



## Parent Questionnaires

**Thank you for completing the parent Questionnaires, below are the results and some possible solutions/answers to the issues/questions raised.....**

Of a possible 211 returns, 95 questionnaires were returned. (45%).

### Questions and Reponses

|   | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't Know |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| My child is happy and enjoys being at school  | 60%            | 36%   | =4%      |                   |            |
| My Child is making good progress  | 52%            | 46%   | 2%       |                   |            |
| Teaching at Trimley St Martin is good   | 59%            | 40%   |          |                   | 1%         |
| I receive valuable information about my child's progress  | 54%            | 44%   | 2%       |                   |            |
| The school keeps my child safe  | 75%            | 25%   |          |                   |            |
| The school provides information to parents about keeping my child safe on-line                    | 66%            | 32%   |          |                   | 2%         |
| The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns         | 45%            | 43%   | *3%      |                   | 9%         |
| I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or a complaint        | 71%            | 29%   |          |                   |            |
| I find it easy to contact my child's teacher  | 62%            | 34%   | 4%       |                   |            |
| Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best   | 69%            | 31%   |          |                   |            |
| Staff ensure pupils are well behaved  | 62%            | 35%   |          |                   | 3%         |
| Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent   | 62%            | 35%   |          |                   | 3%         |
| The school provides appropriate homework  | 37%            | 51%   | 9%       | 1%                | 2%         |
| The school has excellent behaviour and action is taken where necessary                            | 46%            | 38%   |          |                   | * 16%      |
| There is a good range of activities including clubs, trips or visits for my child to take part in | 52%            | 41%   | 1%       |                   | 6%         |
| I feel welcome in school and am encouraged to take part in school activities and events           | 65%            | 35%   |          |                   |            |
| The school is led and managed well  | 64%            | 33%   |          |                   | +3%        |

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| I have used the school website  | 75% | 24% | 1% |  |    |
| I am using Seesaw <b>(Years 1-6 only)</b>   | 69% | 25% | 1% |  | 5% |
| Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school   | 70% | 30% |    |  |    |
| <b>Reception Parents Only-</b><br>The arrangements for my child to settle into their new school were good | 50% | 50% |    |  |    |

- = 100% agree or strongly agree they are happy with their child's experience at school.
- \* 100% agree they feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or problem.
- \* Comments include – “Unable to comment as my child has not had a problem”.
- + Comments include- “Too early to agree or disagree”- Reception parents

Question that raised the most comments

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| The school provides appropriate Homework | 37% | 51% | 9% | 1% | 2% |
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Comments include- “The maths homework isn't always relevant”, “What is the value if some of the work is not even marked”, “How do you support children who struggle with the spellings and challenge those that can do the lists”, “Less homework”.

With these comments in mind, we have looked closely at the homework, especially maths and spelling. We have found an interactive spelling homework system that we are looking very closely at, which is a variation of our current spelling scheme. We hope that any changes we make will have a positive impact on children's learning and make homework easier for parents to manage.

Main areas parents' would like improvement in-

- \* Parking outside of school- 9% of parents made comments- requests made for the school to provide land for parking, funds for a crossing or a patrol officer

Having worked at the school for 20 years, I have seen more and more traffic outside the school. Over the last 20 years, the school has tried to purchase land for a carpark (this fell through), petitioned for and successfully had road signs displayed outside the school, have parts of footpath enlarged and have double yellow lines added to make our road safer. We introduced the staggered mornings, so parents can drop off their children anytime between 8.45am and 9.00am. Over the last two years, I have introduced a road incident form on the school website, added an interactive complaint link direct to Suffolk Highways and sent out endless letters and leaflets to parents about road safety. I do not see an easy answer to our parking issues, but will continue to work with parents and the community to constantly raise drivers understanding for safer driving and parking.

- \* Communication- 3%- Not always receiving the information

We will endeavour to send letters by paper, publish on website, email and then send text reminders. It is very important that the News Blog is looked at regularly as most information is put onto the school website.

Other suggestions:

\* Texting parents every time a member of staff is off poorly or on a course, so parents are aware-  
This would have a too large costing implication.

\* Improving the lunchtime areas-

We are looking at resources that can be bought using the Sports Premium. The area for lunches is at present under a joint venture of the school and Twinkletoes for improvements to the ground, resources and picnic benches.

Positive comments:

“There is always going to be room for improvements, but you guys are doing a brilliant job, so keep it up and thank you for your efforts”

“Keep doing what you’re doing!”

“We are delighted with the school and the progress our son is making. Our son looks forward to school and feels happy, safe and proud that he is a pupil here. A big thank you to the current & previous head for making this an excellent school”