

Parents' & Carers' Survey - June 2022 – The Results



Dear Parents/Carers

Thankyou for responding to the Survey we issued in June this year. 90 completed Surveys were returned. The Results are enclosed.

We appreciate and value all of your feedback. Thankyou for your kind comments about the school.

Based on the results of the Survey, we will:

- Aim to maintain all of the many positives that parents/carers commented upon in the Survey. It is clear that you value our friendly, welcoming and caring ethos, that you feel we keep children safe, and – for example – that you value the range of Clubs we offer (including Breakfast Club and Home from Home). It is also clear that parents see teaching and learning as key strengths of the school, and that you feel that the curriculum we provide is effective.
- Write to Sunderland Council to share your concerns about the parking on Spelterworks Rd. These concerns have emerged in previous Surveys too, and we have made contact in the past with the Council – that led to some speed bumps being placed on the road. However, it is clear that parking is still a concern.
- Invite more parents to join our Parents & Friends Group.
- Provide more equipment on the playground – we will work with our School Council and with our Parents & Friends Group on that.

Many thanks

Mr McAnaney, Mrs Russell and the GPS Staff Team.

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(i) Questionnaire (90 responses)							
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Strongly Agree and Agree Combined
1	My child is happy at this school.	64%	35%	0	0	1%	99%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	65%	35%	0	0	0	100%
3	My child does well at this school.	62%	37%	1%	0	0	99%
4	The school has high expectations for my child.	55%	41%	1%	0	3%	96%
5	This school makes sure the pupils are well behaved.	53%	42%	4%	0	1%	95%
6	This school deals effectively with bullying. <i>Please leave blank if you have no experience or knowledge of this.</i>	48%	46%	4%	0	2%	94%
7	The school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit.	65%	35%	0	0	0	100%
8	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	56%	43%	0	0	1%	99%
9	When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	54%	39%	4%	0	3%	93%
10	The school lets me know how my child is doing.	68%	32%	0	0	0	100%
11	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	58%	38%	0	0	4%	96%
12	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	51%	42%	3%	0	4%	93%
13	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	68%	27%	1%	0	4%	95%
14	I would recommend Grangetown Primary School to another parent?	Yes: 100%			No: 0%		Don't know: 0%

(ii) In your opinion, what are the best things about Grangetown Primary School?

Foundation Stage - Nursery and Reception

- The staff and teachers are very much welcoming and respectful.
- Very supportive.
- Very welcoming, easy to communicate with, working to their best ability to deliver the safest and encouraging environment for the kids to learn and develop their skills at an early age.
- Outcomes for learners and children good. Effectiveness of leadership and management good. Personal development, behaviour and welfare outstanding.
- The staff are brilliant and very patient can't fault the school.
- How well my child has improved. They make my child happy and get her involved in activities.
- Clean environment, time keeping, kind gestures of the teachers.
- A very welcoming school.
- The schools approach to phonics. This enables them to read better.
- Allowing the kids to explore their environment thereby helping them to learn from their immediate environment. Taking the kids for excursions despite their ages.
- They are so welcoming the staff. They do a great range of school clubs. My kid's love the school.
- The friendliest of all staff, also the teachers have really helped my daughter with her speech over the last year.
- For the fact that you offer school trips to the children is fun as every child will want to see new things even after having an academic session.
- All the teachers are very nice and kind with the children. Lots of nice activities. The atmosphere is very warm.
- I like the interaction and the amount of interest the teacher gives each child as they go into/leave school. I also like the parent consultations that happen throughout the school year.

Key Stage 1 - Year 1 & 2

- The teachers allow the kids to explore their environment; taking the kids for excursions regardless of their ages.
- The interaction between teachers and parents through the See Saw App and in the school yard. I also like the parent consultations that happen throughout the school year.
- Equal treatment of the pupils. Affordable prices of the optional services like Home from Home after school care club. The teachers are very open to talk about any subject regarding the pupils education.
- Outcomes for children and learners good. Effectiveness of leadership and management good. Personal development, behaviour and welfare outstanding.
- My child's teachers have all been amazing, and have dealt with any issues I have had. I feel _____ has a varied curriculum and is always learning something new or having new experiences. He also loves the range of after school clubs.
- My child enjoys coming to school. His learning has developed and he enjoys the way he is taught by his teacher. Very friendly helpful staff.
- Teaching staff are brilliant. Lots of school trips and in-school activities. Children are very happy. Achievements recognised.
- Teachers support.
- Quality education. Clean & tidy environment. The teachers reception. The timing.
- All teachers and TA's are caring and nurturing and strive to do their best for each child.
- Dedicated staff, friendly.

