

Parental questionnaire survey responses ~ a summary.

June 2019.

23 surveys completed (92 children on roll)

| Question | Agree / Strongly Agree | Disagree / Strongly Disagree | Comments |
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| My child is happy at their school | 100% agree / strongly agree | | |
| My child feels safe at school | 100% agree / strongly agree | | |
| My child is making good progress at school | 100% agree / strongly agree | | |
| My child is well looked after at their school | 94.74% agree / strongly agree | 5.26% disagree (1) | |
| My child is taught well at their school | 100% agree / strongly agree | | |
| I feel well supported by school regarding my child's needs | 100% agree / strongly agree | | |
| The school makes sure that all pupils are well behaved | 84.21% agree / strongly agree | 5.26% disagree (1) | 10.53% don't know |
| The school deals effectively with bullying | 52.63% agree / strongly agree | 5.26% disagree (1) | 42.11% don't know |
| The school is well led and managed | 100% agree / strongly agree | | |
| The school responds well to any concerns I raise | 100% agree / strongly agree | | |
| I receive valuable information from school | 100% agree / strongly agree | | |
| I would recommend the school to another parent | 100% agree / strongly agree | | |
| I find the daily home school communication useful | 77.78% agree / strongly agree | 5.56% disagree (1) | 11.11% skipped Q 5.56 % don't know |
| School transport is effective and supporting my child's needs | 70.58% agree/strongly agree | 17.65% disagree (3) | 11.76 % child does not use transport |
| My child is provided with the right support and care for health at school | 88.89% agree / strongly agree | 5.56% disagree (1) | 5.56 % skipped Q |

The final section of the school part of the survey asked the question **“The school would be even better if.....”**

Of the small number of responses to this question these are the areas mentioned: -

- **Breakfast and after school club**

At this current time, we have no plans to open Breakfast or After school provision however we shall undertake a survey in September to assess demand. We shall also gather information to signpost any local provision.

- **More choice of after school clubs**

We currently offer 2 clubs plus 2 sets of after school swimming sessions. We are limited on extending this as we have staff meetings on 2 nights in the week and our after-school clubs are run by school staff. We would like to commence a Lego Club in the new school year in addition to Rebound and Cookery.

- **Shorter summer holidays**

The school holidays are in line with the other schools in the area and special schools must provide education for the same number of days per year as mainstream schools.

- **More swimming and educational visits**

Each pupil accesses swimming sessions throughout their whole school career at Brookfields as we are very lucky to have our own school pool. This is very different to the offer to pupils in schools without a pool where they will only attend for blocks of sessions during usually one school year.

Due to the complexity of our pupils we do not take the whole class at once to ensure the health and safety of all staff and pupils and to ensure that each child gets the most out of their swim session. Therefore, your child will go swimming on a rotational basis with their class peers. We find that some children do not have swim kits in school when required and I wrote out to parents / carers asking if they could provide a swim kit for their child that was in school all of the time so that if bonus swim sessions become free they can access the pool.

Regarding Educational Visits I have been providing regular updates over the Spring / Summer term regarding the minibus situation. You will be aware that our 2 minibuses broke down and the cost of the repairs were more than the buses value. Therefore, we decided to lease a new bus. This obviously meant a wait whilst this was built, delivered etc. We were delighted in May to get our new bus and visits have resumed on a fortnightly rota. In addition to Educational Visits on the bus, classes have been making use of local amenities such as the local park, garden centre and simply going for a walk; all of which are valuable in terms of exercise, learning to walk safely with an adult and exploring the local community.

I extend my thanks to those parents who provided responses to the surveys and hope that I have been able to address any issues raised. Some parents did raise the issue of school funding in their survey responses and I can confirm that this is an extremely difficult time for schools as pressure on budgets has never been as great as you will hear in the news frequently. I write to assure that you that myself and the wonderful staff team at Brookfields are working extremely hard to ensure that every child receives the very best education they can.

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