

Parents Survey Autumn 2021

Responses: 26	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child is happy in school	18	8	0	0	0
My child feels safe at school	15	10	0	0	1
My child makes good progress at this school	12	14	0	0	0
My child is well looked after at this school	12	14	0	0	0
My child is taught well at this school	12	14	0	0	0
My child receives appropriate home learning for their age	10	15	1	0	0
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	12	12	0	0	2
The school deals effectively with bullying	8	9	1	0	8
This school is well led and managed	16	10	0	0	0
This school responds well to any concern I raise	17	8	1	0	0
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	15	10	1	0	0
I would recommend this school to another parent of a deaf child	19	7	0	0	0
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	18	8	0	0	0

We received many positive comments:

- This school is great...helped me and my daughter in every way possible by all the lovely and polite staff. Thank you so much from all the members of the family.
- Absolutely love this school... best thing I ever did moving my daughter. She has come on leaps and bounds.
- Couldn't ask for a better school for my child. He has already achieved so much in the short time he has been there.
- I am very happy with my child's progress he has achieved so much by being a pupil of Longwill School. I could not be any more proud than I am! Thank you for all your hard work.

- My child is always happy to go to school. 100% well done, Longwill!
- We have always felt that our daughter has felt secure in her school environment with staff who understand her and meet her needs accordingly.
- Excellent teaching.
- My son has come on well since he been at this school.

We also received some constructive comments about how we could further improve our school. We welcome questions about our provision, as we are always keen to improve!

More needs to be done with regards to developing speech for children with aids and start back with activities like swimming and mixing with hearing children.

We agree! As a sign bilingual school we strive to provide excellence in both English and BSL. We work closely with our speech and language therapists on spoken language and share pupils' targets with parents regularly. We also collaborate with our clinical audiologist to optimise children's use of their hearing technologies. Pupils who benefit from radio aids are provided with them in class. We work hard to develop children's independence in managing their own devices and we track this using their audiology profiles. We promote spoken language equally alongside the use of BSL. Children enjoy singing and music as part of our curriculum. They are encouraged to take part in such activities as it is a fun way to develop their speech.

Moving on, we are equally frustrated that we have had to pause our whole school swimming lessons, which has been a feature of our sports provision for many years, because of Covid. We know that parents will understand our primary aim to safeguarding children and so whilst we are in the grip of this pandemic, we took the decision to pause whole school swimming lessons. We are hoping to reinstate lessons for KS2 in the Summer term of 2022 (if we are able to do so). We are thrilled that we have been able to reinstate inclusion opportunities, with our two local primary schools in the autumn term, despite Covid. However, we will monitor this situation carefully and follow Covid guidance at all time regarding these visits.

Think we need more info on the children like exploring how they got on in school as not all children can explain what happened in school

We think that it is incredibly important that parents know all about their children's school day and learning experiences. That is why we have a range of ways we get in touch with you. Teachers send home information on a daily basis (Home School Books). Often, there will be photographs included in these messages as well. These are great as it means they can be easily shared with your child. Every half term, staff send home a 'What's On' newsletter. We send this in their school bags, but also email it to you and they are available on the school website. The children then share their learning highlights in their 'What's Happening' newsletter. Our school website holds a wealth of information too. This can be viewed at www.longwill.bham.sch.uk Finally, please do look out for your child's half termly target sheet and our termly parents' consultation events.

For some questions it is difficult to really know the answer as very limited feedback from child and I have not met any of the teaching staff/parents evening etc yet

Thank you for you comment here. Since the start of Covid, nearly two years ago, we have not been able to reinstate our face-to-face parents' consultation meetings. I know this is frustrating, however I hope that you have all been able to meet online! We continue to provide parents with this termly opportunity, via TEAMs. We look forward to a time very soon, when we can all meet again in school.

Also, we noted that some of respondees did not know as much as we would like about all our Anti Bullying activities and so we will be working hard to communicate this more effectively in the coming year.

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