

Thythorn Field Primary School

Parent Voice Survey Summer 2022

We would like to thank all parents which took the time to respond to our Parent Voice survey recently. We received 74 responses in total.

Getting your feedback is always helpful so that we can reflect on what we are doing well and how we can improve in the future.

We have compiled the results below:

Question 1) My child is happy at school

44.6% strongly agreed

50% agreed

4.1% were neutral

0% disagreed

1.4% strongly disagreed

All staff strive to ensure that all of our children are happy at school. If there is anything that you believe we can do to make your child happier at Thythorn, please speak to their class teacher.

Question 2) My child is safe at school

51.4% strongly agreed

47.3% agreed

0% were neutral

0% disagreed

1.4% strongly disagreed

The safeguarding of our children is our number one concern. It is the right of every child to feel safe in school. If you believe that there is anything that the school can do in order to better ensure the safety of our children, please speak to Mrs Price.

Question 3) The school ensures that pupils are well-behaved.

25.7% strongly agreed

59.5% agreed
14.9% were neutral
0% disagreed
0% strongly disagreed

We believe that the children at Thythorn are very well-behaved, and it fills us with pride. We have a detailed Behaviour Policy which is available for parents and carers to access via our website.

Question 4) My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

59.5% stated that this was not applicable to their child's experience at Thythorn
5.4% strongly agreed
20.3% agreed
9.5% were neutral
5.4% disagreed
0% strongly disagreed

The safeguarding of our children is of paramount importance to our staff. Children are regularly taught about British Values and staff are aware of the Nine Protected Characteristics. Our Anti-Bullying Policy is available to view on our website.

Question 5) The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year

20.3% strongly agreed
48.6% agreed
21.6% were neutral
8.1% disagreed
1.4% strongly disagreed

Teachers in each class ensure that planning for each term and how the learning will link to the National Curriculum is published on their class page, on the school website, at the beginning of each term. These documents map out what the class will be learning and how topics will progress in each subject throughout the term. If you ever have any questions about the learning in your child's classroom, please don't hesitate to speak to their teacher.

Question 6) When I have expressed concerns with the school, they have dealt with it properly

16.2% stated that this was not applicable to their child's experience at Thythorn

36.5% strongly agreed

39.2% agreed

5.4% were neutral

2.7% disagreed

0% strongly disagreed

Our staff are always on-hand to listen to any concerns that parents or carers may have and strive to provide parents with follow-up after a concern has been shared. If you don't believe that a concern has been addressed appropriately, we welcome your feedback to either the class teacher, Mrs Price or Mrs Brewster.

Question 7) My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed

63.5% stated that this was not applicable to their child's experience at Thythorn

9.5% strongly agreed

10.8% agreed

13.5% were neutral

2.7% disagreed

0% strongly disagreed

All staff at Thythorn believe that all children have the right to an education which is engaging and accessible to them and receive regular training around the support of children with SEND. If your child has SEND and you believe that we could support them further, please contact Mrs Brewster.

Question 8) The school has high expectations for my child

14.9% strongly agreed

47.3% agreed

33.8% were neutral

4.1% disagreed

0% strongly disagreed

Our staff work hard to ensure that high expectations in all areas of school life are modelled and shared regularly, from EYFS right up to Year 6. These expectations are discussed with children at the beginning of a new school year in detail and class rules are displayed in many areas across school.

Question 9) My child does well at school

28.5% strongly agreed

59.5% agreed

10.8% were neutral

1.4% disagreed

0% strongly disagreed

We are so pleased that the vast majority of parents and carers believe that their child does well at school. Our staff endeavour to get to know each child that they work with in order to ensure that all children reach their full potential and make good progress. If you don't believe that we are achieving this with your child, please speak to their class teacher.

Question 10) The school lets me know how my child is doing

23% strongly agreed

54.1% agreed

17.6% were neutral

5.4% disagreed

0% strongly disagreed

Statutory reporting procedures state that schools must provide parents and carers with updates regarding 3 times a year. This reporting takes the form of 2 Parents' Evenings in October and February as well as the End-of-Year report which is provided just before the summer holiday. At Thythorn, we go above and beyond our duties by also providing Snapshot reports after each assessment period. In EYFS, families are also provided with weekly updates around their child's learning via Tapestry. If you require any further updates, please arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher; they are always happy to discuss learning with you.

Question 11) There is a good range of subjects available to my child at school

31.1% strongly agreed

58.1% agreed

8.1% were neutral

1.4% disagreed

1.4% strongly disagreed

Teachers and staff work together to plan a well-rounded curriculum which covers all objectives in each year group. This is evidence via the planning which is published on the school website. If you have any suggestions regarding how we can improve our curriculum, or believe that something is missing, please share your thoughts with a member of staff.

Question 12) My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

31.1% strongly agreed

58.1% agreed

8.1% were neutral

1.4% disagreed

1.4% strongly disagreed

Thythorn works with various providers in order to provide after-school clubs which are accessible to children of all ages. The details of these clubs are shared via letters each term. Any clubs which are conducted by staff members are run in their own time and without pay, so Thythorn does not set an expectation that any staff members run extra-curricular activities. However, we are grateful at any staff member who chose to do so.

Question 13) The school supports my child's wider personal development

28.4% strongly agreed

41.9% agreed

27% were neutral

2.7% disagreed

0% strongly disagreed

It is our belief that children should leave Thythorn as well-rounded, accepting and confident people; ready to take on the world. We, of course, aim to secure the progress of children academically but also hope that the lessons that they are taught and the role models that they are given will allow them to be a credit to all who know them and make everybody proud.

Question 14) I would recommend this school to another parent

95.9% stated Yes

4.1% stated No

We are delighted with this overwhelmingly positive result. We hope that all children, parents and carers are proud and happy to be a part of our community. If you answered 'No' to this question and would like to discuss your answer with Mrs Price, please contact the office to arrange a meeting.

Question 15) We asked participants to provide any further comments

We thank you all for your feedback. Many responses to this question took the opportunity to thank staff for their hard work or to compliment certain aspects of school life and staff members.

Some responses enquired as to why Parents' Evenings have continued to be via phone this year. After much consultation between teachers, it was decided that it was in the best interest of their safety, even after restrictions were lifted. This is because, for quite a while after the Prime Minister said that the country could revert to pre-pandemic living, Thythorn still had many cases in various year groups and staff and pupils still were required to adhere to various guidelines.

Some responses talked about homework online and communication via text messaging. The school is currently reviewing how we will be setting homework for next academic year and we are moving to email communication in the Autumn Term. This will allow us to better communicate with families where children live in different households.

One response stated that it was unclear which of their children they were meant to be responding about. We welcome multiple responses from participants and this can be done by using a different device to the one which was used to complete the survey the first time.

We would like to take this opportunity to assure you that we have no way of knowing who provided which response; the survey is completely anonymous. However, if you wish to discuss any of your answers, please contact Mrs Price to arrange a meeting.

Thank you again to everybody who took the time to complete the survey and/or read the feedback.