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Windmill Hill Academy: Parent/Carer Survey 2022

Analysis and Response

Summer term 2022	Strongly agree	Agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
68 surveys completed				
1. My child enjoys attending school.	44%	52%	3%	1%
2. My child is making good progress at school.	51%	45%	4%	0%
3. Behaviour in the school is good.	51%	46%	3%	0%
4. My child gets the right amount of work at home to do.	28%	50%	16%	6%
5. The teaching is good.	50%	50%	0%	0%
6. I/we are comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem.	63%	32%	4%	1%
7. The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his or her best.	65%	35%	0%	0%
8. The school works closely with parents.	37%	50%	13%	0%
9. The school is well led and managed.	53%	42%	4%	1%
10. The school is helping my child become mature and responsible.	54%	43%	3%	0%
11. The school provides interesting activities outside of lessons.	44%	46%	10%	0%
12. I/we am kept well informed about how my child is getting on:			I	
A) Through reports	34%	58%	7%	1%
B) Through parents' evenings	35%	58%	7%	0%
c) Through the availability of staff after school	32%	49%	19%	0%
13. I/We find the school website helpful for finding out current information.	35%	52%	12%	1%
14. My child is safe at school.	66%	33%	1%	0%
15. There is a good range of learning trips or visits during school hours.	44%	53%	3%	0%
16. I/We are satisfied with our choice of school.	66%	30%	3%	1%
17. The school governors are available and accessible for parents.	19%	53%	19%	9%
18. The school office offers advice and support to parents.	62%	34%	3%	1%
19. The school office is able to help with any queries I have.	69%	27%	3%	1%

^{20.} Please comment on what the school does particularly well:

[&]quot;Windmill Hill Academy is not just a school it feels more of a home."

[&]quot;All students are treated in the correct manner."

[&]quot;The staff really care for each child and the Headteacher has implemented many changes that has further developed the school in a positive way."

"Approachable to discuss any concerns and I've found the school very supportive."

"Communication with the Year 5 teacher has been very good and phone calls, were necessary, have been appreciated."

"The leadership is excellent and the staffing match this."

"All teaching staff and staff in the main office are amazing and have really looked after my children."

"The boys love Windmill as I do."

"They have gone over and beyond to make them happy and promote confidence in learning."

"The school has worked hard to improve facilities and range of offering for the children."

"My children feel safe, happy, well nurtured and supported by all the staff who are super stars!"

Reassure us with any questions that we have regarding school."

"Arranging activities like the Indian dance workshop."

"Enrichment days"

"They explain things to me very well."

"Excellent teacher!"

" 's teacher is excellent with her!"

"Learning, safety, school trips and communication to parents."

"ClassDojo is a great platform as it keeps me regularly updated."

"Good relationships with parents and pupils."

"Mrs Zoffman is always very professional, approachable and supportive."

"Teaching children to be honest, to be respectful and to try their best."

"Knowing each individual child's needs and picking up on things that they need help with."

"My child has a great rapport with Mrs Rutherford and Miss Jones – they both making learning fun."

"It is good to see Mrs Bassett out in the playground each morning engaging with the children."

"Supports, encourages, empowers"

"Inclusion and togetherness"

"The school keeps parents well informed of all circumstances and go above and beyond to ask any questions or provide any assistance needed."

"Outdoor learning"

"I personally have always felt that the staff at Windmill Hill Academy are always approachable, and I feel this is first and foremost over any digital or paper communications."

"Windmill Hill is such a friendly and happy school."

"We are happy with everything!"

"The girls are learning and keen to continue what they have learnt at home."

"Teaching children good manners and the right conduct."

"Windmill provides a safe and enjoyable learning environment."

"I feel Windmill Hill Academy endeavours to treat all children equally and give them opportunities which enhance their individual learning requirements."

"My child is doing very well academically and is happy."

"Made to feel welcome. Mrs Bassett is freely available most days on the playground."

"Plenty of trips/swimming"

21. Please comment on how the school could be improved:

"Little more communication of what's going on and when in the classroom."

"Dojos are hit and miss sometimes."

"Teach how to swim"

"More variety of after school clubs for younger age groups would be nice although I know this may not be possible."

"Increase in funding to allow more external tutors or groups."

"Providing an earlier breakfast club"

"Some more outdoor play equipment for break and lunchtimes would be fantastic."

"They are doing just fine."

"Keep up the good job!"

"Parking"

"Availability to see and talk to teachers on an informal basis – beginning and end of the day."

Response to surveys by Abby Bassett (Head of School)

Thank you for completing the surveys. They do help us to evaluate all of the different aspects of your child(ren)'s experience here at Windmill Hill Academy.

It has been pleasing to see the positive results and that the vast majority agree in the vast majority of areas. All staff are working extremely hard and have worked hard to improve the priorities from the previous survey, including after school clubs, wraparound care and trips and enrichments. Although trips and enrichments have been affected by the Covid-19 restrictions, it has been lovely to see the wider range of experiences that pupils have experienced now the restrictions have eased. We hope to continue to build on the range of after school clubs next year and are always welcome to suggestions.

We are glad that your child enjoys school, is making good progress, the teaching is good and that we have high expectations (in line with Visible Learning). The vast majority agree that the behaviour is good and that we are helping your child to become mature and responsible (in line with our Rights Respecting approach).

Although our Governors have attended events, e.g. parent consultations, and visit our school regularly, I can see that some of you are unsure of who the Governors are. There is a section about our Governors on our school website:

https://www.windmillhillacademy.org/web/local_governance/205226 You may recognise some familiar faces and please look out for them at

Homework can sometimes be a contentious subject with parents/carers. We expect all children to read regularly at home, learn the key knowledge from knowledge and skills organisers and practise their KIRFS (key instant recall facts. In addition, all pupils are encouraged to pick activities from homework menus supplied each half term which allows pupils to choose a few/many/all activities.

Moving forward we will continue to promote parental engagement and we look forward to inviting you into school more frequently this term, e.g. Sports Days etc, and into next year. All teachers greet at the beginning and dismiss pupils at the end of the day. Time is limited before school and on occasions after school, e.g. due to staff meetings, but you are always welcome to book an appointment with your child's class teacher either via them directly in person or via the school office.

one of our next events.