

# Ashgrove Primary School

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## Parent Questionnaire 2010

The annual questionnaire is designed to provide parents with an opportunity to feed into our planning for school improvement. In order to encourage a true reflection of your thoughts and opinions we do not require contributors' names, simply an indication of which year groups are represented.

This year 69 completed questionnaires were returned. The responses are set out below. Thank you to all those who took the trouble to reply and thank you for the encouragement that the data gives. As usual, your ideas for improvement have been identified for consideration through our school development plan.

A large number of questionnaires were returned without indicating which year groups were represented.

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
20	6	12	3	12	7	4

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know	Agree	Strongly Agree
1 Ashgrove Primary School has a happy atmosphere.				21	45
2 I feel welcome when I come into school.		1		22	45
3 My child enjoys school.				21	47
4 The school has a good reputation.			2	27	40
5 I feel valued as a member of the Ashgrove community.		4	6	32	26
6 The items of uniform available in school are good value for money.	1	3	7	36	23
7 I am happy to send a healthy break with my child <u>every day</u> (no chocolate bars, crisps or fizzy drinks).	3	1	2	28	34
8 Allowing for the odd seasonal treat, the school encourages healthy eating.		2	5	27	33
9 The school delivers the curriculum in an appropriate and effective manner.		1	4	34	29
10 I get enough information about the curriculum that my child is following.		9	6	27	26
11 The school has sufficiently high expectations of my child.			4	37	59
12 The school enables my child to achieve a good standard of work.			3	37	27
13 I generally understand the homework expected from my child.				33	35
14 The amount and level of homework seems about right for my child.		3	6	32	27
15 Children with special educational needs are well supported.		1	29	15	16

- 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 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 system and procedures.

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	1	5	36	24
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	1	3	28	36
	1		21	50
	2	3	28	35
	2	9	31	26
	1	8	30	30
	2	2	21	43
		1	26	41
	1	2	32	35
1	7	7	28	20
1	2	4	36	24
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	2	4	31	26
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	2	12	28	28
1		6	33	28
		7	32	28
1	1	2	37	24
	3	12	27	20
		10	35	20
		10	35	20
1		3	38	25

## Issues raised

- Childcare between 2pm and 2:50pm
- Breakfast club
- More clubs
- SEN support at levels 1, 2 and 3
- Job-shares
- Shelter for parents
- DSs
- Charges for one / several children should be different
- Supervisors training
- Healthy breaks three times per week only – or have Treat Friday
- Clubs for younger children
- P7 Ski trip every year
- Parking
- Playground equipment
- Early Friday closing