

# Marsden Primary School

## Parent Survey

### Results

-July 2016



## Your Views Count!

- This document presents the results of our Annual Survey of Parent/Carer Views.
- This Survey – and the other smaller surveys we carry out from time to time – will help to shape the ongoing development of the school.
- Thank you to all parents/carers who completed our Survey

Survey conducted in June 2016

Class	No Of responses
Nursery	10
Reception	10
Year 1	6
Year 2	15
Year 3	11
Year 4	14
Year 5	13
Year 6	12
Not stated	5
TOTAL	96

## Responses:

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Neither Agree nor Disagree %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %
My child enjoys coming to school	52	41	6	1	
My child is safe at school	62	36	1	1	
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	51	37	11	1	
My child is taught well at school	58	37	5		
My child is making good progress	58	37	5		
My child is encouraged to work hard and do his/her best	65	28	7		
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age	45	28	14	11	2
My child is encouraged to achieve his/her best	64	29	6	1	
My child is encouraged to be independent and mature	58	33	8	1	
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities	44	32	16	8	
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	44	38	15	2	1
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's learning	48	33	15	3	1
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	59	34	5	2	
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	41	35	21	3	
I am comfortable approaching the school	64	30	6		
There is a good standard of behaviour at Marsden Primary	54	38	8		
The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively	46	27	25	2	
My child is treated fairly by staff	58	36	6		
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	62	34	4		
I think the school is well-led and managed	68	30	2		
My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle	57	36	1	6	
My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds	68	29	3		
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	54	30	13	3	
I would recommend Marsden to another family	65	28	7		
Overall I am happy with Marsden Primary School	71	28	1		

## **Our Response to the survey results:**

We are so pleased with positive results from this survey, especially linked to the teaching, progress and encouragement. It is great to hear that parents feel they can approach school and are welcomed into the building. Our behaviour is something we take great pride in and are constantly looking for ways to improve this, both inside and outside of the building.

In response to the comments where a high negative response was given:

**My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age** - In September we will be reviewing the homework taking into account that we have changed our two online homework providers which has naturally caused some teething problems. We know that some Parents feel that their child gets too much homework whilst others feel they do not get enough, but we will try to come to a happy middle ground.

**My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities** - This year has seen many new clubs being introduced, some which have been popular and others not. We are aware that many clubs we hold, have required the use of the hall which limits our choices and times. So, next year we are researching new club providers and will try to ensure all year groups are able to access clubs after school.

**My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle** - This year our 'healthy living week' was such a success with so many families enjoying the bike ride and the 'wake up and shake up.' We are looking into options to make this a more regular feature and will let you know as soon as plans have been finalised.

## **Parents responses to “What Marsden Primary School does well.”**

The following were frequently mentioned and some are actual comments:

- Communication
- Variety of non-curriculum events and fun since start of this year
- 8:45am drop-off
- Knowing the children – community & comfortable feeling
- Welcoming people to Marsden School
- Dedicated staff who bring a sense of belonging to the children
- Very good school overall
- Children at Marsden are well behaved and the staff have the well-being of the children at heart.
- Positivity since start of new Head Teacher
- Range of after school clubs
- Dealing with bullying
- Head teacher greeting the children on a morning
- Approachable staff
- Changes this year
- Choice and variety of tasks/lessons now.
- Overall approach
- The quality of teaching
- Staff are fantastic
- Marsden is a wonderful, small school which my children enjoy attending.
- All the teachers do a brilliant job and Mrs Marshall is lovely and the school has a lovely atmosphere and I'm pleased and proud to say my daughter attends.
- Partnership with parents

## **Parents responses to “What Marsden Primary School could do better.”**

- More clubs
- More notice for dates
- Healthier school lunches and bigger
- Sometimes feel homework is excessive
- Provide more homework for the pupils and variety and continuity
- Communication about children’s progress
- Passing information onto new teacher
- Feedback on how child is settling in
- Longer parent one to one sessions and more

### **Next steps we are acting on because of the Survey:**

- We will be reorganising our clubs so that all children are able to access a variety of activities which we hope they will enjoy.
- Dates are now on the website and this will be constantly updated to allow for parents to make the relevant arrangements. All staff are aware of the changes in dates that have caused an issue this year and will endeavour to avoid this in the next academic year.
- The homework policy is to be reviewed and firm consistent approaches to be in place from next term so that the children are all benefitting from the homework that has been set.
- Meetings have already taken place between the new teachers and new documentation has been put in place to ensure that information sharing is as good as it can possibly be.

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**Thank you for responding to our survey.**