



## Parents' Questionnaire Summer Term 2021 Results

As part of our annual cycle of self-evaluation we have asked parents/carers for their feedback. We are really pleased to say that there has been an overwhelmingly positive response to our questionnaires (we received 4 paper & 56 online responses).

We work hard to ensure that we provide the best provision for all of our children and families – this is only possible with your support. Your suggestions and comments are greatly valued as they inform future improvements.

Please remember that completing the questionnaire is not a substitute for contacting the school to speak to Mr. BATTERY or your child's teacher about any uncertainties you may have at any time. We want to hear from you and would encourage you to do this whenever the need arises.

Please see below for the results of the most recent survey:

		Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child enjoys coming to Elvington Church of England Primary School.	60	0	0
2	My child is making good progress.	58	1	1
3	Behaviour at the school is good.	58	0	2
4	The teaching in this school is good.	59	0	1
5	I am kept well informed about my child's development.	53	5	2
6	The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his/her best.	59	1	0
7	The school works closely with parents and makes sure they are well informed.	55	4	1
8	The school is well led and managed.	60	0	0
9	The school is helping my child become mature and responsible.	59	0	1
10	The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns.	56	1	3
11	The arrangements for my son/daughter to settle in when he/she started at the school were good.	58	2	0

12	The school is a caring one built upon a clear Christian foundation.	58	0	2
13	This school caters well for pupils of all abilities.	50	1	9
14	Communications from school work well.	60	0	0
15	I feel comfortable about approaching my child's class teacher about a question or concern.	59	0	1
16	I feel comfortable about approaching the Headteacher about a question or concern.	60	0	0
17	The school provides a very good range of extra-curricular activities (pre COVID-19).	44	3	13
18	The homework arrangements work well.	50	10	0
19	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle.	58	1	1
20	The school keeps my child safe.	59	1	0
21	The school has high expectations of its pupils.	56	0	4
22	The school effectively promotes British values as part of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development.	47	0	13
23	The school website is useful and the content is kept up to date.	58	0	2
24	I am happy with the way the school is governed.	52	0	8
25	I am happy with the school meals service.	42	10	8
26	I have had opportunities to become involved in the life of the school.	53	2	5
27	I preferred remote Parents' Evenings (phone calls & Google Meets) to attending them in the school building.	16	33	7
28	The school dealt effectively with the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.	59	0	1
29	The school provided effective and engaging blended learning during the national lockdowns.	53	4	3
30	I feel certain Elvington Church of England Primary School is the right one for my child, and I am happy she/he attends it.	60	0	0

I think the strengths of the school are (a selection of the comments received)

- *The Staff are excellent. They always deliver a high level of teaching, challenging the children to achieve their best. They are caring and approachable and will act quickly to any concerns a parent may have.*
- *Good behaviour and social expectations of pupils. Good sense of a community. Very friendly and supportive. Very encouraging of pupils. Mr. Buttery is visible and accessible and clearly involved with the children on a day to day basis, which is a great strength.*
- *Communication with parents, I always feel I know what is happening 2. Being a happy environment for my children 3. Dealing quickly and effectively with any (rare) concerns, feeling listened to 4. The clear hard work and commitment of all staff 5. It's clear staff genuinely enjoy being around children.*
- *Mr. Buttery has brought the school to a higher standard. He works tirelessly to ensure the children have the best possible education. What would we do without him?*
- *Each child is treated as an individual and supported to do their best. Relationships between parents and carers are open and genuine.*
- *Nurturing ethos, approachable and professional staff.*
- *The headteacher, the teachers and all staff. They all make the school what it is and make learning both challenging and fun. Very supportive throughout lockdowns and in general.*
- *Fantastic leadership, Mr Buttery is approachable, always happy and greets each child by name on a morning. Leads the school and staff to maintain a high standard. During lockdown sent email communications late at night and after any major government announcement. He phoned parents individually just to 'check in'. Elvington are very lucky to have him.*
- *Strong leadership; a happily enthusiastic environment; professional, enthusiastic and committed teachers; efficient and friendly admin department and communications; the pastoral care and nurturing of the children.*
- *Communications - especially throughout the pandemic we were kept up to date.*

I would like the school to consider these areas for improvement (*a selection of the comments received*)

- *After Covid restrictions- invite parents into the school who have not yet seen their child's setting.*
- *I'd like to see a wider range of extra-curricular activities - art, sport.*
- *I would like more feedback about the day to day learning so i can promote learning at home better. I don't have a very good understanding of the standards/ expectations.*
- *Getting the homework for a term at a time needs more active management by parents to ensure it is not missed. It's not what we have been used to.*
- *Bring back choir when allowed - perhaps a netball club or football for girls after school. To be able to use the library more.*
- *Parent's evening was fine online but it is nice to see the work in their books/on displays so we would be happy with online parents evenings if there was an opportunity for this. Children are very pleased to show off their work to us parents when it is on display in school. It's not quite the same as seeing it on social media although this is also nice and gives an opportunity for others (grandparents etc.) to see their work too.*
- *More activities/ games for the children during break time/ lunch times e.g. basketball nets/ skittles, giant dominoes.*
- *School meals - it's hard to comment as we do not have the school dinners but potentially more varied meals with fresh ingredients i.e. a big lasagne instead of sausage roll etc...*
- *More insights into my child's learning. It would be useful to understand more about their development in between parents' evenings.*
- *Nothing - moving our children to this school was the best move. Their needs have been met and they are fully supported to achieve their best and to make the right choices.*

Other comments (*a selection of the comments received*)

- *I think Elvington School and all its staff throughout the pandemic have been phenomenal and put the children's education and mental health there priority and that for me has helped my child in his last two years at Elvington and look forward to my younger son starting next year.*
- *Miss Palmer has been amazing in her enthusiasm, support, availability and care, not just for learning but general well-being and development as well. Mr Buttery has had an initiation by fire, but has really impressed with his tenacity and hands on approach, it has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated the impact that planning for Covid has likely had on him and maintaining a work life balance. I really hope he intends to stay with the school long term as on the positive side as a result of things like drop-off routines and so many parents doing school run due to lockdown I think this has enabled him to forge a link and relationships with pupils and parents alike that will stand him in good stead to make improvements as and when we are hopefully back to a more normal way of life and school routine.*

- *The school have been excellent in managing the situation during the coronavirus pandemic. Keeping us updated regularly and supporting us throughout. Couldn't have asked for more.*
- *The school has done a superb job in prioritising children bouncing back from the pandemic restrictions.*
- *Thank you to all the staff at Elvington for their continued hard work and continuing to make it a lovely place in which our children can grow up and learn.*
- *Amazing school with amazing staff!*
- *We have only been in the school 2 months but have been overjoyed at how our child has been welcomed by all staff. Our child is thriving and goes into school each day eager to learn!*
- *My child is very happy and I think the school have done a great job providing an environment where the children feel minimal impact of the pandemic and have been very comfortable returning after an extended time away from school.*
- *A forest school would be good to maximise outdoor time & understanding nature.*
- *The school looked after the parents and children remarkably well during home-schooling and lock down. I can't praise the school enough for its strong leadership, quick response to action, and empowering parents at a time when many felt helpless with home schooling. The school went above and beyond. I tell people with pride where my children go to school.*