



# BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/carers,

Thank you to the parents who took the time to feed back their views about our school when we emailed out the copies of the questionnaire. Forty families out of a possible one hundred and fifty-six, responded to the questionnaire. All comments help us to understand how we are doing and contribute to the further improvement of our school and strengthening of our Home/School partnership.

**You will be pleased to know that the large majority of parents strongly agreed or agreed with the following statements:**

- 90% state their child is happy; 7% neither agree or disagree
- 55% state that their child has not been bullied. 15% agree the school deals effectively with bullying; 10% disagree and 3% strongly disagrees
- 93% state that they know what their child learns during the year
- 27% state the pupils with SEND are given the support they need; 71% neither agree or disagree with 3% strongly disagreeing
- 93% state that their child does well; 7% neither agree or disagree
- 98% agree my child can take part in clubs

All these statements reflect good teaching and children's happiness and wellbeing.

Whilst some statements generated a very positive response from parents, response to the following statements were below 90% and reflects the differing experiences of parents.

- 68% state that the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved and 8 parents neither agree or disagree
- 72% state the school has high expectations 28% neither agree or disagree
- 72.5% state the school let me know how well my child is doing; 15% disagree or strongly disagree
- 88% agree there is a good range of subjects; 12% neither agree or disagree
- 73% agree the school supports wider personal development; 27% neither agree or disagree
- 15% state that the school does not respond well to any concerns I raise
- 83% would recommend the school; 17% would not recommend the school

If you would like to give us any verbal feedback on any of your responses, please do arrange to see myself.



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## What is currently in place and what will we do:

Statement	Currently in place	What we will do
School makes sure its pupils are well behaved	We have high expectations for all pupils behaviour at Bearwood Primary and Nursery School. However, we recognise that this may not be clear to all stakeholders.	We have re written the behaviour policy in line with new government guidance and Trust directives. The policy will be available in a parent friendly format as well as pupil friendly. This will be shared with all stakeholders by January.
School let me know how well by child is doing	With Covid now behind us, we are able to reinstate the good practice which we were once able to deliver. As always, if you have any concerns about your child's progress, please do see the class teacher. Please ring the office to arrange a phone call or meeting. We offer termly parents evenings and an end of year report.	We have created SATS guides to support parents with the end of Year 6 tests. You will also receive booklets which clearly show where your child should be at the end of each year group. We are reinstating face to face parents' evenings where you will be able to talk to the teacher about your child's progress as well as look at your child's progress in their books. We will also be offering workshops and open sessions for you to work alongside your child in Maths and English.
There is a good range of subjects	We offer a full range of subjects in line with the National Curriculum. Each half term, you will receive a curriculum newsletter which shares the knowledge that the pupils will learn for each subject.	Please see <a href="#">Curriculum Overview - Bearwood School</a> for more information on how we build the progression of knowledge over time. In the spring term we will be launching an initiative which aims to develop each pupil's character and personal development. This will aim to introduce new opportunities for pupils to develop their skills and knowledge across a range of subjects.
School does not respond well to any concerns I raise	We believe that we have an open-door policy. Everyday life in schools is often very busy. Therefore to ensure that all stakeholders can work together within a reasonable time frame, we created and shared the following document <a href="#">Bearwood-Primary-and-Nursery-School-Communication-Policy.pdf</a>	We will always aim to work with all stakeholders for the very best for our pupils. Any safeguarding concerns are dealt with immediately. We will continue to respond to any concerns in a timely manner in line with the policy. If you find that this is not happening, then please ring a member of the senior leadership team to we can address this and ensure that this does not reoccur.



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School supports wider personal development	We aim to offer pupils a wide range of experiences, including clubs and trips. Due to the current economic downturn and the impact of this, we are finding this ever harder to do.	We are trying to be creative with how we can ensure all pupils can experience wider personal development. You will shortly receive an overview of clubs for the Autumn and Spring term which will show how we are attempting to offer a range of clubs which are free as well as offered by outside agencies. We are also organising a road map for each year group which shows the wealth of opportunities throughout the year, for example, KS2 Shakespeare play, whole school STEAM day. This aims to share all the opportunities we offer as a school.
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It is with the hope that continuing to do the very best for your child(ren) and implementing the above, that when we repeat the survey in Summer term, we will be able to improve on the 83% who would recommend the school.

Many thanks for your comments and continued support. Overleaf is a summary of the comments from parents.

Yours sincerely,



**Laura Bennett**  
**Head Teacher**



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### A summary of the positive comments:

- Lovely school and lovely teachers
- Both of my children are very happy at Bearwood, it's a lovely school and all the staff members make the children feel valued as part of the school community
- School and teachers are great.
- Very happy with the school.

### A summary of suggestions of things that could be improved or developed:

- Poor communication with parents
- I appreciate we are forever moving into a digital world and there is openness to change on our part however, I believe certain messages, updates, homework etc should be restricted to at least 2 or 3 formats as I, though I don't think I'm alone, keep missing stuff.
- Concerns me a bit that school trips can't go ahead because parents don't supply the required money. Not the fault of the school but I worry about my daughter missing out. Very happy with the school.
- At times things don't feel as organised as they could be, it can feel a little last minute. Disappointed that the only after school childcare provision cost £22.20 with a snack. This feels extortionate and much higher than other local schools.

Thank you for your responses. We will be working on streamlining the way we communicate the information so that it is easier for parents and information doesn't get missed. Regarding school trips, we are trying to ensure that some trips are free of charge and reduce the fee as much as possible.

After school provision is run by an external provider and not actually linked to the school. We really wish that we could offer an after-school provision at school, but sadly as we did not have a sufficient uptake, it was no longer financially viable. Please do see [Help finding childcare \(bcpccouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/help-finding-childcare) for alternatives to afterschool care.



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