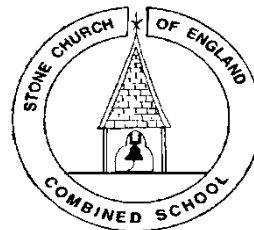


## Stone School Parent Questionnaire



**Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire; we really value your views and are keen to work together to move the school towards outstanding. The school continues to thrive and we are delighted that this is reflected in your feedback. Below is a summary of your views and our planned actions as a result.**

	% Strongly Agree	% Agree	% Neither agree nor disagree	% Disagree	% Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys coming to Stone School	58	33	6	3	
My child is making good progress	28	44	28		
My child is well looked after at school	39	58		3	
The school has high expectations of what my child can achieve	9	42	45	3	
I know what my child needs to do to improve and how I can contribute to this	9	39	21	30	
I feel informed about the requirements of the National curriculum	6	52	33	9	
The school prepares my child for lifelong learning	12	52	36		
My child is well prepared to respect others and contribute to wider society and life in Britain	24	67	9		
The school is well led and managed	21	55	24		
My child is taught well	16	64	18	3	
The school provides an interesting, relevant and exciting curriculum	18	61	18	3	
The school caters well for the individual needs of my child	12	33	45	9	
The school sets an appropriate amount of homework which is appropriate and consolidates classroom learning.	13	56	21	6	3
The school communicates effectively with me about:	3	42	21	30	3
a) my child's progress					
b) how to support my child's learning	3	44	34	19	
c) school events and activities	18	48	27	3	3
The following are useful forms of communication:	5	47		3	
a) ParentMail					
b) School Newsletter	45	52	3		
c) School Website	18	21	33	18	9
The school makes sure children are well behaved	16	72	9	3	
The school deals with incidents of bullying effectively	7	31	62		
My child is kept safe at school	45	52	3		
The school is encouraging my child to lead a healthy lifestyle	28	48	24		
Pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other	30	61	9		
The school responds well to any concerns I have raised.	12	56	28	3	
The range of extra-curricular clubs offered is good	21	67	6	6	
I am aware of the school's vision, ethos and values	24	67	9		
School trips and other outings are well planned and complement the curriculum	21	61	15		3
The school seeks the views of parents and listens to concerns suggestions	15	67	12	6	
I would recommend Stone to another family	30	52	18		

## Key areas of Success

- **My child is well looked after at school**

We were very pleased that 97% of you stated that your children are well looked after at Stone school. We believe that children learn best when they feel safe and happy and are proud of the positive and professional relationships that our staff have with the children.

- **My child is kept safe at school**

We were delighted that 97% of you stated that your child is kept safe at Stone School as we place great importance on the health, safety and well-being of your children. We are grateful to the parents who supported us in our move to make the school more secure this year and appreciate your cooperation with the new procedure of only entering the school via the main entrance. This allows us to monitor who is in school and ensures all those having access to children have the correct checks in place. We have also introduced Lanyards for staff and visitors allowing anyone without a Lanyard to be immediately identified and challenged. Our curriculum includes learning opportunities relating to social and online safety. Special assemblies and workshops have also address safety issues this year, including the 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies delivered by the NSPCC.

- **Useful forms of communication.**

97% of you stated that you find both ParentMail and the Stone Newsletter useful forms of communication. We also had great feedback at Parents Evening regarding the new booking system. These forms of communication will continue next year and we will strive to continue to improve all forms of communication.

- **Pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other**

We were very pleased that 91% of you felt that pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other. One of our key Equality Statements is to promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through cross-curricular teaching opportunities, with particular reference to issues of equality and diversity, promoting equality for children from all backgrounds. We have focused on cooperation and appropriate play at break and lunchtimes and as a result have few incidents.

- **My child enjoys coming to Stone School**

We are delighted that 91% of you stated that your child enjoys coming to Stone School. Staff take great pride in creating a positive learning environment for the children and teachers plan exciting lessons to stimulate and engage them in their learning. Friendship issues or worries are always quickly addressed to ensure children feel happy coming to school. Positive communication and relationships with parents also keep us informed enabling us to address the needs of the children quickly and effectively.

- **My child is well prepared to respect others and contribute to wider society and life in Britain**

We are very pleased that 91% of you stated that we prepare your child to respect and contribute to wider society and life in general. One of our key initiatives this year has been the introduction of skills for life. We believe in the importance of preparing children for life outside and beyond school. Thank you to all the parents who joined us at the introductory meetings of this new approach and for your support with some of the new initiatives; particularly the 'Brainology' Learning Log homework.

## Areas of Development

- **The school communicates effectively with me about my child's progress**

33% of you stated that you do not believe that the school communicates effectively with you about your child progress

**AND**

- **I know what my child needs to do to improve and how I can contribute to this.**

30% of you stated that you do not know what your child needs to do to improve and how you can contribute to this.

Both these areas relate to how the school communicates with and reports to you about the progress of your child and what they need to do next to improve. As a result of your feedback, this will be one of the key development points on our School Improvement Plan next year.

- **The school sets an appropriate amount of homework**

Inevitably, homework will continue to divide opinion amongst parents with some parents feeling there is too much and some parents feeling there is not enough. At Stone we try to strike a happy medium. We recognise that for most children homework can be a real challenge given other commitments and obstacles so we aim to provide activities which will be engaging, relevant and lasting the right amount of time. During this term, we will be reviewing our homework policy to see whether we can make any further positive changes and ensure greater consistency.

## Parental Comments

We received an enormous number of individual comments about the school for which we are most grateful. There was greater consensus about the school's strengths; with particular mention to:

- communication,
- the new morning procedures
- site security,
- the welcoming, caring and friendly staff and environment,
- the variety of extra-curricular clubs and opportunities such as plays and visiting groups
- the emphasis on the community feel
- the work of the SSPTA.

The suggestions that you made for how we can improve are also extremely important and tended to be more individual, however they will be carefully considered as we set our school improvement priorities for 2016- 2017.

If you have any further comments or suggestions to make, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of the school's leadership team.

Best wishes

Mrs Morrison