



Margaret McMillan  
Primary School

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# Parent Questionnaire

8th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may remember that we asked you to complete a Parental Survey during before the February half term holidays. The focus of the survey was Parental Engagement. We asked parents to take a few minutes to share their thoughts and feelings about their interactions with our school. It was optional whether you gave us your name or not. The majority of parents did but some chose to remain anonymous. The comments and feedback help us make improvements to existing provision and make plans for new initiatives if needed. We would like to thank all of you who responded and gave us feedback and comments. The leadership team contacted any parents who did not feel positively about any element of the survey. However, the majority of responses were extremely positive. Thank you for taking time to respond to our survey. We will be carrying out further questionnaires and holding regular parent events over the course of the following term.

Parental Engagement Survey	Strongly agree/agree
My child enjoys coming to school.	93%
My child is safe at school.	99%
Children's views are listened to.	99%
My child is encouraged to do their best.	99%
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress.	98%
The child communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning.	95%
The school is well led and managed.	98%
My child's teacher is approachable.	100%
There is a good standard of behaviour at Margaret McMillan Primary School.	98%
Any incidents of bullying are dealt with effectively.	95%
The school is welcoming to the community.	98%
My views are sought and concerns listened to.	94%
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities.	100%
I understand the role of the governing body.	94%
I would recommend Margaret McMillan Primary School to another family.	97%

comments:

'The school is very good and the teachers are kind and nice'

'This is the best school.'

'I would like my child to get daily homework such as Maths and English.'

'I would like help to manage my child's learning and behaviour at school.'

'No central lost property.' Jackets lost in the past only to be found at a later date after buying another one.'

'I am very happy My child has been helped to become more confident. She is progressing really well with the help of school.'

Unfortunately not all parents felt able to agree with all of the statements.

7% of the parents that responded to our questionnaire disagreed that their child enjoyed coming to school.

*Our response...*

We really want to motivate and inspire all of our children to enjoy school. Senior Leaders have spoken to parents who felt unable to answer positively to ascertain how we can improve. The reasons were often specific and personal. However, we feel our curriculum at Margaret McMillan aims to provide children with a broad range of experiences which engage and excite them about learning. We run regular theme weeks and days where children have the opportunity to learn in a more creative way. This engages with children of various learning styles and makes learning fun. Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns about your child's experience at school.

5% of parents disagreed that any incidents of bullying are dealt with effectively.

*Our response...*

When we spoke to the 5% of parents many believed bullying to be any incident which involved poor behaviour or disagreements and had not understood the sustained and persistent nature of bullying. We have a robust behaviour policy in place and any incidents of poor behaviour are dealt with promptly. Class teachers and phase leaders regularly meet with parents to discuss issues to ensure that the standard of behaviour at school remains high. We follow a restorative approach to incidents in school which focuses on repairing relationships between individuals and encourages children to take responsibility for their own behaviour and actions.

*Further Actions*

As a school we want you to be satisfied with the service we provide. Some parents wanted more information and support to enable them to support their children's learning at home. We have recently changed our homework to include more thematic work and the children are really responding to this. We will continue to send out the curriculum digests to inform you about your children's learning. Parents in the early years and Year 1 really value the Rhyme time and Parent Play sessions and we want to build on them for the rest of school. However, we recognise that some of you want more help with the basics and the strategies we use in school. We are developing further ways to inform and support you about the work your children are doing in school and this should be in place by the start of the Summer term.

We will be running a series of parental workshops to help you to continue to help your children at home. This will continue each term with a different focus. This term they are;

Year 1 – using and applying maths resources (bead strings, 10 frames and subitising focus) **1<sup>st</sup> April**

Year 2 – using and applying maths resources (bead strings, 10 frames and subitising focus) **2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Year 3 – Reading strategies and vocabulary **8<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 4 – Reading strategies and vocabulary **9<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 5 – Reading strategies and vocabulary **10<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 6 – Reading strategies and vocabulary **4<sup>th</sup> April**

## **Summer Fair Questionnaire**

Mrs Stowell recently asked you to vote on the best date for a summer fair.

Thursday 4th July was the preferred date.

## **Pupil Attendance Quiz**

At our recent Parents evenings parents completed a quiz about pupil attendance. We will share the answers with you soon.

## **School Vision opinions**

Don't forget to send your opinions on the governing board's vision and aims for the school back by 15th March.

We will be conducting further surveys in the future and would really appreciate your input then as well.

Thank you,

Mrs S Hodge

Phase 2 Leader