



RUSHDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Parent Survey February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Parent Questionnaire. Your views are highly valued and will be used to improve the school's offer. On this occasion, 87 families completed the questionnaire, and the parents who responded were evenly spread across the year groups in school. I have summarised some of the key areas of success and areas we will be developing over the next few terms.

Key areas of Success

- **My child feels happy at school**

99% of all parents felt their child was happy at RPA. This is wonderful news. However, if your child isn't happy at any point during their learning years at RPA, please speak with either me, one of the leadership team or pastoral team. We will then be able to address any difficulties your child may be having and provide/direct you to some extra support, if appropriate.

- **My child feels safe at this school**

We are very pleased that 99% of you said that your child feels safe at school.

- **The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved**

99% of parents agreed with this statement. Our good behaviour has been commented upon many, many times by visitors coming into the school and during trips out of school. We have a newly introduced behaviour policy, with an emphasis on our school rules: 'Respect, Pride & Achieve', which is having a positive impact on the behaviour of our pupils.

- **The school makes me aware of what my child will learn each term**

95% of the parents who replied felt that they are aware of what their child is learning. Each term, we upload the Big Picture overviews to the website, however we will now also be sharing these on Dojo so they are more accessible. I would welcome further feedback and recommendations at parents' evening if you have any ideas as to how we can improve this further.

- **If I have raised concerns, I feel the school have listened and responded appropriately.**

92% of the responses felt that we had responded appropriately. From the comments that were received, I can see that we need to further develop communication as to the final outcomes to a situation. As you can appreciate, we will not discuss other children by name, but we can assure you that an appropriate action has been taken. This will become a priority for the senior leadership team to improve.

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- **My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.**

100% of all the parents with a child with SEND felt that the school was working well with their children. This is great news and a true reflection of the good work Mrs Larbey, the teachers and teaching assistants do each day to ensure each of our pupils with SEND are supported with all aspects of school life.

- **My child does well at this school**

100% of you stated that your child does well at RPA and, again, this is something about which we are very pleased.

- **The school lets me know how my child is doing**

95% responded positively to this question. From the comments, we can see that some parents would appreciate more regular feedback or an opportunity to discuss their child's learning. Dojo is mentioned mostly positively, but there are a few comments that we will investigate. I, or one of the team, will be happy to chat about this at parents' evening or via Dojo, if you'd prefer.

- **The school supports my child's wider development.**

91% of parents feel that our wider-curriculum offer is acceptable. Comments show that your children value the Skills Builder opportunities and the Careers events that the children have had the opportunity to engage with recently. However, this is an area of development for the Academy and we hope to offer a wider range of extra-curricular opportunities soon.

- **I would recommend RPA Primary School to another parent**

We are pleased that 94% of you stated that you would recommend RPA to another parent. As the new Principal at RPA, I would really appreciate feedback from those of you that commented negatively so that I can take action to improve your experience. It is important to me that as many parents as possible are happy with the school and I welcome your feedback.

- **I am happy with general communication from the school (about school events etc)**

We are delighted that 98% of you are now happy with communication by the school. Your comments show that Dojo has had a positive impact, and that you value the weekly updates and the termly parent planner.

- I recognise that there are still some frustrations and that some parents feel that they would like more notice for events, especially where there is a financial implication. If you are struggling to pay for a school event, please reach out – we will always do what we can to support you.
- Some comments state that there are errors in communications - I would really appreciate if these parents would approach me to discuss this so that I know the types of errors that I should look for.

- **What do you particularly value about the school?**

A huge thank you to all of you that completed this section, there were some lovely comments.

These included:

The caring teachers! Individual assistance, friendly staff, supportive, approachable, the school has a nice feel, helpful, compassionate, community feel, kind staff, problems resolved quickly, helpful office staff, communication, organisation, ethos, house system, responsive...

For me personally, I took heart in the parents that commented on the improvements and the positive journey that the school is on. Rome wasn't built in a day, but many of you have noticed how the team have been working to improve the school to ensure that the children get the best possible offer.

I know that there is still work to do, and we are not getting it right in every area 100% of the time, but as time goes on, I am certain that we will.

- **What would you like to see improved at the school?**

These are the comments that will help us to continue to improve our offer at RPA.

Your feedback includes:

Communication, discipline, listening more to parents, more clubs for wider interests, more playground equipment, sports field repair, communication around peer group issues, reading for pleasure, parking, road safety, more feedback and praise for homework – especially for those that are always ‘doing the right thing’, facilities for SEND, classes opening on time, more guidance for parents to help children at home, staff turnover, more parents’ evenings, sports day.

I have some good news here!

- The sports field is repaired and ready to use - we will be having an epic sports day this year!
- Teachers will begin to offer additional clubs in the summer term (this will continue to increase over time).
- Road markings should be installed around school this summer.
- Facilities for SEND is a priority for me and plans are underway for September.
- I have spoken to teachers regarding classes opening on time – please let one of the leadership team know if they continue to be late.

With regards to any unaddressed points, thank you! The leadership team will work to find solutions. All parental comments will be carefully considered as we set our school improvement priorities for 2023-2024.

We received some individual comments about the school, about which we were very delighted. Thank you again for your responses.

If you have any further comments or suggestions to make, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of the school’s leadership team. I will be available on parents’ evening (with biscuits) – feel free to ask for a quiet word.

Yours sincerely

Miss Edwards