

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. There were 57 responses to the questionnaire. Due to rounding the % may not always equal 100.

	% Strongly Agree	% Agree	% Neither agree nor disagree	% Disagree	% Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys coming to Stone School	58	35	2	4	2
	93%			6%	
My child is making good progress	40	49	5	4	2
	89%			6%	
My child is well looked after at school	54	39	7	--	--
	93%			---	
The school has high expectations of what my child can achieve	33	54	7	4	2
	87%			6%	
I know what my child needs to do to improve and how I can contribute to this	50	48	2	--	--
	98%			-----	
I feel informed about the requirements of the National curriculum	32	56	9	4	--
	88%			4%	
The school prepares my child for lifelong learning	33	56	9	--	2
	89%			2%	
My child is well prepared to respect others and contribute to wider society and life in Britain	39	49	11	2	--
	88%			2%	
The school is well led and managed	30	58	4	7	2
	88%			9%	
My child is taught well	37	51	9	2	2
	88%			4%	
The school provides an interesting, relevant and exciting curriculum	37	54	7	2	--
	91%			2%	
The school caters well for the individual needs of my child	30	54	9	7	--
	84%			7%	
The school sets an appropriate amount of homework which is appropriate and consolidates classroom learning.	20	64	9	7	--
	84%			7%	
The school communicates effectively with me about: a) my child's progress	45	46	7	2	--
	91%			2%	
b) how to support my child's learning	40	49	10	1	--
	89%			1%	
c) school events and activities	33	51	11	5	--
	84%			5%	
The following are useful forms of communication: a) ParentMail	49	51	--	--	--
	100%				
b) School Newsletter	47	49	2	2	--
	96%			2%	

c) School Website	15	37	23	19	6
	52%			25%	
The school makes sure children are well behaved	32	58	5	5	--
	90%			5%	
The school deals with incidents of bullying effectively	25	46	21	9	--
	71%			9%	
My child is kept safe at school	37	60	4	--	--
	97%			-----	
The school is encouraging my child to lead a healthy lifestyle	33	58	9	--	--
	91%			-----	
Pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other	35	60	4	2	--
	95%			2%	
The school responds well to any concerns I have raised.	33	49	14	4	--
	82%			4%	
The range of extra-curricular clubs offered is good	40	53	5	2	--
	93%			2%	
I am aware of the school's vision, ethos and values	42	58	--	--	--
	100%				
School trips and other outings are well planned and complement the curriculum	39	51	5	4	2
	90%			6%	
The school seeks the views of parents and listens to concerns suggestions	32	58	5	4	2
	90%			6%	
I would recommend Stone to another family	53	37	7	--	4
	90%			4%	

Key areas of Success

Following your feedback on last year's questionnaire we identified specific areas for development which we have been working hard to improve this year. They were:

- **For the school to communicate effectively with you about your child's progress**
- **To know what your child needs to do to improve and how you can contribute to this.**

As you can see 91% of parents/carers agree or strongly agree that the school communicates effectively with them about their child's progress this year. Just 2% disagreed. This is a fantastic improvement with a rise of 46 percentage points as only 45% of parents agreed or strongly agreed last year.

Similarly, there has been a very positive increase in the percentage of parents/carers that know what their child needs to do to improve and how they can contribute to this; 98% as opposed to just 48% last year. It is great to see that nobody disagreed with this statement. We will continue to review and improve in this area. I would like to thank all the teachers and senior leaders for their hard work and dedication in achieving these improvements

Other areas of success this year include responses to the following statements:

- **The following are useful forms of communication:**
 - a) **ParentMail**
 - b) **School Newsletter**

100% agreed/strongly agreed that ParentMail is a useful form of communication.

96% agreed/strongly agreed that the School Newsletter is a useful form of communication.

I would like to thank teachers and the school office, particularly Mrs Hopkins for working hard to produce the school newsletter each week.

