

Foundation Stage  
Parent/ Carer Questionnaire Analysis  
July 2009

Number of respondents - 13 (many FS pupils have siblings in the main school and their parents are likely to have completed just one form)  
Possible number of respondents - 125 (including Children's Centre children in Bumble bees Nursery).

1. When I visit the school I am made to feel welcome.  
*53% strongly agree and 46% agree.*
  
2. There are enough opportunities for me to meet the teacher and talk about my child.  
*38% strongly agree, 46% agree, and 15% disagree*  
*Action- Develop key person system in Reception and develop communication system in Nursery in September for parents to communicate directly with key person.*
  
3. At parent/teacher consultation meetings I come away feeling I have learned something useful about my child's learning and how I can help.  
*54% strongly agree, 38% agree and 8% disagree*  
*Action- Provide opportunity for parents to ask questions in advance of the meeting on the reply slip. Also see action point 12.*
  
4. At parent teacher consultation meetings, I get a chance to speak honestly about what concerns me.  
*54% strongly agree and 46% agree*
  
5. The annual school report for my child is helpful and informative.  
*23% strongly agree, 38% agree and 38% could not respond due to Nursery children still to receive a report at time of questionnaire.*
  
6. Teachers are approachable and take account of my views.  
*31% strongly agree and 69% agree.*
  
7. The Headteacher is approachable and deals with issues appropriately.  
*23% strongly agree and 69% agree*  
*(1 person chose not to respond)*

8. If my child has difficulties with the school work, it will be dealt with appropriately.

*38% strongly agree, 46% agree and 15% felt this question did not apply to their child.*

9. If my child has difficulties with other aspects of the school, it will be dealt with appropriately.

*46% strongly agree, 46% agree and 8% disagree*

10. My child is happy at school.

*54% strongly agree and 46% agree*

11. Staff treat my child fairly.

*54% strongly agree and 46% agree*

12. The amount of homework my child gets is

*38% about right, 23% too little and 38% don't know*

*Action - Home activity sheets covering the 6 areas of learning on a display for parents to take if they wish.*

13. The school is kept clean and tidy.

*31% strongly agree, 62% agree.*

*(1 person did not respond)*

14. I get regular information about what is happening in the school.

*46% strongly agree, 38% agree and 15% disagree*

*Action - Regularly update FS parents boards outside classrooms.*

15. Tweeddale is a school to be proud of

*46% strongly agree and 54% agree*

Parents listed the following as what they like best about Tweeddale.

*"The teachers are easy to talk to and listen to what I have to say"*

*"Good wrap-around care, good intergration between Children's Centre, Play centre and school"*

*"Teaches swimming from Reception age"*

*"Easy access and friendly atmosphere"*

*"Friendly staff and happy children"*

*"The teachers are very good and they do a very good job"*

*"Very helpful staff and swimming classes"*

*"Outdoor play area"*

*"Relaxed modern approach to learning and teaching"*

Changes parents would make if they were Headteacher for the day.

*"Include Nursery Children in Sports Day"*

*"Invite parents to watch their children learning to swim"*

*"Rewards for good attendance, behaviour and work"*

*"Less homework"*

*"More sports activities"*

*"Shorter days for Reception children in Autumn term"*

*"To limit the bad language used by parents in within the hearing of children on the school premises"*

*"Parents receive more information on what is going on in the school"*

Improvements over the next 3 - 4 years.

*"Challenge more able students"*

*"Less energy to go into maintaining school attendance"*

*"Improve swimming and sporting facilities"*

*"More detailed academic work"*

*"Update the playground"*

*"Address the issues of attendance and lateness"*

Parents opinion on becoming more involved with the school.

*31% stated they would like to be more involved compared to 69% who did not. Helping on trips, in class and becoming a governor were examples given.*

How we can help parents become more involved.

*Attending performances and assemblies - 31%*

*Workshops to explain the way we teach - 15%*

*Parent and child learning - 15%*

*Opportunities to come into lessons with your child(ren) - 7%*

Learning opportunities for adults in the community.

*23% of parents expressed an interest in these opportunities.*

*Courses that give you information about caring for children - 15%*

*Training that will help you get a job - 7%*

*NVQ or similar courses at a local college - 15%*

*Courses to help you learn English - 7%*

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