

Horn's Mill Primary School
Parent/Carer Annual Questionnaire Results: June 2017



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below a summary of the questionnaire feedback from the 86 forms that were completed. As well as the ticks in boxes, we received some very complimentary comments (including some from the stars and wishes forms after reports), which were much appreciated, thank you for these. There were also some constructive areas for development amongst your comments which we value hugely. We really appreciate your honesty and whilst overall the feedback is very positive, I am committed to ensuring we use this information to improve our school further in the forthcoming year and I have included some of my initial thoughts below. Where we have a very small number of disagree findings, I would encourage those of you who haven't already done so, to discuss these issues with me or class teachers so that we can make an attempt to resolve them for the future. Over the coming weeks, I will be conducting some pupil interviews so that we can add the children's independent views to our planning for improvement.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No comment
My child enjoys school	66	19	1	0	0
The school keeps my child safe	75	11	0	0	0
Horn's Mill is a fair and inclusive school	65	16	4	0	1
Communication is good at this school	51	33	1	1	0
The school informs me about my child's progress	62	20	3	1	0
My child is making enough progress at school	62	20	4	0	0
The teaching is good at this school	69	16	0	0	1
The curriculum is good at this school	69	17	0	0	0
The school makes learning exciting for my child	65	17	4	0	0
The school helps me to support my child's learning	58	23	4	0	1
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	60	23	2	0	1
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for life in today's Britain.	44	38	3	0	1
The schools meets my child's particular needs	54	29	3	0	0
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour.	53	25	6	1	1
The school listens to my suggestions and concerns.	55	29	2	0	0
The school is led and managed effectively	73	12	1	0	0
The school is continually striving for improvement	70	15	1	0	0
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	71	14	1	0	0
I would recommend Horn's Mill to other families	68	17	1	0	0

The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour: I am pleased to see that 92% of completed forms either agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. This reflects what we believe to be the case in school. Whilst it remains a minority group, I am aware that the highest number of 'disagree/strongly disagree' is recorded in this section. The majority of these families have had experience in one particular class. We have had several honest conversations with all of these families and hope that systems put in place for this coming year will continue to improve the situation. One of our school development priorities this year will focus on children's well-being and mental health and as part of this priority we will be reviewing our behaviour policy. We will be looking at making some changes to our current 'reward and consequences' policy and semi-replacing these with a system that is based on Restorative Practice, something which we already use informally alongside our existing policy. I will be consulting families, children and staff with regard to these changes and will keep you posted as the Autumn Term continues.

School Environment: Some suggestions were made to help congestion in the infant's bay in the mornings. You will notice some changes and improvements that have been made during the Summer holiday in terms of double doors being opened and changes to built-in furniture in there. A "Buddy Bench" outside and a built in stage for more

public speaking, singing and performing in school, alongside quiet spaces for reading and conversation have been included in a Big Lottery Bid for improvements to the playground - Fingers crossed!!

Communication is good at this school: Despite our best efforts, this still seems to be an area that you are less satisfied with, as significantly less of you strongly agree.

Year Planner: We have created a year planner this year to provide more notice of events throughout the year. PLEASE, note that due to the nature of how a school works there will potentially be some changes to these dates, but we will endeavour to keep them the same as much as we can. As a staff, we have agreed that we will try our best to provide further details at least two weeks prior to these upcoming events. My intention is to suggest to the "Friends" that they do a similar year planner with details of the events they are planning throughout the year.

Mouse Mania: We will be thinking of a better way of making sure this is fully communicated with plenty of notice this year - any suggestions welcomed!

Text Service: We use our text service regularly as a method of communication. Please ensure you complete the data sheet with up to date phone numbers and let us know if you are not receiving texts so that we can rectify or update our systems.

Twitter: We use our twitter account to offer information about events at school before and after events. If you are not using this, please log on to our account @HMillSchool.

If you have any other ideas about how we can improve communication or any issues I am unaware of, I would be delighted to hear about them.

After School Clubs: There were some great suggestions for after school clubs that we haven't offered before such as Lego, Film and Chess Clubs and some requests for repeats of ones we have tried before such as science, languages, tennis, IT and cricket. Unfortunately we can only offer clubs to certain age groups as we only have a limited number of staff and some of those suggestions did not prove popular previously. We do our best to provide a fair spread, but will definitely be looking into Lego, Mandarin and Chess as options. We also received offers from parents who have volunteered to provide a Science club and to support a writing and art project next year - these will definitely be taken up, as would any other offers from parents/carers or grandparents who have a particular skill or passion. 😊

Curriculum: Several comments were made about the curriculum at Horn's Mill, some of you disagreeing that we make the curriculum exciting. We do try as hard as we can to deliver the National Curriculum in the most exciting way possible, however, as some of you agreed, the curriculum we are given by the government is prescriptive and challenging and doesn't always allow us as much flexibility as we would like. Equally, there is a definite split between those parents/carers who would like learning (including home learning) to be more formal, (asking for more spelling tests, maths practise etc) and those who would like to scrap the National Curriculum and home-learning altogether, so we do our best to provide something in the middle! Thanks to your suggestions, we will be delighted to work on implementing new ideas like finance lessons for older children, more opportunities for public speaking, learning about other cultures/areas of the world, more veggie growing and chickens (incubator and eggs already booked!!) and a project at the end of Reception in preparation for Year 1.

Thank you everyone for your thoughts, opinions and feedback. I am extremely proud that 99% of you would recommend our school to other families. I have no doubt that your support is invaluable in promoting our school, resulting in our numbers increasing significantly and our reputation rising within the local community and authority. Having said all of that, we remain passionate that we must strive to make Horn's Mill better and better.

If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions, please feel free to come and talk to me or send an email, I am always ready to listen and value your ideas.

Thanks everyone,

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