

Sgoil a' Bhac

Parent Consultation - 26

The consultation was in two parts. The first looked at the school's curriculum overview plan for the year, which was available for parent to view and discuss. The second part focused on opinions about involvement in learning and the structure of parents' evening.

We received 40 responses, representing 51% of our 79 families (primary).

Part One – Curriculum Overview

Responses were provided as feedback comments.

- *Happy with core curriculum subjects. Well-balanced in other areas.*
- *Good organisation for the terms.*
- *Good insight into what they're going to be doing from term to term.*
- *Good variety of subjects planned*
- *It's good to be able to see at a glance what the classes will be working on.*
- *The interdisciplinary learning in term three sounds really good. Want more interesting subjects and would like my child to be pushed on.*
- *Nice to see clear information on what the pupils will be learning over the course of the school year.*
- *It was interesting to see the plans for what my child will be doing.*
- *Good to see so much going on in the school*
- *Excellent range of topics for all classes and focusing on some key local and global subjects.*
- *Hope to see more opportunities occur; also when pupils take part in sport, cross-country, etc, each child should be mentioned, not just winners.*
- *Good information about what's ahead for my child in the class.*
- *Really good to see the information. Very useful indeed.*
- *I think the classes are covering a wide variety of topics. I am very happy with the curriculum.*
- *More emphasis on core maths and English/Gaelic would be good. Wide-ranging curriculum in school and lots of locally-based learning is great. Learning is interesting for children.*
- *Very organised and useful.*
- *Good to know what pupils are doing.*
- *Very impressed with curriculum noticeboard.*
- *Good to see what the whole school is doing. Nice to see whole-school activities such as shoebox appeal. Variety of learning experiences shown.*
- *Lots of good activities. XX is enjoying being at Sgoil a' Bhac again.*
- *Curriculum overview is very well displayed.*
- *Love the idea of the curriculum rationale – content and layout. Easy to follow, shows progression and excellent coverage. Thank you.*
- *Very happy with subjects on overview.*
- *It's really good to see what the children are doing and to know what is planned for the rest of the session.*

Part Two – Parental Involvement and Parent Appointments

1. The school encourages me to participate in my child's learning.

Strongly Agree	24	60%
Agree	16	40%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

2. I am given good information about my child's learning at Parents' Evening.

Strongly Agree	30	75%
Agree	10	25%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

3. I am clear about how to help my child in their learning.

Strongly Agree	25	63%
Agree	15	37%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

4. I am with the times and organisation of Parents' Evening.

Strongly Agree	26	65%
Agree	14	35%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

5. I receive good information about the work of the school, in general

Strongly Agree	26	65%
Agree	14	35%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

Feedback Comments

- It would be helpful to hear about any issues when they occur and not only at parents' evening.
- Class teacher has kept up up-to-date during terms one and two.
- Excellent evening. Well organised and very informative. We are pleased with xx's progress, many thanks to all!

- Thank you for giving us appointments with class teachers. It was excellent to have a one-on-one. The cookies were delicious.
- Very happy with new set-up.
- Within the class, the girls are largely left to own devices. No longer using computer program..
- The text notification only allows for one parent to be contacted, not both (Linked to communication question).
- Well presented and timed.
- Good idea to have timing monitors at classrooms.
- Much better than pupil-led evening.
- I liked the parents' evening tonight with the girls outside the classroom to tell me when my appointment was and knock on the door when my appointment was over. It saved the lengthy queues and fear of missing your appointment if you had another teacher to see
- It would be good if the council could give more classroom assistant time.
- Very well organised parents' evening. Nice biscuits.
- Love the approach school takes. Very involved, open and approachable. Feel teachers are concerned/supportive of my two daughters.
- Thank you, the children are well looked after and cared-for in Sgoil a' Bhac.
- Really pleased with xx's progress. Still some improvements to be made.
- Information sharing is very good. Glad to get information via e-mail.
- Information-sharing is much improved.
- Very happy with all teachers.
- Very happy with the parent consultation evening. Teacher showed a very good knowledge of my child and I was able to talk to her freely. Perhaps a very brief consultation for P1 pupils would be helpful in the first term just to know how they're settling in initially.
- Pleased to get good feedback from xx's teacher.
- Appointment for parents' evening was a bit short.
- Very pleased with xx's progress this year. I feel she has really come on in all areas. Many thanks to her teacher and the school.

Key Points/Actions:

Responses to the curriculum consultation are very positive. Parents particularly liked to be able to see the outline planning of the year's work ahead. The points made about coverage in certain curricular areas will be addressed in a format change for next year's overview.

Action:

- Revise format for next use to include more scope for curricular subject focus and leading roles in learning.

The responses received in the second part of the consultation indicate a high level of parent satisfaction with their children's learning and the information they receive about it. In all questions, respondents either strongly agreed or agreed. The survey did highlight some issues relating to communication about issues and about the structure and duration of parents' evenings

Action:

- Where individual issues have been identified for pupils, we will work on communicating these better to parents.
- We will review the structure and organisation of parent appointments, including pupil-led ones, as well as their frequency, duration and times and will make changes in time for the June appointments, where possible.

- We will investigate introducing a 'settling in' appointment for P1 parents in term one.