



Norrishorpe J&I School



Parental Questionnaire

December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our questionnaire. The feedback is invaluable to us as it allows us to see areas where you are happy and also any areas we need to improve.

We have used this questionnaire on numerous occasions now so it allows us to compare your perceptions to those from previous years. I am pleased to report that the perception of our school has improved once again in all twelve areas. This reflects the hard work of all staff in school and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their continuing hard work.

We have spent time analysing your responses and have compiled this booklet for your information. I hope you find it informative.

Thank you for the compliments we received, these have been shared with staff and many have been added to our 'Compliments Book'. Should you have anything further that you would like to add, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For anyone who ticked unsure to any questions, or made a comment about how you feel we can improve further, we have tried to share our intended actions in this booklet.

For those parents who requested a response, one of our Senior Leadership Team will contact you shortly to further discuss your comments. If you would like to make an appointment to come and see a member of staff please contact school to make arrangements.

Once again, thank you for your time and I look forward to meeting more of you at one of our many events planned in the lead up to Christmas and the New Year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Clyles'.

Mrs Claire L. Lyles
Headteacher

Please support our school by sharing your thoughts on Parentview



Parent View gives you the chance to tell OfSTED what you think about our school.

Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school which are the same questions as we ask you in this paper questionnaire.

OfSTED provide a screencast on their website to explain how to register and complete a survey on Parent View.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



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Total number of questionnaires returned = 143

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
My child is happy at this school.	84%	15%	1%		
My child feels safe at this school.	84%	14%	1%		1%
My child makes good progress at this school.	83%	16%			1%
My child is well looked after at this school.	86%	14%			
My child is taught well at this school.	87%	13%			
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	63%	32%	2%		3%
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved.	81%	18%	1%		
This school deals effectively with bullying.	57%	23%	1%		19%
This school is well led and managed.	85%	14%			1%
This school responds well to any concern I raise.	78%	17%			5%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	73%	27%			
I would recommend this school to another parent.	88%	11%			1%

*Please note some rows may not total 100% due to rounding

A sample of your positive comments

My daughter is doing very well, I have to say her teacher Mrs Midgley is a credit to the school. My other child has made so much progress and loves to learn, they love coming to school.

My daughter is very happy at school and has formed a great relationship with her teachers. She enjoys school and loves being challenged and learning new things.

Very pleased with the confidence that Mr Ormondroyd has instilled in my child.

I have been a parent at this school for 8 years and I have never had any concerns regarding my children. I feel as though the school has settled within the last few years since we have had a permanent structured management team. I strongly believe it has become committed to achieving and maintaining everything that it does. I have been very fortunate never to have any issues regarding behaviour or bullying. I am very pleased with everything about the school and would not hesitate to recommend it to friends and family. Here's hoping my final 2 years are as pleasant.

My daughter has really enjoyed being at this school, we've had a few concerns with maths over the years and she has been given the help she needs and requires to try and understand better.

My son loves coming to school and he is very interested in learning, I am glad that he receives the stimulation he needs to help him. I feel the staff have made parents feel very welcome and involved.

My daughter loves school and has come on incredibly well since September. She has settled in really well and made lots of friends. She really likes her teachers. Thank you!

Absolutely thrilled with progress so far. Thank you!

My boys love coming to this school, they are very happy and have a good group of friends. The teachers are lovely people and very pleasant to speak to. Mrs Lyles and Mrs Shaw are a credit to the school, it is well run and well-presented and I would recommend it to others. I always give the school high praise in conversations.

Both our children are so happy at Norristhorpe, they feel safe and secure and that makes us, as parents, feel that the school is the best one for them both. Keep up the fabulous work!

My daughter has experienced so many wonderful times with this school. When I listed the schools for her before she started Foundation, Norristhorpe was my 3rd choice. I am (we) are so lucky as it's definitely been 3rd time lucky. Each year she grows with the confidence and encouragement she gains from staff and friends at Norristhorpe J&I School.

Such a lovely school and lovely staff and teachers. I am very pleased with how my son is settling in at Norristhorpe.

My youngest of 4 has just started this school and loves to come to school. They are happy and have a thirst for learning that continues when at home.

