

## Parent Questionnaire February 2018 – 93 responses

		Strongly Agree/ Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	My child is happy at this school	98%	2%	
2	My child feels safe at this school	100%		
3	My child makes good progress at this school	98%	2%	
4	My child is well looked after at this school	98%	2%	
5	My child is taught well at this school	100%		
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	98%	2%	
7	This school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved during lessons	99%	1%	
8	This school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved during break-times and lunchtimes	98%	2%	
9	This school deals effectively with bullying	99%	1%	
10	This school is well led and managed	99%	1%	
11	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	98%	2%	
12	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	97%	3%	
13	Would you recommend this school to another parent	98%	2%	

### Good features of the school:

The school is fantastic at treating children as individuals;  
 Always welcoming and respond to any query; Lovely bunch of teaching staff, very friendly, well led. Caring and nurturing; The staff are all so enthusiastic;  
 Staff are friendly and happy to discuss my child when I have any concerns;  
 Encourages independence; great teachers, very approachable; swimming lessons  
 A really good and varied choice of extra-curricular activities; good ties with local community;  
 I always know that I can approach any staff to discuss any issues and they will be dealt with straight away; really happy with school; knowing each child well; music lessons;  
 Great trips; online payment system is great; choir is great; hot dinners  
 Imaginative lessons; My child always enjoys coming to school;  
 Being supportive with my child's on-going struggles; great facilities;  
 Helpful with my son's SEN needs. Good focus on homework;  
 Supporting and praising children and their learning; Nurture and community spirit are excellent; leaders are always accessible; maths homework is brilliant;  
 Accommodating, understanding, encouraging! Very good management and teachers.  
 The school is inviting and has a lovely atmosphere. It is obvious that a lot of time and effort is put into the school and its pupils – thank you for all the effort!  
 Thank you so much for everything!

## **An improvement I would like to see:**

**Send water bottles home regularly for cleaning** – yes, we will aim to send them home every Friday for you to clean over the weekend but please feel free to collect them as often as you like for cleaning

**When fundraising for charities, a percentage should be retained for school when budgets are so tight** – we can understand that idea, we will investigate further and find out views of other parents.

**Kids who distract each other should be separated in class** – this does happen routinely and the school behaviour policy is used to provide reminders when appropriate to help children develop their own self-regulation in class.

**Online maths work, like at the infants** – we don't use Mathletics, the resource Emscote use, but we do have Education City which offers online work on a range of subjects. Please ask your class teacher if you don't have access at present.

**More parents staying with their children before school to supervise them** – we regularly remind parents that the playground is unsupervised before school and that we open the doors at 8.45am to let children into school.

**More notice re trips – particularly before texts are sent out requesting payment** – apologies for these texts; the online payment system sends these out as soon as a trip or event is set up by our office. We are investigating whether it is possible to stop these going to you before you've received the appropriate letter.

**Better range of free clubs** – we are always investigating the availability of clubs and will notify you of any new ones as soon as we make arrangements.

**More information about what is being taught** – At the start of each term, a termly overview is sent home to tell you what your child will be learning that term. These are also to be found (for all of the terms) on our website, under the Curriculum tab. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher - they are available on the playground after school on a daily basis or are happy to phone if more suitable.

**Greater availability for art and drama clubs, especially for Years 5 & 6.** As above, we are always looking for options for clubs and will notify you whenever anything new has been organised.

**More practical homework set** – this is the aim of the Topic homework set which provides a choice of activities, many of which are practical and provide a balance with the written Maths and English homework.

**Before starting swimming lessons with school, find out from parents if children have had private lessons previously** – we can add that to the initial letter about swimming; however, the swimming teachers at St Nicholas Pool assess **all** children in their first session and they decide which grouping would best suit your child. All lessons are now taught by trained swimming coaches.

**To avoid missing important lessons for music lessons;** We can understand this concern. However, the County Music service allocates the timetables of our peripatetic music teachers so we have limited ability to affect this. However, all of our staff recognise the value of learning an instrument and therefore make every effort to bring your child up to speed after their music lesson.

**For English homework, please ensure that concepts have already been covered in class to avoid confusion or frustration; more challenging English homework;** - we are currently investigating new resources for English homework to address both of these concerns and will inform you of any changes as appropriate.

**Nothing!**

**Thank you for taking the time to fill out this form.**