



Parents' Views June 2018

This year questions are again taken from Ofsted Parent View
119 questionnaires returned (last year we had 91).
Each parent represents 0.8% (rounded to 1%)

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
My child/ren are happy at school	100%		
My child/ren feel safe at school	100%		
My child/ren are making good progress	98%		2%
My child/ren are well looked after	100%		
My child/ren are taught well	100%		
My child/ren receive appropriate homework for their age	93%	3%	4%
Our school makes sure that children are well behaved in school	99%	1%	
Our school deals effectively with bullying	90%	1%	9%
Our school is well led and managed	100%		
Our school responds well to any concerns I raise	97%	1%	2%
I am happy with the information I receive about my child/ren's progress	98%	1%	1%
I would recommend our school to another parent	99%		1%

What I think Birkwood does well:

- Birkwood does very well in everything; exciting topics; an amazing, friendly school I would certainly recommend to others; teaching standards are perfect; teachers are approachable; we couldn't ask for more ~ 37
- The school is well led; all staff are very supportive, pleasant, respectful, very kind and understanding and this doesn't stop at school but extends to home too; informative newsletters keep us up to date with what's going on ~ 26
- Looks after our children, teaches them brilliantly whilst making a happy and safe environment for children to learn and progress encouraging them to reach their full potential and develop their talents. Excellent safeguarding, makes our children feel safe. Gives my child a brilliant education ~ 18
- Children are at the front of everything the school does. Encourages every child to achieve. Birkwood staff cater for all children's needs. Makes children feel good about themselves, my daughter always comes home feeling proud ~ 14
- Music lessons, love all the opportunities the children have in music and the arts ~ 4
- Communication between staff and parents is excellent. The school is pro-active in parent involvement ~ 3
- Cares, looks after, responds to concerns, embraces differences and cherishes all children. I feel the teachers are very patient and have our son's best interests at heart ~ 2
- Fabulous to see all involved in the sponsored walk ~ 1
- Swimming ~ 1
- The school joins in community activities ~ 1
- Rewards children regularly ~ 1
- From personal experience I think Birkwood deals well with bullying ~ 1
- Mrs Allen always joins in ~ 1
- Raising funds for trips ~ 1

What I think Birkwood could do better:

- Nothing to improve as the school is already at the top, just carry on as you are. Excellent school. I just wish I had gone to such a loving and caring school as a child ~ 23
- More communication on events happening, feel I have to ask about things ~ 3
- Deal with bullying better ~ 2
- Different ways to support children with challenging behaviours ~ 2
- Homework and more feedback on progress ~ 3
- More homework ~ 1
- Less homework and give homework and spellings at beginning of the week or Friday ~ 1
- Less homework as a lot of children have hobbies at weekends and after school ~ 1
- Spelling challenge like spelling bee ~ 1
- I would like more knowledge about moving up from Foundation to Year 1 ~ 1
- When it's parents' evening and there are after school clubs to lock the gate ~ 1
- A School Counsellor for children to talk to if they feel they cannot talk to parents or staff ~ 1
- School meals menu online ~ 1
- Teachers could give more encouragement to students during SATs ~ 1
- School disco straight after school ~ 1
- Less holidays ~ 1
- Employ more dinner time supervisors ~ 1

Any other comments:

- Great school, first class school and teachers. Keep it up, an amazing school ~ 4
- Well done, another fab year! Keep up the fab work. Thank you ~ 3
- I love the school, happy my children attend ~ 2
- Wonderful community where we know our son feels he belongs ~ 1
- I have always agreed with everything the school has offered ~ 1
- Really glad all of my children have attended this school ~ 1
- I am really grateful for all the hard work that goes into lifting the children and local community ~ 1
- As Ofsted says - "Outstanding" ~ 1
- This is a lovely school, you try very hard with everything you do and do exceptionally well ~ 1
- I would like to say a huge 'thank you' for everything. You are all amazing ~ 1
- We are so very grateful to Mrs Allen and all the staff and children for welcoming our boys into this caring environment. THANK YOU!! ~ 1
- Well done to the school on its ability to 'grow' so many children ~ 1
- This school has done everything to help my son to settle, thanks to the support and patience of the staff ~ 1
- Need a bigger hall for full school assemblies and air conditioning ~ 1

