



Thorndown Primary School and Pre-School

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Headteacher: Miss V Godbold



30th March 2020

Parent Questionnaire 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to thank all the families who completed the annual parent questionnaire this term. This is just one of the ways in which we collect your views about the school. This year, as every year, we were very pleased with the results and comments. We received 114 replies and the views expressed are summarised below.

Key areas of Success

- **My child feels happy at school**

98% of all parents felt their child was happy at Thorndown. This is wonderful news. However, if your child isn't happy at any point during their learning years at Thorndown, please speak with myself, your child's class teacher or Year Group Lead. We will then be able to address any difficulties your child may be having and direct you to some extra support if appropriate. This 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 parent**

We were delighted that 97% of you stated that you would recommend Thorndown to another parent. We often get families looking around Thorndown because of another parents' recommendations. Thank you; they agree with you too!

- **My child does well at this school**

95% of you stated that your child does well at Thorndown and, again, this is something about which we are very pleased.

- **My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school**

We pride ourselves on being able to offer a wide range on clubs during lunchtime and at the end of the day. 95% of you agreed with us. However, on our return to school, if you feel that your child would like to participate in an extra-curricular activity which we don't currently offer, please contact our club co-ordinator, Mrs Cook, through the school office.

- **My child feels safe at this school**

We very pleased that 99% of you said that your child feels safe at school.

- **The school makes me aware of what my child will learn each term**

97% of the parents who replied agreed or strongly agreed that they are aware of what their child is learning. Each term, we email parents the Termly Information Overviews from each Year Team in addition to our Knowledge Organisers. These can also be found on our school website, along with the Yearly Overview of all the subjects we teach.





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- **The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved**
96% of parents agreed with this statement. Our good behaviour has been commented upon many, many times by visitors coming in to school and during trips out of school. We have a newly introduced 'Crystal Code', which is having a positive impact on the behaviour of our pupils and on our return to school, we will use the student council, staff observations and in our Parent Forum meetings to investigate where pupils feel behaviour could be further improved, both in and out of their classrooms.
- **My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.**
100% of all the parents with a child with SEND felt that the school was working well with their children. This is great news and a true reflection of the good work Mrs Fox, the teachers and teaching assistants do each day to ensure each of our pupils with SEND are supported with all aspects of school life.

Areas of Development

- **My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.**
80% of the parents who replied indicated that their child has never been bullied at Thorndown. Of the 20% who felt their child had been subject to some kind of bullying at school, a very large majority felt that difficulties had been dealt with well. We always strive to improve the support we give to children and families and want to ensure that when the rare incidences of bullying do occur at Thorndown, these are all dealt with effectively. Therefore, if anyone would like to make an appointment to discuss their case personally with me, please do not hesitate in contacting me through the school office on our return to school. We want to get this right!

We are becoming increasingly aware that the virtual world is being used more and more as a tool for bullying. Although we do teach our pupils how to be safe online and what to do if they feel unsafe, unfortunately, we can't control which internet sites our children visit when not in school. Can I again remind everyone that to have a WhatsApp or Instagram accounts, you must be 15 and 13 years old respectively.

Parental Comments

We asked you a series of questions about the current curriculum offer we give to your children and we asked how you would like us to improve it. It was great to read comments such as "varied and good", "challenging in a good way", "imaginative delivery" and "well rounded and high achieving".





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The feedback from the question, "When asked, what would your child want to see or do more of in their learning?" will be invaluable as we ensure our curriculum engages all of our pupils. The Senior Leadership Team will be looking at ensuring pupils have access to the full curriculum in each year group. This may require teacher training, to further develop teachers' expertise, or the purchase of more varied resources. Both are challenging when schools have been so badly funded.

I am very sorry that our pupils have missed out on their trips this term and perhaps in the summer term too. As parents, you felt these were an important part of our curriculum offer. We will be doing our best to ensure planned trips are continued when they are safe to do so.

The responses to the question "Is there anything you would like to add about the curriculum?" was also very informative and we will be adding many suggestions into our improving curriculum moving forward. One parent's request for water skiing lessons may not be easy to accommodate, but we never say never at Thorndown!

Once again, we received some individual comments about the school, about which we were very delighted. All parental comments will be carefully considered as we set our school improvement priorities for 2020-2021. Thank you again for your responses.

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

