receive valuable information from the schools about my child's progress.	85%	15%	0	0	0

What do you feel are the strengths of the school and what should we keep doing?

Communications to parents is excellent.

Topic work – our child is always so enthusiastic and excited to participate and talks to us about topic work at home.

Good communication and regular feedback.

The school has made my child feel welcome and safe to express themselves. My child is happy and keen to learn in their safe environment.

I feel that the school nurtures the students and helps them to develop, not only academically but emotionally and socially.

We think this is a lovely school – keep up the good work.

The school understands my daughter's needs and does their best to help her.

All children are valued and the feedback I received at parent's evening was amazing. I loved to hear the teacher say that she enjoys listening to my child writing words and repeating them out loud to make sure she has spelt them correctly.

I like the fact that each child's learning journey is taken into account and their individual abilities are important.

Our child seems very happy and we have no concerns about their progress or well-being.

In addition to learning, fostering a caring, tolerant ethos in the children is important to us.

Communication through the planner and newsletter.

The wonderful nurturing environment.

High standards.

Fun

The dedicated staff.

Excellent communication via parentmail updates and newsletters. Any concerns we've had have been dealt with immediately. The teachers are wonderful – a real credit to the school.

Building strong relationships with each individual child and taking the time to understand what makes them tick.

Good discipline level. Great teachers. Friendly approach. Keep you informed. Values your opinion. Kind to the children.

Good communication re children's progression and welfare. I feel the school has high morals and standards which comes across in the children.

Nurturing and making them feel an important part of the class and school.

Strong nurturing.

Lovely school and staff. Keep up the great work! Thank you.

Encouragement clearly works for our children as well as the positive reinforcement. Also, making learning fun as they are both always happy.

The school listens to the parents and children.

Open door policy.

It is clear that the children's needs are always at the forefront of the teacher's/ leader's mind. They provide fantastic support to the children.

We trust in your continued efforts. This is an outstanding school.

Excellent teaching and varied learning experiences. Good communication.

Very approachable staff and always ready to help.

Approachable. Good – excellent communication.

Staff. Good, nurturing environment. Lots of great sporting opportunities which give the children a chance to become balanced individuals – like sports week.

The staff, the facilities, the sport.

Good leadership and good staff.

You are organised, on the ball, always moving the children on so they can reach their full potential. Very well managed.

Tailor well to my child's needs. Listening to parents and children.

Good communication through the app. Teacher is always available to chat either before or after school if required.

Excalibur is a very good school. They have been very supportive during the recent difficulties that our family have endured. Keep being open and approachable.

Good balance of fun trips to underpin the learning.

The teachers bond really well with the children and have the respect of the parents.

The staff.

I would like to know more about.../ I would like to suggest:

Pay more attention to bullying.

I would like more information in my child's planner as to what she has learned/done as I only get a note on a Monday regarding her reading book.

How do we keep up our communication when they move to Year 1? I am only at school 2 afternoons per week so I value what we currently have.

More variety of after school clubs.

Could the FOE give more information/details about their activities? As a first time parent to the school, I don't always know what to expect e.g Mother's Day wrap – were mums supposed to come?

More updates.

Some more weekly or monthly feedback maybe in the planner on progress or spelling test results.

Nil. My concerns are generally dealt with.

Feedback on what my child will be learning and the methods used to enable us to help and support using the same methods being taught.

5th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks for taking the time to complete our questionnaire for parents. Your views are very important to us. Together with staff surveys, pupil voice and school data, they enable us to make informed decisions about areas for development in the school, ensuring your children have the very best educational provision.

The feedback you have given us is, as you can see, incredibly positive. Some of the strengths that come through consistently are:

- good communication
- nurturing and safe environment
- approachable teachers who build good relationships with the children
- learning is fun
- great teachers
- supportive staff
- strong leadership
- wide range of sporting opportunities
- varied learning experiences
- high standards

You have also offered some good ideas for improvements or have requested clarification in certain areas, some of which we can address straight away:

- concerns regarding information from FOE will be passed on.
- all communication is available on our website which is kept up-to-date regularly.
- during this term, after-school clubs have run every day, including film club, mindful colouring club and multi-skills. If there is a particular activity that you feel is missing, please get in contact with the school. We will also discuss with our school council to elicit the views of the children.
- details of the children's learning in each class is available on our website on individual class pages. There is also news about trips and other activities under *school news* and *educational visits*.
- our calculation policy, which covers the methods of teaching in maths, is available on our website. <http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/maths/10221>.
In addition to this, there will be a maths and English evening in the Autumn term which will outline our strategies and methods.
- we use the KiVa programme to promote an anti-bullying ethos, which includes: designated KiVa staff leads; specific anti-bullying lessons throughout our key stage 2; pupil voice/ surveys. It also provides us with a consistent procedure to apply on the rare occasion a bullying incident comes to light. For more information about this approach, please refer to our website.
<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/kiva/19498>

Again, thank you very much for your input and your lovely comments. We look forward to continuing to work with both you and your child.

Yours sincerely,
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