

POULTON-LE-SANDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS
2014~2015 (92 children = 49% return rate)

Section One – Attitudes to school

90% agree (+10% sometimes) that children enjoy being at this school.
87% agree (+13% sometimes) that children find lessons interesting.
87% of children feel safe from bullying and people calling them names.
95% of children feel they can go to see an adult about a problem.
100% of parents feel that they can contact school with any concerns

Section Three – Curriculum and expectations

56% think it is very clear, with 44% quite clear that the school gives a clear understanding of what is being taught.
85% feel the school enables your child to achieve a good standard of work with 15% saying quite good.
80% feel that if their child is struggling in class, they feel comfortable asking for help, with 16% saying sometimes.
73% are very satisfied with the work your child is expected to do at home, with another 24% saying satisfied.
78% agree the school has very high expectations, with 20% saying high expectations.
85% are interested in finding out more about supporting their child's learning at home (21 meeting, 41 leaflet, 3 via email)

You felt the main purpose of our school should be:

To educate our children (27) to help develop children's social skills (5) within a safe & caring environment (7). To raise self-esteem (2) whilst having fun (3). We agree!!

Section Two – Healthy and Extended Schools

65% agree (+29% sometimes) that school meals are healthy and well balanced.
85% agree (+12% sometimes) school provides good opportunities for physical exercise.
85% believe (+12% sometimes) we help children lead a healthy lifestyle.
56% believe (+37% sometimes) their child enjoys school lunches.

Section Five – Communications, the church & local community

75% (+23% sometimes) agree the school is highly regarded in the school community.
77% (+19% sometimes) think the school plays an active part in the local community.
98% think we have strong links with the parish church.
83% (+17% sometimes) feel we keep parents well informed regarding children's progress.
86% find the weekly newsletter very good, with 14% saying quite good.
95% of people find the texting system very good,

Section Six - Progress

87% agree (+13% sometimes) school has kept parents updated on recent changes.
98% agree that school is better than prior to January 14.

Parking: We would love to have more parking space. We have looked at various options including using Gala Bingo, but have been unsuccessful. The children's safety is paramount, and so we frequently ask the police to monitor and ensure that no cars are on the double yellow lines – thank you to everyone who follows this rule to help keep everyone safe.

Comments re work at home/school

- More homework – ***This usually comes up with some people wanting more with others wanting less, we now run the homework club on a Thursday lunch where the children can do it in school but if anyone would like more homework please speak to the class teacher who can help you.***
- She is always happy with school. ***Great! We aim for everyone to be happy and learning!***
- We like the extra small groups – ***we agree (as does our tracking!) that the groups are helping the children make accelerated progress***
- School dinner choice issue, ***we were aware of this and have spoken to each class reminding them to keep to their main choice they make that morning. Lesley also is tracking more closely at the lunch hatch now.***
- We don't think children are read with enough. ***We always read in English every day, have guided reading sessions most days, most classes have a class reader and where there are concerns we ask TA's to read 1-1 with children. We are more than happy for more volunteers to come in and help listen to readers on a 1-1 basis though!***
- We are happy with our child's progress – ***Great! We're happy with nearly everyone's progress (and we will continue to push for even more!!)***
- Excellent school, thank you so much! - ***Thank you! We are trying our best to create the best learning environment for all of our children so they can learn and make excellent progress.***
- Lunch incidents not reported, ***lunchtime organisers have a tricky job but we agree communication is vital which is why extra training has been given, we have hired more staff and Mrs Bould or Mr Newiss are on duty at lunch now as well.***

One thing I really like about this school:

19 people commented upon the friendly staff and open nature of the school, with 2 comments specifically about our strong link with the church. 2. Eight people commented favourably about the size of our school with 7 stating the community spirit/support offered was great. People liked the new traffic light system for behaviour and the fact staff know the children's names from Reception. It was recognised that we do care about the children (2) and that staff take time to listen to parents and children and help create a happy atmosphere.

One thing I would like the school to do differently:

- Girls & boys change separately for PE – **Fair point, for when the children start to develop, space is an issue but we will put something into place for year 5 as Year 6 do this now.**
- More parent's evenings – **We have 3 opportunities for official parents evenings, but if you want to find out how your children are getting on, then please arrange a meeting with the class teacher at a convenient time.**
- Push children more. **We do try to encourage/push children as much as we can, if you have a specific concern please speak to the class teacher to work together to decide the next steps.**
- Larger portions of food at lunch. **This is a tricky one as some parents have stated we shouldn't give second helpings, if you speak to the class teacher and make them aware they can pass this information onto Lesley.**
- Reading book club for parents/infants – **great idea – we'll think how to make it happen!**
- More after school activities for KS1. **Again this comes up a lot, because of our current situation, our focus has to be on educating within the school day and maximising this success which unfortunately has affected our provision of after school clubs. We hope to put more on and achieve a happy balance of both soon.**
- Expel children who affect others. **We have given out fixed term exclusions where necessary, however these can only be a final resort. We do believe every child deserves the chance to success and often alternative measures do ensure this. Please speak to the class teacher if you are concerned over your child's progress.**
- Discussion on morals – **As a community, we have chosen 7 Christian values that are displayed around school and we focus on one per half term, explaining what it is and how we can show this value. They are: peace, hope, trust, forgiveness, friendship, thankfulness, compassion**
- More staff at play/lunchtimes. **We have 2 staff on the small yard at break and lunch (2 classes), with 2-4 at break and lunchtimes on the big yard, with an additional member of staff on first aid. We have just appointed 2 more lunchtime organisers and all have had recent training.**
- Change cinema night. **Together with the Friends we decided Wednesday was the best night in order to staff the event. If you have a preferred night and could help out please speak to Jaimie Heath to get involved – the more the merrier!**
- Attainment rewards take into account situation. **We think we do! We understand all children progress at different speeds and situations outside school can affect all of us. If you think there is something we are not taking into consideration please discuss it with the class teacher initially to help us understand.**
- Higher uniform standards. **We always strive for high standards, but as we can all appreciate, things do break and it takes time to replace. Having said that, we do speak to children frequently to remind them of our uniform standards.**
- More sports wanted(rugby): **We play a variety of sports in lessons, and together with Morecambe High have also provided orienteering at Williamson Park, climbing and gorge walking in the Lake District along with climbing at MCHS. We've also had Liam in from Heysham Atoms as a taster session to promote rugby and Steve from Lancashire CCC to run cricket sessions. Look on our website for how we are spending our PE grant money.**