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

We were delighted that 97% of you agreed/strongly agreed that your child is kept safe at Stone School as we place great importance on the health, safety and well-being of the children. We are grateful to all of you for supporting us to keep the children safe by using the main entrance and signing into school. This year we have also introduced another safeguarding procedure which is that all visitors and school staff deposit their mobile phones in the school office. We thank you for your cooperation as this further protects the children. Our curriculum includes learning opportunities relating to social and online safety. A Dog Safety assembly was held in Spring term and associated materials sent home and Junior Road Safety Officers are now in post and working to raise the profile of road safety – you will hear more about this next term. We also reviewed our anti-bullying policy to ensure that concerns around cyber bullying are addressed and we took part in anti-bullying week to raise awareness with the children. Our local Police Community Support Officer has been in school this week to talk to children about stranger awareness in preparation for the summer holidays.

- **I am aware of the school's vision, ethos and values.**

In September 2016 we introduced the new school vision and values which the whole school community had worked together to create. It has been a key area of development this year to ensure that the whole community know and are living these Christian values - so I am delighted that 100% of you agree/strongly agree that you are aware of the school's vision, ethos and values. The values have been carefully woven into the school curriculum and the children are rewarded each week with a 'Stepping Stone to Success' for behaviour which shows that they are living our values. The vision and values are displayed in every classroom and in key areas around the school. The children are nearly all able to tell me all 6 school values - which is amazing.

Areas of Development

- **The school website**

Your responses suggest that our school website should be an area for improvement next year as just 52% of you agreed/strongly agreed that it is a useful form of communication. 21% neither agreed/disagreed and 25% disagreed or strongly disagreed. This will be a key area for improvement next year.

- **Parental knowledge of the new National Curriculum**

88% of parents feel that they have a good knowledge of the National Curriculum. We would like to raise this figure even higher and will be working on improving this next year.

- **The school deals with incidents of bullying effectively**

71% agree/strongly agree that we deal with incident of bullying effectively, 21% neither agreed/disagreed – many in this group noted on the form that it was not applicable. 9% disagreed. This is an area that we will focus on next year to help all parents understand what bullying is and how we deal with bullying, even if it does not apply to them, and to ensure that all children feel safe in school.

Parental Comment

On the questionnaire forms, we received an enormous number of comments about the school for which we are most grateful. These are some of the things that you think we do well:

- The safety of the children being a high priority
- The morning drop off procedure
- Clear curriculum plans, a varied, interesting curriculum and topics
- Great events – stay and plays, school trips, FUDGE and MAGEE days, Mother’s Day Assembly
- New ideas implemented for the well-being of the children
- That we teach children life skills and how to be positive members of society
- That staff are friendly, approachable, polite, welcoming, accommodating and encouraging
- That we provide a caring and nurturing environment that has a community feel and that we care about the individual children
- Communication, parental engagement and the link between home and school
- That we listen to parents and solve problems promptly
- That children love coming to school
- That we challenge children
- Good choice of after school clubs
- Fabulous SSPTFA

The suggestions that you made for how we can improve are also extremely important and tended to be more individual; however we have already started working on some of them – here are some examples:

Suggestion: Afternoon Forest School for Reception class is too much of a rush and too hot in the afternoon in the summer term.

Action: We have arranged to move Reception Class Forest School to the morning next year.

Suggestion: Autumn term Parents Evening could be earlier so we know how the children are settling in.

Action: We have moved parents evening from late November to the first half term. The focus will be how the children have settled but will still include expectations and targets.

Suggestion: Sport Facilities/equipment for KS2 children e.g. Long jump, shot put, athletic events

Action: This suggestion has been passed to the PE Leader for consideration and we will keep you informed

Suggestion: Prayer before lunch

Response: This is already in place.

Suggestion: Standard format for letters to ensure clarity

Action: A great idea - The office staff have started to work on this.

Suggestion: Advanced notice of the school INSET Days for future years to aid childcare arrangements

Action: This is something that Governors agree and I will put it on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting.

Suggestion: Move the letter box into the playground so that parents do not have to enter the school

Action: This will hopefully be moved during the school holidays

As you can see, we really do value your suggestions and do act on them. All your suggestions are very welcome – our aim is to work as a whole school community. This will ensure that we can be the best school that we can be providing an outstanding teaching, learning and whole school experience for the children.

If you have any further suggestions to make, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of the school's leadership team. You don't need to wait until the next questionnaire - we would rather hear about a good idea or a concern sooner rather than later so that we can improve or put things right as quickly as possible.

We also love to hear the positives – so please don't forget to share them too.

Best wishes,

Mrs D Morrison

Headteacher