

Ashgrove Primary School

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Parent Questionnaire 2009

The results of last term's questionnaire are set out below:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know	Agree	Strongly Agree
1 Ashgrove Primary School has a happy atmosphere.			1	42	73
2 I feel welcome when I come into school.			1	40	69
3 My child enjoys school.		3	2	38	72
4 The school has a good reputation.			4	39	70
5 I feel valued as a member of the Ashgrove community.		2	20	46	50
6 The items of uniform available in school are good value for money.		6	8	59	35
7 I would be happy to send a healthy break with my child <u>every day</u> (no chocolate bars, crisps or fizzy drinks).	2	9	8	48	45
8 The school encourages healthy eating.		1	5	49	54
9 The school delivers the curriculum in an appropriate and effective manner.		4	8	52	51
10 I get enough information about the curriculum that my child is following.		13	8	52	43
11 The school has sufficiently high expectations of my child.		2	9	57	42
12 The school enables my child to achieve a good standard of work.		2	5	59	43
13 I generally understand the homework expected from my child.			2	56	56
14 The amount and level of homework seems about right for my child.		8	9	54	43
15 Children with special educational needs are well supported.	1	1	51	28	32

- 16 Staff members encourage my child to become independent.
- 17 Children are encouraged to look after each other.
- 18 My child has a good relationship with staff.
- 19 I find members of staff to be accessible and approachable.
- 20 Parent/teacher consultations are useful.
- 21 I am confident that I have a good understanding of my child's progress.
- 22 The annual report provides an appropriate record of my child's progress.
- 23 I am able to access school policies on the internet.
- 24 School trips and visits are worthwhile experiences.
- 25 The newsletter and other notes give me the information I require.
- 26 I always know what social and fund-raising events have been arranged.
- 27 In the last year I have attended three or more social or fund-raising events.
- 28 I am happy to provide a voluntary contribution to school funds of £20 per family.
- 29 I understand the role and responsibilities of the Board of Governors.
- 30 I have approached the school in the last year with a question or suggestion.
- 31 (My suggestion or question was handled well.)
- 32 I am confident that any concerns I might have would be dealt with adequately.
- 33 The school encourages my child to be well behaved.
- 34 I know what behaviour is expected of my child.
- 35 I am confident that the school deals with inappropriate behaviour effectively.
- 36 I have confidence in the vetting of staff and volunteers.
- 37 My child knows that if he/she has a problem there is someone they can speak to.
- 38 My child is aware of "Stranger Danger".
- 39 My child has an appropriate understanding of the dangers of drugs/alcohol/smoking.
- 40 I am satisfied with the extra curricular activities available.
- 41 Ashgrove is known for its commitment to inclusion.
- 42 I have confidence in the school's security.

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	1	6	47	57
		3	48	62
	1	3	40	65
	2	6	54	49
	4	5	57	49
	1	23	52	39
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	7	36	35	26
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		7	62	43
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			52	59
	1	9	60	40
		8	56	47
	2	6	56	50
		5	50	57
	1	6	54	51
	3	20	47	40
		22	36	45
	1	4	64	44

Additional comments regarding the strengths or weaknesses of the school.

- Traffic and safety, illegal parking; need for a lay-by
- Closing gates at break and lunch
- Access to car park by disabled drivers and day nurseries
- Praise for revised Northern Ireland Curriculum and its delivery
- Concerns about homework within the revised Northern Ireland Curriculum
- Quality of uniform items
- Official PE kit for Ashgrove
- After-school clubs to the ends of term
- Sponsored event for funds
- Increase in voluntary contributions to the school fund
- Use made of the school fund
- Written reports before the end of term
- Healthy eating; canteen menu: pros and cons
- Range of items in tuck shops: pros and cons
- Advance notice of early closures
- Arrangements for transfer to post-primary education
- Preparation for post-primary
- Compliments to staff
- Parents room for adults waiting between 2pm and 2:50pm
- Facility for children waiting between 2pm and 2:50pm
- Teacher-training days added to holidays: pros and cons
- Restriction on entrance to grounds before 8:40am