- Close to me/walking distance. A nurturing school that I feel deals well with education and personal development. The school cares about the children that attend the school.
- The high standard the children learn at school and pupils well behaved.
- Great teachers and very welcoming.
- My child loves the school.
- Teachers are good.
- Brilliant staff. Local. After school activities/clubs.
- The children seem happy. The teachers are brilliant. The counselling services support for LAC children.
- Friendly staff. Great active school clubs. Great with reading.
- They are so welcoming, all staff. They do a great range of school clubs my kids love the school.
- Very friendly, atmosphere, supportive towards my child, i.e. learning and well-being.
- The teachers care about the children's education and it shows. The good range of after school clubs, groups for others, such as the messy play sessions are fabulous.

Key Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4

- Grangetown Primary School is very accommodating and members of staff have proven time and time again that despite race and background, all the kids are treated equally, which is very comforting.
- Organising various events like Book Day, Christmas play etc. Good staff.
- All the children seem to come out happy and lots of activities for kids to do.
- Their ability to learn the children and bring them on.
- Make kids feel safe.
- Amazing and welcoming staff. Extremely helpful if I raise any concerns about _____ they are dealt with fast and this makes the school perfect in my eyes.
- That it's a positive school.
- Environment is warm and friendly. Breakfast and after school clubs. Good support for children with 'special needs'.
- Breakfast club. After school clubs. Teachers. Dinner ladies.
- Teachers, TAs and support staff are approachable and friendly and knowledgeable about the children. The new office staff are friendly and approachable. Good value breakfast and after school clubs, including Home from Home. Good class sizes that aren't oversubscribed like other schools. Good varied curriculum with extras. Excellent French and Drama options.

Key Stage 2 - Years 5 & 6

- It's friendly. Variety of trips/opportunities. ____ says her teachers really care for her. Support provided to our daughter/us as her parents. You value and promote less academic subjects such as music. After and before school value is fantastic.
- They good very nice teachers and my son likes his school.
- I like the yard the best.
- The level of learning and wide range of subjects available to all ages of children, all staff are very approachable and helpful and willing to work with parents to help their child inside and outside of school.
- Friendly teachers, welcoming atmosphere and a safe happy place.
- They care.
- Teachers, school policy and procedures. Variety of activities.
- Great teachers and very welcoming.
- GPS has always been a school where topics, learning, engage pupils through – field trips, research, activities, also good teacher-pupil support. Everyone in GPS have always been

friendly, eager to help and resolve any issues/concerns raised. Great communication – weekly letters, Facebook, home link books, etc.

- Friendly teachers and staff, who are warm and welcoming. Good communication.
- After school clubs. French. Drama/Dance. Home from Home. Residential trips. Teaching. Staff are responsive to queries/concerns. Kids are celebrated during achievers, attendance, etc. Range of curriculum opportunities is fantastic.
- The clubs are great especially Home from Home for working parents.
- Very supportive.

(iii) Is there anything in particular that you'd change about the school?

Foundation Stage

Nursery and Reception

- Nothing for now.
- I don't have anything in mind to change about school at this stage.
- Nothing
- Not really, I'm happy with the way the school is.
- The school is great in every way.
- 100% satisfied & happy.
- Everything is perfect.

Key Stage 1 - Years 1 and 2

- I'm happy with everything that the school does at the moment.
- Timely communication around some areas, e.g. club allocation or PE kit policy before new term began.
- I would like my child to be able to bring her school books home when they are no longer needed. They can then look back on their prior learning and it can be celebrated at home and cherished.
- I would not change anything about the school, but maybe try buy or make car park at the bottom of the road.
- There is no safe crossing outside the school.
- More opportunities to come in to class as parents.

Key Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4

- No, I'm happy.
- No, nothing at present time
- To make sure all pupils wear full uniform.

Key Stage 2 - Years 5 & 6

- To not hold hospital appointments against attendance.
- Should be a lollipop lady at the crossing.
- Very little. I feel you do everything in your power about parking but can't control the ignorant people who insist on parking on the bank. The 20 limit has not worked and it is difficult to cross.
- The school needs a lollipop person and needs more enforcement on people parking on the bank.

(iv) In what ways would you like to see the school develop over the next three years?

Foundation Stage – Nursery and Reception

- I would like the school to keep working hard and get the required resources to achieve Ofsted Outstanding grade.
- Begin a volunteer reading programme.
- Less traffic if possible as it is very difficult to cross roads safely during pick up times.
- The school winning local, state and national academic awards.
- Keep on being great.
- Keep doing what you're doing I think you're an excellent school and help each child reach their potential.
- I feel the school has high potential.
- I'm happy with everything that the school does. There are plenty of activities out and the right amount of assemblies for parents to watch throughout the year.