My daughter has made a really good start in school, big thanks to the staff in Ladybird. Not once has she ever said she doesn't want to come to school. She seems to have settled in well and loves school.

Norristhorpe J&I School is brilliant!! A shining example of everything that's good in the UK education system.

We are really pleased with the structure of the classroom and the way feedback is given through the parents' evening sessions. We have seen excellent progress in our son's learning.

I am really pleased about this school and the standards of curriculum and learning. The school has successfully raised it's profile within the past couple of years making me feel a proud parent to have my child in such an excellent learning environment. Well done Norristhorpe, continue your fantastic work with children, parents and staff!!!

This school has gone from strength to strength. When my eldest left 4 years ago I wouldn't have recommended Norristhorpe at all. However the fantastic support my younger children receive means I will praise and recommend this school to anyone who asks.

Thank you Norristhorpe and never change – the school is fantastic!!

Things we could do better...

Your comments...	What we are already doing...
<p><u>Homework</u></p> <p><i>"I feel that up until parents' evening it is difficult to know what homework is appropriate for the age of my child and if additional homework is needed."</i></p> <p><i>"How do you know if it's too much or not enough if you never had anything to compare to?"</i></p>	<p>As always, homework is a difficult subject to satisfy parents with as school receives differing opinions on how much children should do...some parents believe that there is not enough, others believe that there is too much.</p> <p>Following on from previous years, the parental questionnaire is again showing an increase in the number of parents that believe that homework is set correctly and at an appropriate age for children. We are pleased that the total of parents in agreement with the amount of homework is 95%. The project homework, that is set half-termly, has had a positive response from parents. Although we appreciate that some parents wish for more structure on what a child should do for their homework, we also do not want to stifle a child's creativity with how they see the task. In order to give some more guidance on homework, we will ask teachers to suggest appropriate ideas so that a child that is struggling to start their project will have some more information on potential ideas that they could do.</p> <p>We can also confirm that 'My Maths' can be utilised via a tablet and home computer.</p>
<p><u>Food Choices & Lunchtime</u></p> <p><i>"I feel there are a lack of healthy options at lunchtime"</i></p>	<p>We pride ourselves on offering a wide range of healthy options on the school lunch menu.</p> <p>We have a salad bar to accompany the main lunch along with fresh fruit options for dessert. A copy of the weekly menu is available on the school website and we have also introduced a "sugar smart day" to promote healthy eating and low sugar intake on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Fruit and/or a selection of vegetables are available for break time also.</p>
<p><u>Dealing with Bullying</u></p> <p><i>"I'm very unsure of how the school and teachers deal with bullying as I haven't had any experience of this"</i></p> <p><i>"We don't know what the process is if there is an issue of bullying as we haven't had the need to ask"</i></p>	<p>We take bullying very seriously at Norristhorpe, pupils and parents should be assured that they will be supported when bullying is reported.</p> <p>There are different types of bullying which may be related to race, religion, culture, health conditions, home circumstances and disability.</p> <p>If your child is displaying signs or behaviour that may be linked to bullying please contact us immediately for support.</p> <p>At Norristhorpe we look to identify any form of bullying immediately, respond quickly, record all events and also look at prevention methods which involve the children in activities such as anti-bullying week.</p> <p>Bullying will NOT be tolerated. A copy of our Social Behaviour Policy is available on the website and a paper copy is available on request from the school office.</p>

CONTACT US:



There are a number of ways you can contact us:

✓ **In person:**

Should you wish to speak to a member of staff you are welcome to ask your child's class teacher at the end of the school day, contact school or call into Main Reception to book a mutually convenient time.

✓ **Letter (via your child or in the post):**

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School Street
Norrithorpe
Liversedge
WF15 7AW

✓ **Telephone:**

01924 325720

✓ **Email:**

office.norrithorpe@kirkleeseducation.uk

Direct email for the Headteacher:

claire.lyles@kirkleeseducation.uk

✓ **Suggestion Box:**

We now have a suggestion box in the main reception.

Remember to keep visiting our school website:

<http://norrithorpeprimary.kgfl.dbprimary.com>