

Southmere Primary Academy Parent Voice Questionnaire Outcomes – May 2016

School received 29 responses from parents. The figures in the table are the percentage of the outcomes.

| Statement | Strongly agree | Agree | Don't know | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No answer |
|--|----------------|-------|------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. My child enjoys school. | 45 | 41 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. The school keeps my child safe. | 48 | 38 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. My child is making progress at school. | 31 | 59 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 4. The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle. | 28 | 48 | 17 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. The school informs me about my child's progress. | 34 | 52 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 3 |
| 6. The school expects my child to work hard and do his or her best. | 38 | 52 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Parents and carers are encouraged to come into school and be actively involved. | 24 | 48 | 10 | 14 | 3 | 0 |
| 8. The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (such as changing year groups, moving to secondary school). | 24 | 45 | 21 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| 9. There is a good range of activities including trips and visits for my child to take part in. | 35 | 48 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. The school treats my child fairly and with respect. | 38 | 52 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 3 |
| 11. The school meets my child's particular needs. | 28 | 48 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 3 |
| 12. The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour. | 28 | 38 | 17 | 10 | 3 | 3 |
| 13. The school has appropriate procedures for dealing with complaints. | 28 | 41 | 17 | 10 | 3 | 0 |
| 14. The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns. | 17 | 52 | 17 | 10 | 3 | 0 |
| 15. The school is led and managed effectively. | 14 | 48 | 14 | 21 | 3 | 0 |
| 16. Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at school. | 28 | 52 | 3 | 10 | 7 | 0 |

Parental comments included:

- “Friendly staff always willing to listen. They're very good with sorting problems. Never any problems with my kids, they enjoy coming to school every day.”
- “I think my child is good in school and I'm very happy. I have no worries about my child. I am very happy for my four children in school. I am also happy for the teachers/head teacher because they do their work nicely.”
- “I have not been happy with the supply teachers. I feel that my child has not achieved the right progress level from school.”
- “I don't think there are enough school visits and trips throughout the year to support learning. Also homework needs to be consistently given across subject areas, regularly.”
- “There could be more parents with pupil involvement.”
- “My child is happy to go to school because she loves learning and she's got friends.”

- “Thank you very much for helping my son and my son is so happy in the school. Thank you.”

School response:

- We are very pleased that the majority of parents are happy with their child’s experience at school.
- School are, of course, concerned about the changes in staffing, and are working to employ quality teachers to fill vacancies for September.
- Parent concerns over behaviour have already been recognised by school. We have recently updated our behaviour procedures, included activities for break and lunch times to reduce distraction and frequency of serious issues.
- Parents also seek further involvement with school, and we are in the process of planning engagement events for the summer term after the success of the Healthy Eating Day and Superhero Day.
- 24 of our parents do not feel that school is led and managed effectively. The Academy is in period of transition, with a new Principal due to start in September. Almost half of the Summer 2 term will see Ms Dawson in school and this will aid a smooth transition to her leadership. The current Vice Principals continue to work under the direction of the Executive Principal, Mrs Colthart, until Ms Dawson’s post starts. This brings more stability to the leadership team over time.