Key Stage 1 - Years 1 & 2

- I'm happy with everything that the school does. There's plenty of activities out and the right amount of assemblies for parents to watch throughout the year.
- Begin a volunteer reading programme.
- Continue with the experiences they provide.
- More use of digital tools, e.g. Teachers to Parents. Instead of yellow weekly pamphlets, add all info onto T2P and have reminders the day before, and a calendar overview "at a glance".
- A variety of after school clubs. More interaction involvement with child's class.
- Add a few couple of things on the playground. Maintain the student clubs and encourage them to be effective.
- Just to continue the high standards they have now.
- The school is perfect.
- A safe crossing/crossing patrol.
- More playground facilities and outside learning.
- Keep on being great.

Key Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4

- I don't think it needs any developing it is good as it is.
- More on the playground for all year groups.
- There isn't anything you do an amazing job already. Continue doing what you do!
- More car spaces.
- Extend swimming classes to younger classes. Musical instrument like violin should be included in the music curriculum. Provision of school bus services.
- New subjects and clubs like science club and maths club.
- More choices for after school clubs e.g. basketball, badminton.

Key Stage 2 - Years 5 & 6

- Again nothing at present time. School covers all needs and development for my child.
- A move to more digital options as I am conscious how much paperwork I get. Happy to have digital options (although this may reduce now I'll only have one child at GPS!).

- The school is perfect.
- More parents to join parent group and be more involved. More play equipment on yard.

(v) Have you any further comments about the school...anything else that you'd like to add?

Foundation Stage – Nursery & Reception

- They look after children and have good communication with parents.
- Thank you for your hard work.
- Education and training all is fantastic.
- A pleasant experience throughout the time _____ has attended both Little Butterflies and nursery.
- Couple issues, in regards to people parking on yellow zigzag outside the school, and also smoking close to the entrance, although I know not much can be done.
- Nothing to do with the school but it can be awkward trying to get past all of the cars parked on the bank on a morning and after school, especially having a pram in tow as well.
- _____ loves coming to school.

Key Stage 1 - Years 1 & 2

- The teachers are fantastic. I really appreciate their efforts.
- I don't have any further comments about the school but the parking the bank can be a nightmare for anyone walking especially with prams.
- Education and training all fantastic.
- _____ loves his time at school! I feel confident I chose the right school for my child.
- The children are very happy here and are rewarded for their achievements. The teachers are brilliant. Would like messages to come to me direct rather than via the child, e.g. PE day change, although this has improved recently.
- Good school that has my child's learning and well-being at heart. _____ has been through some things and Miss Tose has supported him ensuring he is safe and happy.
- _____ would like more school trips and for Santa to come, not Mr Newby dressed up!
- Thank you for helping my daughter to learn and grow in a great school.
- Extend swimming classes to younger class. Musical instrument like violin should be included in the music curriculum. Provision of school bus services.
- The staff are great to talk to about things I am worried about my child and they sort them out straight away.

Key Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4

- How easy new people are made welcome in school as they are shy, but within days they seemed as if they had been there months. Well done keep up the good work.
- Yes once again this isn't the school but the parents. The parking on the bank is just out of control. Parents have no concern about how dangerous it is to be children. Could we ask the council to put double yellow lines the whole way up?
- To make sure all pupils wear full uniform and no non-uniform.
- No parking either side of the road to the school, accident could happen.
- Keep up the good work, the team really go above and beyond for the kids. I appreciate the way SATS are handled and the forthcoming times tables test - the kids are not pressured and know to just do their best.

Key Stage 2 - Years 5 & 6

- We are incredibly grateful for the excellent personal support _____ has been given to help her progress personally and academically.
- Good all round school. Good working school.
- A crossing would be safer for the children.
- _____ has been at GPS since she was 3 and the support she has had has helped her grow into the girl she is now. There have been ups and downs along the way but all the staff who I've shared concerns with, have responded and helped her build her confidence. She's particularly grown in Year 6 - thanks to Miss Hunter for this.
- _____ is leaving this year but has loved being a part of Grangetown! He will miss a lot of staff/teachers, especially Miss Hunter.
- Both of our children have loved their time at GPS. Our son leaves in July but as a family, we've seen our children develop in their education. They've grown more confident both in their learning and socially. I'd also like to add, during this academic year there was an incident which my son's teacher picked up on, liaised with the head teacher, who then spoke to me, incident was resolved promptly. Fantastic pupil support.

