



# Family Survey - Results

Conducted in June 2023

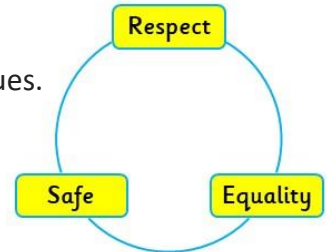
Thank you to everyone who responded to our Family Survey back in June. We have collated the results, and are delighted to be able to share them with you now.

- 1) We revisited our school values in 2019, and it was agreed in the May 2022 survey that we would keep them for at least another year.

This year, we asked if you agreed that we work hard to live by our values.

**98%** of respondents replied **yes, mostly**.

**2%** of respondents (equating to one person!) said **no, rarely**.



It is clear that all the work we have done to promote and embody our values is really paying off. We will continue to ensure our pupils:

- ♥ Are respectful to everyone, and to the environment
- ♥ Know how to keep themselves and others safe
- ♥ Treat people fairly and with kindness

- 2) We keep in touch with our families in a range of ways...

- Whole-school newsletters
- Class newsletters
- Regular letters, notes and reminders
- Phone calls
- Meetings
- Text messages / Groupcall messages
- Updating social media (Twitter, website, Parent Council Facebook)

Overall, you rated us **4½ out of 5** for our communication.



NB: **66%** of respondents gave us **5 out of 5**. *Thank you!*

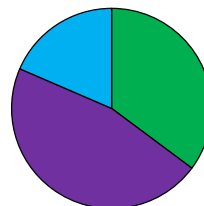
- 3) Primary schools across Glasgow have recently been subjected to a lot of abuse on social media (racism, sexism, homophobia).

We asked if we stopped using Twitter (*now known as X*), would you miss it?

Yes **35%**

No **46%**

Not sure **19%**



We will keep using this platform as an extra way of communicating, but it should in no way be considered our primary source of information.

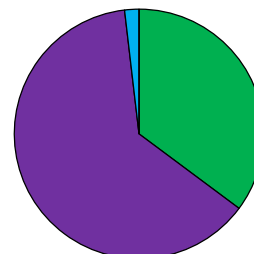


4) Last year finally saw an end to any remaining Covid restrictions, meaning we could welcome families back into school.

This included Open Afternoons, Parents' Evenings and a Christmas Fair.

We asked you to select the option below which best describes your situation...

Attended everything	35%
Attended as much as we could	63%
Didn't manage to attend anything (but wanted to)	2%
Didn't manage to attend anything (and didn't want to)	0%

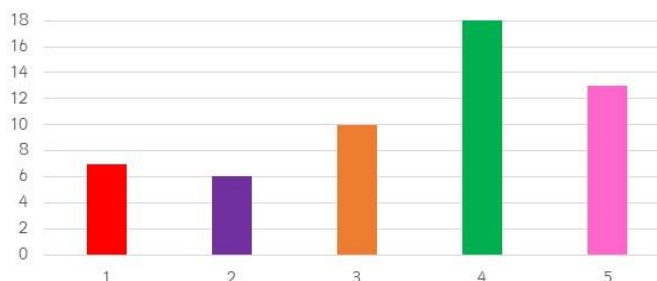


It is great to see that our families overwhelmingly want to get in to school as much as possible to share all the great learning that takes place.

Look out for opportunities across the year!

5) We asked if you would be interested in attending workshops for families (parents, carers etc) linked to the curriculum, i.e. reading, writing, numeracy, and digital skills?

1 - no interest at all  
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5 - very interested



It is clear a number of families would like to engage in this sort of offer, so look out for more information coming soon.

6) While the cost of everything has risen, budgets have either stayed the same or been reduced.

With that in mind, the main things we plan to spend money on are:

- Staffing (to ensure maximum support for our learners)
- ICT suite (existing computers cannot be used on the council's upgraded network)
- Basic resources (stationery, books, art supplies, other learning materials)

100% of respondents agreed with this proposal.

We are now paying for the equivalent of 2 teachers, one Support for Learning Worker, and one Principal Teacher.



