



### **Parents' Views June 2019**

This year questions are again taken from Ofsted Parent View  
 60 questionnaires returned (*Pentathlon cancelled, last year 119*)  
 Each parent represents 1.6% (rounded up to 2%)

	Agree	Disagree
My child/ren are happy at school	100% (60)	
My child/ren feel safe at school	100% (60)	
My child/ren are making good progress	100% (60)	
My child/ren are well looked after	100% (60)	
My child/ren are taught well	100% (60)	
My child/ren receive appropriate homework for their age	94% (57)	6% (3)
Our school makes sure that children are well behaved in school	96% (58)	4% (2)
Our school deals effectively with bullying	90% (55)	10% (5)
Our school is well led and managed	100% (60)	
Our school responds well to any concerns I raise	98% (59)	2% (1)
I am happy with the information I receive about my child/ren's progress	96% (58)	4% (2)
I would recommend our school to another parent	100% (60)	

**What I think Birkwood does well:**

- Provides lots of opportunities for all children to discover their gifts/talents at a young age, helps build child's self-esteem and reach their potential; teaches our children to make the best of their ability; encourages talent and skills from each pupil as an individual; high standards in all areas ~ 21
- Gives excellent choice of fabulous after-school free clubs/activities ~ 11
- Everything, a brilliant school. So many things, we are so proud of the school, it's a joy to come in; good organisation and good communication, children rewarded for their hard work ~ 9
- Attentive, friendly staff ; all the extra hours the staff kindly put in; the commitment by staff is shown by children's happy faces as they go into school, the success they achieve is a testament to their hard work, commitment and love for the job ~ 5
- Excellent events and trips outside school hours that contribute to children's overall development ~ 5
- Great fundraising to subsidise trips etc. so all children can access; very gratefully received ~ 4
- Encourages children to aim high and explore new ventures; children are involved in just about everything and enjoy all the events and activities to the full ~3
- Cares about each child as an individual; looks after them and supports them well ~ 3
- The education my children receive and the safe environment that makes my children feel happy and secure; loving warm environment ~ 3
- An approachable Headteacher and deputy head, personal touch of Headteacher in playground ~ 2
- Support music fantastically, but include other instruments as well as brass ~ 2
- Always involves parents in lovely assemblies & events ~ 2
- Making each child feel wanted and special, valued and important whatever their starting point, every child gets better at things they may struggle with ~ 2
- Deals with bullying as soon as possible ~ 1
- Always involved in and around the village ~ 1
- They support SEN children brilliantly ~ 1
- Working with parents that are struggling with their child's behaviour, my child's progress and behaviour has improved immensely in last 2 years, she wouldn't have come so far without your help ~1
- Considers families varying circumstances when arranging activities, trips, good contact via email ~ 1
- Lots of different environments for the children ~ 1
- Supports the whole family and listens well to parents/carers on any issue ~1
- Multi-skills is a great addition and my daughter loves going to other schools to compete ~1
- Always has children at the forefront of everything they do ~ 1
- Breakfast Club is very convenient for working parents ~ 1

**What I think Birkwood could do better:**

- Nothing, it's outstanding; I can't think of anything; just keep doing more of all you're doing; I am very happy with everything; couldn't do any better ~ 13
- Communication, sometimes a little late or incorrect information/changes at last minute ~ 7
- Get the police to manage the illegal parking when dropping off children ~ 1
- Some aspects of bullying ~ 1
- Not rely on children to pass messages on to parents ~ 1
- Don't punish whole class when an individual misbehaves ~ 1
- Hold events at a bigger venue ~ 1
- Just for all children to wear the same uniform with the school emblem on ~ 1
- Would like school to consider putting all INSET days into one week giving children an extra week off and parents the chance to take them away on holiday and not pay extortionate price for family holidays ~ 1
- Don't put lots of events in the same week ~ 1
- Maybe less homework ~ 1
- Parents' evenings, maybe offer more than one day? ~ 1

**Any other comments:**

- We love our school, just a fantastic school; I adore this school, its ethics and values ~ 4
- From teachers to reception staff, all go above and beyond to help you. Amazing school, staff and children; Reception staff are so friendly and always have time to listen; best school in Barnsley ~ 3
- Great school with a lovely Headteacher; keep doing what you are doing Birkwood, excellent school ~ 2
- Proud my son has a place at Birkwood. Well organised, my children enjoy coming ~ 2
- Thank you for the great work you do for our children, you are fantastic! Thank you for your continued dedication and for supporting our son's growth and progression ~ 2
- Well done team! We are so proud to be part of the Birkwood family and the community we are part of creating for the future. Fantastic school, fantastic staff ~ 2
- Y1 Foxes teacher has been excellent with my child; Miss Porter put my mind at rest when my son started ~ 2
- Support to parents couldn't be better ~1
- My daughter loves the school and all of her teachers. So glad we chose Birkwood as her school ~ 1
- Birkwood's Got Talent too long – not meant in a bad way either! ~ 1
- I haven't seen any other school do all that Birkwood does for our children, they are fantastic ~ 1
- Please could Year 6 get Leavers Hoodies at the beginning of Year 6? ~ 1
- Overall a great school. My children have come on amazingly since coming here, especially my daughter who had to learn two years' work in eight months for her SATs, which she did ~ 1
- My children enjoy this school very much, I've been very impressed with my eldest daughter having extra tuition for her SATs which has prepared her well ~ 1
- Thank you Mrs Allen for meeting my son in Reception on his first day and taking him to class, a lovely touch ~1

