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Parents Evening Feedback – February 2025

At our most recent Parents Evenings, we asked parents and carers who attended to complete a Parent Questionnaire using the Ofsted questionnaire format. There are 135 children at Pirton School. The parents of 134 children made appointments for Parents Evening or contacted us about speaking to their child's teacher(s).

The parents of 124 children attended appointments in school on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th February 2025. Questionnaires were available in the waiting room and parents were asked to complete one per child. A total of 91 questionnaires were completed and returned.

The questions highlighted in yellow were optional as they did not apply to all children/families. The calculation of the percentages reflects the optional nature of these questions. Please also be aware that due to the effects of rounding, answers may not exactly equal 100 for all questions.

Statement	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Did not answer
My child is happy at this school	47/91 52%	36/91 40%	5/91 5%	2/91 2%		1/91 1%
My child feels safe at this school	64/91 70%	24/91 26%	3/91 3%			
The school makes sure pupils are well behaved	44/91 48%	35/91 38%	10/91 11%	1/91 1%		1/91 1%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	3/18 17%	8/18 44%	4/18 22%	1/18 6%	2/18 11%	73/91 80%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn each year.	44/91 48%	35/91 38%	9/91 9%	1/91 1%		2/91
When I have raised concerns they have been dealt with properly.	31/68 46%	25/68 37%	8/68 12%	3/68 4%	1/68 1%	23/91 25%
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	10/28 36%	15/28 54%	2/28 7%	1/28 4%		63/91 69%
The school has high expectations for my child.	33/91 36%	39/91 43%	16/91 18%	3/91 3%		
My child does well at this school.	40/91 44%	40/91 44%	8/91 8%	3/91 3%		
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	44/91 48%	38/91 42%	8/91 8%	1/91 1%		
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	41/91 45%	40/91 44%	6/91 7%	3/91 3%		1/91 1%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	55/91 60%	36/91 40%				
The school supports my child's wider development.	37/91 41%	38/91 42%	16/91 18%			
I would recommend this school to another parent.	44/91 48%	35/91 38%	6/91 7%	6/91 7%		

As always, please feel that you can always come to see me or a member of staff to discuss your child. We would obviously like to have the opportunity to address any concerns.

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We are delighted by the overwhelmingly positive nature of the responses and particularly the fact that:

- 92% of parents strongly agree or agree that their child is happy at school.
- 96% of parents strongly agree or agree that their child feels safe at school.
- 86% of parents strongly agree or agree that they would recommend the school.
- 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that their child can participate in clubs and activities at this school.
- 90% of parents, who have a child with SEND, strongly agree or agree that the school gives their child the support they need to succeed.

The full breakdown of individual, anonymised data has been shared with staff and governors. In addition, I would like to share all comments we received below. We welcome the positive feedback and will reflect/act on the areas suggested for improvement. These comments have been anonymised to be non-identifiable.

Parental comments (17 received)

- Languages to be offered as an after-school club.
- Thank you for your support.
- Thank you for helping my child gain confidence and also supporting her when she is challenging. She has progressed so much and we are happy with where she is.
- My child loves going to school and learning! Thank you for always supporting her with her development.
- The school is fantastic, my child is so happy here and enjoys her teacher and lessons.
- It would be good if at lunchtime the Reception kids were helped to choose at least one green vegetable to add to their plate. Good healthy habits set when they are little so it would be good if school could teach them to stretch their back, do a small exercise for neck, back and eye at least once every hour. Look up, focusing on a far away spot, counting up to 20. Some things that seed good habits help them grow into adult with less posture and eye problems.
- The school gives good support and she is happy but feel more could be done but this is likely to be a function issue rather than school issue. In the previous class, we had a lot more feedback on progress and behaviour but that has been lacking this year, however the change in staff will be likely driver to this so more of a snapshot in time.
- I think Pirton could be more progressive and think about this phrase (Q3) particularly using the Hertfordshire Steps rather than my child being well behaved, it is more about her being able to feel regulated and grounded when she has big emotions. I hope this is helpful, it is not a criticism. **Note: As we were aware of who wrote this comment, this was followed up with the parent and we were able to explain that this is Ofsted wording.**
- My child has had a fantastic experience during his time at Pirton. As his time comes to an end, we feel he is well equipped to deal with high school and the challenges ahead.
- We can see huge improvements in the school leadership and teaching quality over the last couple of years. If I compare to our children's previous school (not in Hertfordshire) they had individual targets for English and Maths and we were aware of these and also cookery classes/pottery.
- There could be more opportunities to check in and understand how my child is doing and any support that is needed. It would be good if there were more resources available to support home learning. I would like to know what my child is learning each term to support their comprehension. I appreciated school book look before parents evening.
- Some of the negatives are a comment on the school at an overall level rather than my child's class in particular.
- The newer curriculum is fantastic! We are full of praise for how the school deal with issues. If we had anything we'd like to see improved, it would be more sports teams but fully understand it is hard in a small school.
- My child enjoys coming to school and loves extra clubs and activities after school and at lunchtime.
- My child is learning lots and enjoying school life.
- My child loves school and her teachers very much. What is most important to her/us is that she feels safe and valued and is able to foster positive relationships which is absolutely a springboard that Pirton School creates for her.
- My child absolutely loves school and her teacher. Although she finds some aspects of learning challenging I feel she is thoroughly supported and the SEND support has been fantastic recently.