

During our March Progress meetings with parents and children, we asked parents to complete a questionnaire and return it to school. In addition to this the HT and DHT spoke to a range of parents about their views on communication between school/home and their impression about behaviour. Out of our 175 families, we received 89 responses. The grid below shows the questions and the combined outcomes of the questionnaire as a percentage and number of responses in brackets. Additional comments that parents/carers wrote or gave orally are also included below.

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	My child feels safe at this school.	85% (76)	15% (13)		
2	My child is making good progress at this school.	83% (74)	16% (14)	1% (1)	
3	This school meets my child’s particular needs.	82% (73)	17% (15)	1% (1)	
4	This school ensures my child is well looked after.	81% (72)	19% (17)		
5	My child is taught well at this school.	84% (75)	16% (14)		
6	This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	85% (75)	15% (13)	1% (1)	
7	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	80% (71)	19% (17)	1% (1)	
8	My child’s lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour.	82% (73)	16% (14)	2% (2)	
9	The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively.	70%(62)	29% (26)	1% (1)	
10	This school helps me to support my child’s learning.	77% (68)	22% (20)	1% (1)	
11	This school responds well to my concerns.	77% (68)	24% (21)		
12	This school keeps me well informed.	73% (65)	24% (21)	2% (2)	
13	I would recommend this school to another parent.	77% (68)	22% (20)	1% (1)	

Summary

- 100% of parents agree or strongly agree that Unsworth makes their children feel safe and well looked after, as well as ensuring children are well taught and that concerns are responded to.
- 99% of parents agree or strongly agree that they would recommend Unsworth to another parent.
- 99% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child is making good progress, their needs are met, basic skills are developed in key areas and help is provided to support learning.
- 99% of parents agree or strongly agree that there is a good standard of behaviour and that any cases of bullying are dealt with effectively.
- 98% of parents agree or strongly agree that lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour and school keeps them well informed.

“We are very pleased with the communication and support we receive; any difficulties and/or needs of extra support. We are also pleased with how we receive lots of positive feedback as well.”

“Very happy with...progress at Unsworth Primary School, hope...keeps up the good work and continues to be happy.”

“Seeing our children develop and grow whilst being at Unsworth is wonderful. It’s been fantastic both educationally and socially.”

“I am very sad that...is leaving Unsworth! Thank you for helping...to achieve so much.”

“My child has had a fantastic primary school experience. He has been taught morals, has been faced with high expectations and has had many opportunities spanning across a broad range of subjects. Most importantly his is happy and settled and has always enjoyed coming to school.”

“Unsworth is an excellent school and in our opinion should be an Ofsted outstanding! Our children are happy, are progressing brilliantly and receive excellent quality teaching and enriching experiences. I can’t recommend Unsworth enough.”

“I’m in strong agreement with all of the above and feel the Before and After School Club provides my child with additional support and meets my child’s needs. Our family recently suffered a tragic bereavement and the support provided to help her cope is very much appreciated.”

“I think that Unsworth Primary School is an outstanding school and it has given two of my older boys a solid start to their education.”

“My child is very happy at school. As a parent I am very impressed with the learning experiences that are provided. Thank you for all your hard work.”

“My child is and always has been happy at this school. He enjoys coming to school and I feel he gets a broad, well-rounded education. The school encourages all talents, not just academic abilities and promotes positive attitudes in its pupils. I feel that there couldn’t have been a better start for my children.”

“Very happy with the school. So glad we choose to come here. Looking forward to my other children attending in the future.”

“Thank you for supporting my son on his important journey through primary school. Lovely family atmosphere.”

“We love the approach you have to enquiry based learning.”

“Unsworth knows its children and I mean really knows its children.”

“My child has progressed beautifully and is developing personal confidence and enjoys her work. She enjoys coming to school and engaging with peers.”

“Unsworth has consistently been an amazing environment for children to develop in.”

“My child is very happy here.”

“Thank you very much. I am pleased with the progress my children are making. I feel that I have been informed of the areas they need to work on.”

“I am really pleased by the progress that...has made with the help and dedication by the whole teaching staff, support staff and support workers and anyone else involved. A big thank you.”

“Very pleased with how our recent concerns were dealt with. Very prompt and very professional.”

Below are some considerations based on some of the additional comments made by parents during conversations with the HT/DHT or from comments written on the questionnaires.

- Some parents felt that the text messaging service can sometimes feel like a “bombardment” and if they have two children the same messages can come through twice. Consideration needs to be given to how many texts go out in a day, what the texts are for and if there is a way to streamline messages so that one message goes to a family rather than the same text multiple times.
- Parents really like the Twitter feed and website, but feel that this is not consistent across all classes. Parents commented that they feel that each class should provide the same experience online.
- The homework survey results from autumn 2016 need to be handed out to parents so that they can see what the overall response. Parents are not fully clear on the rationale behind the schools approach to homework and clarity is needed.
- Some parents would like homework linked to aspects of the curriculum that their child is finding difficult.
- One working parent commented on how difficult it can be to sort out transport to and from sporting events, as sometimes very short notice is given to parents. We need to consider how we schedule events/competitions and how we communicate this to parents in good time.
- Any calendar changes (assembly cancellation) needs to be added to the calendar and parents informed.