

# BARKISLAND C.E. (V.A.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Results of Parental Questionnaire 2014/2015

Thank you to everyone who completed the parental survey.

**A total of 35 questionnaires were returned which covers only 30% of our families.**

A summary of the results can be found below. Thank you for your all your comments and your time is appreciated. It has not been possible to respond to every point. However, please rest assured that, for constructive comments, we will do our best to address your suggestions wherever possible. It is pleasing to note, though, that the overall level of parental satisfaction is high.

### CURRICULUM

1. I am kept well informed about what my child(ren) is/are learning in school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
54%	43%	3%		
The termly newsletters are found to be helpful as are parent's evenings. It is very pleasing to see that parents feel that we communicate well regarding what your child is learning in school. Please remember that there is also lots of information on the website about our curriculum.				

2. I have enough information from school to help my child(ren) at home.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
37%	51%	11%		
The information evening sessions particularly on reading have been received gratefully this year. We are planning on other information evenings also this year on the new assessments system in school (21.9.15 at 7pm) and also on maths in the Spring term.				

3. I am satisfied with the amount and level of homework my child(ren) brings home.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
31%	34%	17%	3%	
The comments regarding homework differ slightly, with some parents asking for more and others wanting less! If homework every becomes a 'battle' at home or you have concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.				

4. The school provides a rich and interesting curriculum that helps my child(ren) to learn.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
66%	34%			
It is great to see such positive feedback regarding this as we work hard as a staff team to make the curriculum as exciting and interesting as possible as well as teaching the statutory National Curriculum! Thank you for this feedback. Specific highlights are open week, visits and visitors and themed days.				

5. The school keeps me well informed about my child(ren)'s progress.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
49%	51%			
Again, another positive response – parents felt that parents evenings and reports were very informative and useful with staff being approachable at other times of the year if necessary. A suggestion was to include more drop in sessions to discuss progress; parents are able to make an appointment to discuss any aspect of their child's school life whenever needed Please make use of this if you feel that you would like to speak to your child's class teacher more frequently.				

6. I am kept informed about what my child's specific targets are for Literacy and Numeracy.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
37%	49%	11%	3%	
Many parents commented that they were advised of these during parents evening but not during other times of the year. We plan our parents evenings carefully so that they are at appropriate times of the year to discuss aspects such as these. As we are using a new assessment system, this is something that we can look into communicating to parents more often.				

7. I have been well informed regarding the changes to the National Curriculum and Assessment this year.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
43%	51%	6%		
A strong response which is pleasing given the amount of changes to the education system recently.				

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR**

8. The school provides enough extra-curricular activities for my child(ren) to get involved in.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
43%	49%	3%	6%	
Lots of positive feedback regarding the introduction of using coaches to deliver more clubs. We appreciate that some of these are chargeable, but this is the only way in which we can offer a wide range of clubs and activities. School does pay or subsidise many clubs over the year such as choir, brass, girl's football, rugby etc. We do try to source coaches that are reasonably priced. It was mentioned that more non-sporting clubs and more clubs for YR pupils are needed. This is something which we try and provide more of. If you have any links to coaches or people to offer an extra-curricular club, please do get in touch as we are always on the lookout for new clubs and activities.				

## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (INCLUDING GIFTED AND TALENTED)**

Has your child any Special Educational Needs (now or in the past)?

Yes	No	Not sure
14%	80%	6%

If yes, please answer the following questions.

9. I feel the school deals with my child(ren)'s Special Educational Needs well.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
43%	29%	14%		
Most comments expressed that they are happy with the way in which school deals with their child's specific need.				

10. I am satisfied with my child(ren)'s progress and information provided by the school regarding their Special Educational Needs.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
66%	33%			
Parents expressed that they were aware through ISPs and kept regularly informed on their child's progress.				

## **STANDARDS**

11. The school enables my child(ren) to achieve their best.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
69%	31%			
An overwhelmingly positive response. Comments included that the rich and varied curriculum supports this as does the dedicated staff.				

12. The school achieves high standards of behaviour.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
83%	17%			
Again, a brilliantly positive response. This is only achieved with all members of the school community working together to uphold our expectations. Politeness and manners were noted as strengths of the school.				

13. I am confident that the school deals with inappropriate behaviour effectively.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
60%	35%	6%		
We work hard to ensure that all pupils adhere to our school rules and apply our behaviour policy wherever necessary, to ensure positive outcomes for all. This is well supported by parents if needed. Thank you.				

## **CHRISTIAN VALUES**

14. The school's core Christian values and attitudes have a positive effect on my child(ren).

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
54%	38%	6%		
It is pleasing to see again such positive responses especially regarding the school's core values which were launched this academic year. This was highlighted as a strength of the school which are easy for all to adopt, even for those families who are not practising Christians. Wednesday Worship was also mentioned as having a positive effect on children.				

