

Thorndown Primary School and Pre-School

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Parent Questionnaire 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to thank all the people who completed the questionnaire in April this year. This is just one of the ways we collect your views about the school. We received 105 replies and the views expressed are summarised below.

Key areas of Success

- **My child feels happy at school**

97% of all parents felt their child was happy at Thorndown. This is wonderful news. However, if your child is one of the 3% who isn't happy, please speak with myself or your child's class teacher. We will then be able to direct you to some extra support, which could include 1:1 sessions with our Family and Child Pastoral Worker, Mrs Harris, or with our play and music specialists.

- **I would recommend Thorndown Primary School to another family**

We were delighted that 98% of you stated that you would recommend Thorndown to another family. We continue to be very proud of our school and are glad that you are too.

- **My child is taught well at this school**

100% of you stated that your child was taught well at Thorndown and, again, this is something about which we are very pleased. The progress and attainment of all children is tracked extremely carefully to ensure that children receive the right levels of support and challenge in class. Pupils have progressed well as a result of high quality teaching.

- **This school helps my child develop skills in communication, reading, writing and maths**

100% of you agreed with this statement. We are therefore doing our jobs well. Thank you.

- **This school helps me to support my child's learning**

We were very pleased that 98% of you felt that you are helped in knowing how to support your child. Out of the 105 parents who responded to our questionnaire, over 60% had attended some parent information sessions or open classroom events. We will continue to offer these and, if you have something in particular that you would like to see or know more about, please contact the school office or our Parent Forum via their e-mail address. Feedback shared through the evaluation forms from the events we run have always been very good and we know that you enjoy them and find them helpful.

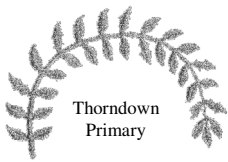
- **This school is outward looking and this school shows a strong commitment to improving**

99% of you felt that we are a school that is working hard to continue to improve. Every member of the school team has a commitment to ensure that each child has the best education possible. With this aim, we have worked to develop every aspect of our practice this year, including introducing more creativity and opportunities for children to



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apply their skills across our curriculum. We are delighted that this has been noticed by parents and are committed to further improvement in future years.

- **My child is kept safe**

We very pleased that 100% of you said that you felt your child was safe at school. We continue to raise the profile of anti-bullying within the school with our Anti-Bullying Week, which included Cyberbullying in KS2. We recognise that keeping your children safe is one of our key responsibilities and will continue to do everything possible to ensure that your children's time at Thorndown is safe, positive and rewarding. We hope to be running an E-safety session for parents in the Autumn Term. Please keep an eye out for that.

- You also rated us 100% in:
 - Making parents and visitors feel welcome
 - Ensuring your children are being looked after
 - The school is meeting your child's needs

Areas of Development

- **There is a good standard of behaviour at this school**

Although the results for agree and strongly agree were high in these categories at 95%, this result was slightly lower than for other questions in the questionnaire. Our good behaviour has been commented upon many, many times by visitors coming in to school and during trips out of school. However, in the next few weeks, this will be investigated using the student council, staff observations and in our Parent Forum meetings. This will pinpoint where pupils feel behaviour could be improved, both in and out of their classrooms.

- Last year, one of our areas of school development was about Growth Mindset and developing pupils' attitudes towards learning. 48% of you indicated on the questionnaire that you would like some more information on this. Your request will be put onto the School Development Plan, starting in the Autumn Term, and we will be running parent information sessions and sending some more information home.

Parental Comments

Once again we received some individual comments about the school, about which we were very pleased. All comments will be carefully considered as we set our school improvement priorities for 2018-2019.

If you have any further comments or suggestions to make, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, one of the school's leadership team or a governor.

Yours sincerely

Miss Vicci Godbold

