

Thurnham Infant School
Annual Parental Survey 2016

194 surveys were received (where no responses given numbers will add up to less than 194, some did not complete the second page as they may not have realised it was two sided so response numbers are slightly lower for section 5 and 6)

Section 1 – Achievement, standards and progress

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
1. The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his or her best.	193		
2. My child is making good progress and achieving well for their ability.	180	10	1
3. The school communicates well with me about my child.	178	8	7
4. I can talk to my child's class teacher if I need to.	190	1	

Section 2 – Quality of teaching and the curriculum

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
5. Teaching at Thurnham is of a high quality.	190	4	
6. My child understands what they need to do to improve further and this is shared with parents.	158	28	7
7. The school provides an interesting range of activities outside classroom lessons e.g. lunchtime and after school clubs, trips and visits.	165	21	8

Section 3 – Leadership and Management

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
8. I am made to feel welcome at the school.	194		
9. I am kept up-to-date and informed about what is going on at school.	189	2	1
10. The school is led and managed well.	192	1	
11. I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem.	192	2	
12. My child feels they can approach someone at school with an issue.	164	23	4
13. The school works closely with parents / carers.	180	10	2

Section 4 – Behaviour & Safety

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
14. My child is happy and enjoys school.	189	5	
15. Behaviour is good.	180	6	1
16. Any incidents are swiftly dealt with.	166	23	2
17. The school keeps my child safe.	193	1	

Section 5 – The Distinctive character of the school as a Church School

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
18. The school is a caring institution based on clear Christian Values.	168	5	1
19. The school has excellent links with the local church, the parish and the clergy.	184	10	

Section 6 – Inclusion / Special Educational Needs

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
20. The school promotes inclusion for children with differing needs.	138	45	
21. I am actively involved in discussions regarding my child's provision.	128	22	9
22. When necessary, I access the school website for key information and policies.	145	10	2

23. If you can, sum up the school in one word.

Amazing, Fantastic (x7), Brilliant (x4), Enjoyable (x2), Supportive, Academic, Nurturing, Friendly (x2), Impressive (x2), Splendid, Confidence, Exceptional, Outstanding (x5), Happy (x9), Excellent (x26), Brilliant (x3), Helpful, Thriving, Good (x10), Lovely (x2), Inclusive, Organised (x2), Caring (x8), Great (x8), Promising, Encouraging (x3), Cramped, Lovely, Community, Quality, Communicative, Focussed, Super, Awesome, Enriching, Fab (x2), Positive (x3), Welcoming, Wonderful, OK, Involving

Any further comments or ideas to consider for the future:

- Improve parking outside
- Am I doing enough at home with my child?
- My child is so happy here
- Teachers are so responsive to children's needs
- School trips expensive
- Even more after school clubs (particularly to help working parents)
- All staff are pleasant and approachable, particularly the Headteacher
- Thank you for making my child so happy in school
- Spelling tests are not beneficial
- Homework lacks clarity
- My child's confidence has grown
- Need more information on my child's progress
- My child is very happy

- **What a well managed and supportive school**
- **Later parent evenings for working parents**
- **After school supervision until 6:00pm needed**
- **Thank you for working hard for my children**
- **I'd like to know when my child has been sent to Mr James**
- **More Year R clubs**
- **A lego club**
- **A tennis club**
- **I'm sorry to be saying goodbye to this school after all my children have been here**
- **A brilliant, inclusive school that nurtures and educates well**
- **Playtimes and lunchtimes need even more adults**
- **How can working parents be involved in school time activities**
- **Love Christian values and praying before meals**
- **I feel involved in my child's education**
- **Notify us if we are having a student teacher**
- **Lucky to get my child into this lovely school**
- **Not enough after school football**
- **Too focussed on Christianity**
- **I look forward to my other children coming**
- **More variety to after school activities**
- **Lessons move at too frantic a pace for children to understand sometimes**
- **I like the gentle sense of humour in e-mails and newsletters**