

Balmerino Primary School and Nursery Class
Parental Survey November 2022

Thank you to all parents who took part.

17 Parents completed the survey - this is just under half of the number of families we have in the school (37).

All parents completing the survey agreed or strongly agreed with these statements:

- Staff treat my child(ren) fairly and with respect.
- I feel that my child(ren) is/are safe at the school.
- The school helps my child(ren) to feel confident.
- I know what my child(ren)'s next steps in learning (their targets) are.
- I feel comfortable in approaching the school with questions, suggestions and/or a problem.
- The school is well led and managed.
- The school has high standards of expectations and encourages/supports children to behave well.
- Overall, I am satisfied with the school.

Almost all parents completing the survey (over 90%) agreed or strongly agreed with these statements:

- I feel staff really know my child(ren) as an individual(s).
- My child(ren) receive(s) the help they need to do well.
- The school gives me advice to support my child(ren)'s learning at home.
- The school takes my views into account when planning change.
- I would recommend the school to other parents.

Most parents completing the survey (88%) agreed or strongly agreed with these statements:

- I receive useful feedback on how my child(ren) is/are learning and progressing (88%)
- The school supports my child(ren)'s emotional development (88%)
- My child(ren) find(s) their learning experiences hard enough (76%)
- My child(ren) is/are making good progress. (82%)

Of the parents completing the survey, 41% had attended a recent parental learning session. Thank you to those who left a comment about their experience - the comments, on the whole, were positive and the development points have been noted and we will act upon them in planning future sessions - there were no common themes amongst the development comments. We recognise that our parents enjoy coming into school and see the value of learning with their child and we will continue to plan events like these.

Almost all of the comments left about communication around staffing changes were positive and the development comments were noted and will be acted upon - there were no common themes amongst the development comments.

15 of the parents completing the survey have at least one child in P2-7. Of these parents, almost all agreed or strongly agreed with this statement:

- I am satisfied with the quality of teaching in the school.

Of these 15 parents, all had attended a parent teacher meeting with their child's teacher in Term 1. In the comments, most parents reported that it was a helpful meeting. Just over half of the parents had brought their child to the parent teacher meeting with them. Most of those parents found it helpful to have their child at the appointment with them. Feedback from other parents is that they would prefer to speak to the teacher on their own and moving forward we will continue to leave this up to parental discretion. I should emphasise that the content of the Parent Teacher meeting will not be different depending on whether or not your child is there with you. The Parent Teacher meeting is an opportunity to have an update on the children's current learning and next steps. It is not an opportunity to discuss concerns - we would always contact you outwith the set Parent Teacher meetings times if we have concerns and we would ask that you do the same. A few parents commented that they would like to see more examples of their child's work and we will take that feedback on board for future occasions. We also continue to look at how we can best make use of Seesaw to share examples of your child's progress with you.

Within the comments a few parents said they would like more homework for their child. I have reached out to these parents to discuss and I would encourage any parent who would like to work with their child at home beyond the core offer of Reading, Spellingframe and Sumdog, to visit the family learning pages on the school website or to contact me directly for advice - I am happy to help. There were no other common themes within the comments but where parents raised individual issues and they left their name, I have reached out to them to discuss or we have addressed the matter in school if it was a minor issue (e.g. information which needed to be shared). I am always grateful for feedback from parents - it is so helpful to see how the school feels from your point of view as it helps us be informed when we plan changes. I encourage all parents to come to me with questions and comments at any point.

Kind regards

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