

### Parental Questionnaire Feedback March 2023

Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire. We had a fantastic 306 responses. We have now collated the results and you can see them in full here.

There were some very encouraging responses, and the individual comments have been shared with and appreciated by the staff at Brunton. We will also take on board the helpful suggestions.

We were delighted that 98% of parents said that their child enjoys school and that they felt safe, whilst 99% said the school was well led and said they would recommend this school. The questionnaire did throw up some areas for us to give consideration and as a school will be meeting over the next few weeks to consider what action we can take in these areas.

<b>Total Response - 306 parents</b>	<b>Strongly Agree / Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree / Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>
My child enjoys school	<b>98.3%</b>	1.7%	0%
My child feels safe at school	<b>98.3%</b>	1%	0.7%
My child can take part in a range of clubs and activities	<b>98.1%</b>	1.9%	0.0%
My child's teacher knows my child's strengths and areas for development	<b>97.7%</b>	0.3%	2%
The school makes sure pupils are well behaved	<b>93.7%</b>	2.7%	3.6%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	<b>88.9%</b>	2.6%	8.5%
The curriculum offers a good range of subjects at this school	<b>95.1%</b>	1%	3.9%
After parents evening, I am aware of how my child is doing and their next steps	<b>94.4%</b>	2%	3.6%
There are opportunities for parents to come into school	<b>98.7%</b>	0.3%	1%
The school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit.	<b>98.7%</b>	0.3%	1%
The school has high expectations for my child	<b>88.2%</b>	2.6%	9.2%
Newsletters and ParentMail keep me informed about what is happening in school	<b>98.4%</b>	0.6%	1%
Parental voice is welcomed and valued by the school	<b>88.2%</b>	1%	10.8%
As a parent, I know who to talk to if I have a concern about my child	<b>98.4%</b>	1.3%	0.3%
The school is well led and managed	<b>99.0%</b>	1%	0%
I would recommend this school to another parent	<b>99.0%</b>	1%	0%
	<b>Strongly Agree / Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree / Disagree</b>	<b>My child has had no concerns</b>
When my child has raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	<b>61.4%</b>	2.3%	36.3%
	<b>Strongly Agree / Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree / Disagree</b>	<b>My child is not allowed on Twitter</b>
Twitter keeps me informed of what is happening in school.	<b>84.3%</b>	10.8%	4.9%
	<b>Strongly Agree / Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree / Disagree</b>	<b>My child has not been bullied</b>
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	<b>20.5%</b>	2%	77.5%
	<b>Strongly Agree / Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree / Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
How strongly do you agree with this statement 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'	<b>100.0%</b>	0%	95.8%

### We asked you to describe Brunton First School in 3 words, you said:

<b>Inspiring</b>	Enriching	<b>Fun, Exciting, Engaging</b>	Challenging	<b>Joyful</b>	Caring	<b>Happy Nurturing Thriving</b>	Approachable
Safe	<b>Encouraging</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Personalised Learning</b>	Memorable	<b>Welcoming, Supportive, Engaging</b>	Positive	<b>Inclusive</b>
Helpful	Rewarding	<b>Absolutely Wonderful!</b>	Compassionate	<b>Friendly</b>	Supportive	<b>Happy</b>	Respectful

### What are the best things about Brunton First School?



We had so many positive panda parents, we couldn't include all the comments, but we have included a selection below.

"Teachers understand the needs of each child as an individual. A friendly and supportive environment for the children to learn in. Children experience a varied and exciting curriculum with creative and inspiring lessons that enthuse the learning. Helpful, approachable and welcoming staff. Always thinking of the best for the children but listen to parents and are not afraid to make changes to adapt."

"There is a wonderful nurturing environment at school, you know your child is going to be well looked after. The staff are so approachable and I know any problems or concerns I can approach them. It is a fun learning environment with lots of opportunities for clubs too. Thank you!"

"The school is so inclusive and accommodating of kids with different needs to make sure they're included and getting the most out of school, the staff have always been great and approachable."

"All staff are so warm and welcoming and seem very happy to be there, their energy radiates onto the children which is lovely to see. There have been so many events which have given the opportunity for us to get to know the school better. My child is making excellent progress and we are so grateful for how much you have brought them on in terms of reading and writing. They enjoy school, are well stimulated and seems very happy in their environment."

"Teachers want their pupils to perform at their best. Senior management has created a welcoming environment."

"The ethos of the school is nurturing and caring. My child has grown in confidence, particularly this year. The curriculum is fun and there are lots of opportunities for informal and creative learning. Teachers and teaching assistants are so caring and kind."

"Communication is spot on, opportunities for extra-curricular activities are fab and extra special celebrations such as Mother's Day and Easter disco are super ideas!"

## We are listening:

Through the questionnaire and your comments, we have recognised there are still improvements to be made with the following:



<p>"The use of the green, amber and red system. I am not particularly keen on shame-based discipline strategy."</p>	<p>We are currently looking at updating the school's behaviour policy in line with our new school values.</p> <p>The new policy will move away from the traffic light system and will focus more on teaching the children strategies for emotional and sensory regulation.</p>
<p>"The school website needs to be updated. It is clunky and hard to navigate in places."</p>	<p>We are currently working with a company who are designing a new website for us that will be far easier to navigate on mobile devices and provide all stakeholders with information quickly and clearly. We are aiming for it to be live in late summer.</p>
<p>"It is great seeing photos and posts on Twitter what the children have been up to in class and on trips but would prefer if this was on a dedicated platform and not Twitter."</p> <p>"Use of Twitter is variable; some classes post a lot of content others very little. Twitter across the school needs to be used more fairly."</p>	<p>We are exploring our social platforms to share our learning with you, but in the meantime, we will strive to get consistency across the classes and year groups with regards to Twitter posts.</p>
<p>"I feel my child could be challenged more. There always appears to be this constant concern about children falling behind but there doesn't seem to be the same focus on the children that excel and can move on faster."</p>	<p>At Brunton, we aim to challenge all our children regardless of ability. All children should have a deep learning of key ideas and concepts.</p> <p>Learning should be deep learning that sticks, can be recalled. Children are encouraged to obtain a greater level of understanding by transferring and applying their learning to different contexts and explaining their understanding to others.</p> <p>For example in Maths, children are encouraged to explain their working out to a question, discuss the efficiency of their chosen calculation, before applying their knowledge to solve an unknown problem in our 'Now you're flying' activity.</p>
<p>"It would be good to see some team sports and taking part in some inter school tournaments."</p>	<p>As part of the Gosforth Schools Trust, we participate in the Gosforth Get's Going initiative which is a competition programme across all year groups in school. During the summer term, we have entered a range of competitions such as football, cricket, and cross country.</p>
<p>"Encourage and reward individuals more."</p>	<p>We have some exciting news! We are looking to introduce some <b>new</b> certificates to celebrate children's work in a variety of subjects areas which will be presented in our Golden Assembly.</p>

<p>“The car park is the main negative in respect of the school, although I fully recognise that it is not of the schools making.”</p> <p>“I feel the parking outside the school on the main road should be double yellow lines, like the rest of the road as it's the cause of a lot of the traffic.”</p>	<p>The car park continues to be an issue of concern for the whole community. This issue is constantly raised in every newsletter but unfortunately, does not seem to have an impact on some drivers.</p> <p>We will continue to work with our governors, to explore every possible avenue in ensuring we can prevent a serious accident in our car park or surrounding streets and to ensure that our neighbours' property is treated with respect.</p> <p>We hope that <i>all</i> stakeholders will work with us to find a solution to the problem.</p>
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