7) In recent years we have made improvements in the following areas:

- Attainment across maths and numeracy
- Use of digital technology
- Tracking and monitoring progress
- Reading for enjoyment
- Supporting wellbeing
- Equalities
- Language provision (more French across school, and aspects of Mandarin, Gaelic and BSL)

We have identified the following School Improvement priorities for this year:

- Improving attendance
- Continuing to improve attainment in writing (*NB: this is a city-wide challenge*)
- Further work on inclusive practice (*additional support needs and nurture*)

Many respondents commented on how they agreed with these, with comments like:

“good priorities”

“the points mentioned were already in my mind!”

“the school is doing well with so many pressures”

“summed up so nicely”

We asked if there was anything else you thought we should consider. A range of suggestions were made...

▪ *Parent Council*

Comments were made about the Parent Council needing a shake-up, with fresh ideas and voices required, along with the creation of a renewed vision.

Our Parent Council supports the school in many ways, and a fabulous working relationship between the school’s Leadership Team and the Parent Council has developed. New members are always warmly embraced!

The first Parent Council meeting this year will take place on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 19:00**. Anyone interested in joining is very welcome to come along.

▪ *Behaviour and bullying*

We have seen vast improvements in behaviour across the school over the last few years. Consistent reinforcement of our values, a clear *Relationships* policy, and a more established staff team have helped this.

Our work around inclusion has also been vital in helping us understand the various needs of our pupils, and how best to support them. This involves being adaptable, flexible and responsive to different situations.

All members of staff have completed the latest *RespectMe* anti-bullying training, and we have our *Anti-bullying* policy which aligns with local and national best practice.

Our Child Protection procedures have been quality assured by representatives from Glasgow City Council and HMIe.

- *Homework*

This never goes away! We know that some families enjoy the current *learning grid* system, which provides flexibility and opportunities for learning together, while others would prefer a different approach.

This is something we will look at again during the course of this school year.

- *Swimming*

Unlike other local authorities, we are lucky in Glasgow that all primary children get an opportunity to have swimming lessons. At Golfhill, this usually happens in P5, at Whitehill Pool.

- *Creative arts*

All pupils have opportunities to be creative as part of the *Expressive Arts* curriculum.

Artwork produced by pupils is displayed in classes and around the school, and making crafts to sell is a key part of our Christmas fair.

In addition, we have dance coaches, music instructors, a Christmas choir and school shows, as well as occasional other visiting specialists and trips to the cinema and theatre.

## 8) At Golfhill, we expect all pupils to wear school uniform.

We are flexible in our approach, being mindful of the cost of the school day and different clothing preferences.

There is no obligation to buy clothes with the school badge on. Plain clothes without the badge, but in the school colours of **navy** and **sky blue**, are perfectly acceptable.

Unfortunately, towards the end of last year, we noticed more and more pupils *not* wearing uniform.

We asked everyone to make a pledge to wear a uniform, and **98%** of respondents said we could count on their support.

We look forward to seeing everyone in our school colours throughout the year (but with the occasional non-uniform day, and, of course, Halloween fancy dress!).



9) We know you have a choice of schools across Dennistoun and the wider local area. As such, we really appreciate you choosing Golfhill for your child(ren)'s education.

We asked why you chose Golfhill, and continue to support us. Here are a selection of the wonderful answers...

Staff are understanding of circumstances and supportive towards families.

Golfhill is a brilliant primary school which delivers a positive learning environment.

The approachability of the staff, and the support of equality and diversity.

Fabulousness personified and we love you.

Very understanding, always willing to listen, and great communication.

We are grateful for the outdoor green space, like the forest.

The kindness and support the staff show our children on a daily basis.

There is a strong sense of community, a strong parent group, and the small size is terrific for a city school.

Every single member of staff is amazing and really cares about the pupils. The school is more like family than a school.

Very supportive, nurturing and friendly school environment.

I really like the way Mr Morrow speaks about inclusivity and respect.

The children are respectful and there is a nice ethos in the school.

The staff genuinely want to be teaching, and are doing the work for the right reasons.

The staff are very professional, kind and wonderful.

Small school so teachers can get to know the children more easily.

Fantastic leadership and staff team. Our children love going to school which is a reflection of the positive learning culture at the school.

I find it an amazing school.

Local, well-run school, with a good learning environment and happy children.

The vision from the HT, and the fairness, inclusivity and diversity the school promotes.

Good location, good class sizes, good staff, good reputation, good values, good progress, good direction. Highly recommended!