15. The collective worship held in school has a positive and spiritual impact on my child(ren).

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
49%	34%	17%		
Many parents commented that their child/ren often talk about Collective Worship at home, which leads to interesting questions and can impact on the whole family. I am glad that worship is discussed at home and provokes thought and questions.				

16. The teaching of RE and especially the teaching of Christianity is effective.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
40%	49%	11%		
Again, it is commented that this is often talked about at home and prayers are taken home!				

17. My child(ren) like(s) coming to school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
74%	20%	6%		
Great to see such a high positive response! Some children have expressed that they would like to come even at weekends!! Not sure we can respond to that !				

18. My child(ren) enjoy(s) playtimes and lunchtimes

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
71%	29%			
Great positive response. The play leaders were mentioned as a great asset to playtimes. More equipment was requested; this is something that we can invest more into if needed.				

19. My child(ren) find(s) school meals enjoyable.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A Packed lunch
57%	35%				11%
School meals continue to be enjoyed! The menu system is well received by parents and children and the range of choices was also commented on. Some parents/children feel like their portions are too small; please encourage your child to ask for more food if they are still hungry. Children can also add various bread choices and fruit to their meal daily. Thank you to Mrs Roberts and the rest of the lunchtime staff for all their hard work.					

**SCHOOL TO HOME CONTACT**

20. I feel the school encourages parents to play an active part in the life of the school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
54%	43%	3%		
It is pleasing to see that parents feel involved in the school and feel that there are many opportunities to do so. We do appreciate that this can be difficult for working parents but try to balance events in the school day with events at evenings (including the many events run and organised by the BSA).				

21. I would find / have found it easy to approach the school with questions or problems to do with my child(ren).

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
60%	35%	3%	3%	
Comments included that staff are friendly and approachable and are available to answer questions or offer advice or support.				

22. The school handles complaints from parents well.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A – Never made a complaint
20%	32%	6%	3%		40%
It is pleasing to see that 40% of parents have never made a complaint! Approachable staff are highlighted again positively.					

23. The newsletter provides me with clear information about what is/ what will be happening in the future.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
74%	26%			
All parents who completed the questionnaire felt that the newsletter was clear and informative, commenting on the colourful and easy format allowing key information to be picked out.				

24. The website provides me with clear information about what is/ what will be happening in the future.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
40%	51%	9%		
Many parents commented that the website is useful, up-to-date and concise. Some parents found it difficult to navigate and not always up-to-date and others have never used it! Please have a look at the website as there is lots of useful information within it if you have not already – there is a link to our twitter feed which often has photographs from events in school.				

25. The text message service is a useful way to remind me about events in school.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
86%	14%			
It is pleasing to see that this is a positive feature of communication and reminders!				

26. The online payment system allows to me make payments to school easily.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
86%	14%			
Again, this is a positive response and something that parents had asked for in the past. I'm pleased that parents are finding it useful, easy and an efficient way of making payments to the school.				

## **BUILDINGS AND PREMISIES**

27. The school premises are kept clean and tidy.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
60%	34%	3%	3%	
Another pleasing response. Mr Ashworth was highlighted positively to ensure that the premises is clean and tidy. Thank you Mr Ashworth!				

28. The school has made suitable improvements to the school building.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree
60%	31%	9%		
The trim trail and new kitchen were highlighted as great improvements. The KS1 playground was mentioned in needed some attention. This has already begun and is a project for this academic year through funds raised by the BSA.				

29. What do you feel we do best?

Many positive comments were highlighted which included:

- Great communication;
- Treating every child as an individual;
- Encouraging children to succeed and achieve their very best;
- High standards in every aspect of school life;
- Promoting politeness and manners;
- Broad and varied curriculum;
- Community links;
- Christian values;
- Excellent teaching and friendly and approachable staff;
- Nurture a love of learning
- Excellent behaviour.

It is great to hear of the many elements which parents and families feel we do well in. School is a community where everyone's involvement is equally important to achieve the very best for all of our children.

30. Is there anything you think we could do to improve our school even further?

Usually, the aspects for improvement which are reported are where two or more families have suggested the same improvements. This year, there has been no repetition as such. Some of the suggestions however, are as follows:

- Make teachers more accessible for working parents.  
This is difficult to balance, but understand the suggestion. Teachers are often available from 8am until 5/6pm if needed. As mentioned, previously, please make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher if ever needed. An email can also be sent into the school office for attention of your child's class teacher as an alternative way of communicating.
- Offer more extra-curricular clubs  
We try to balance the range of club we offer and source external providers which are reasonably priced. We are also limited to the amount of clubs that we can offer due to space restrictions etc. If any parents have details of providers who could offer a club in school, please let us know.
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