



West Melton Primary School  
**Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2014-2015**

*Staff and Governors are working hard to improve our school and are keen to hear the views of parents/carers. Please take the time to complete and return this questionnaire and help us to make our school the best it can be.*

**Standards and Expectations**

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1	My child is happy at school and enjoys learning.	75%	23%		2%	
2	My child has a positive attitude to learning at home.	58%	19%	2%	4%	
3	The school has high expectations for pupils to work hard and do their best.	70%	28%	2%		
4	My child is making good progress at school.	70%	28%		2%	
5	The school and the grounds are safe and in good condition.	70%	26%	4%		
6	The school is well-resourced with equipment, books and furniture.	72%	23%	4%	2%	
7	My child's homework is appropriate to their age and their learning needs.	64%	30%	2%	2%	2%
8	I am happy with the quality of education that my child receives.	75%	19%	4%		2%
9	The school provides a stimulating learning environment.	77%	21%	2%		
10	Teachers use a range of creative and interesting lessons and learning activities in school.	77%	17%			6%
11	The school is well-led and is moving forward.	74%	13%			13%

**Personal Well-Being and Development**

12	I know my child is safe and secure at school.	77%	17%	2%		4%
13	The school has a happy atmosphere and a positive ethos.	74%	20%	2%	2%	2%
14	Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent.	75%	25%			
15	My child is confident that someone in school will listen to them if they have a problem.	64%	23%	4%	2%	7%
16	The school encourages children to care for one another and develop a sense of responsibility.	70%	25%		2%	4%
17	The school promotes and encourages good behaviour and good manners.	81%	17%		2%	
18	The school's new reward system motivates my child to do well.	74%	25%			2%



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<b>Additional Activities and Experiences</b>						
19	The school curriculum is enhanced well through appropriate educational visits/visitors.	57%	34%			11%
20	There is a good range of after-school clubs provided during term-time over the year.	32%	38%	13%	6%	11%
<b>Working With Parents/Carers</b>						
21	The school communicates effectively with parents/carers.	57%	32%	9%		2%
22	If problems occur, the school works well with parents/carers and pupils to address the issues.	64%	19%	4%		13%
23	My child's teacher provides me with the information I need to support my child's learning and progress through the year.	74%	20%			6%
24	The 'Pupil Learning Log' helps me to keep in touch with my child's teacher and to be involved in my child's learning.	75%	19%	2%		4%
25	The school website provides me with the information I need to support my child's learning, and helps me keep up-to-date with the school's activities.	60%	30%	2%		7%
26	The school provides a good range of opportunities for me to attend events and celebrations.	66%	28%	2%		4%

<b>Any thoughts???</b>	
A	<p>What do you consider to be our school's greatest strength?</p> <p>"...at the moment things are going well at West Melton... a strength is letting parents know about activities in good time and 'learning' always got homework and other activities."</p> <p>"Very supportive teachers for unsettled children."</p> <p>"The care and well being of the students and their drive to move the school forward."</p> <p>"Teamwork"</p> <p>"The obvious passion and enthusiasm the teaching staff show, which must inevitably have a positive impact on the children. Also how my child's class teacher aims lessons at all abilities within his class, not just the 'average' child."</p>



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	<p>"Newly appointed head teacher and a younger teaching staff. Newly appointed male teachers. "</p> <p>"Good strong leadership team. Good vision for the schools future."</p> <p>".. help my child to learn in a positive way and be confident and independent."</p> <p>"The teachers have really welcomed... and work to his strengths. "</p> <p>"Helping individual family needs."</p> <p>"Quality of time spent with one child."</p> <p>"Positive caring attitude and fantastic creative learning. "</p> <p>"It's size which gives all school children a better school life."</p> <p>"Been easy to talk to, and making school fun to go to."</p> <p>"Great head teacher works so well with staff and parents."</p> <p>"Really pleased with... progress..."</p> <p>"Child safety"</p> <p>"...is really confident in himself."</p> <p>"The school is very approachable with any concerns I have. Friendly, safe atmosphere."</p> <p>"Has a good head teacher and a good approachable teaching staff."</p> <p>"Great head teacher and works well with her staff. Staff are well informed and approachable."</p> <p>"You have the ability to encourage my child to do well and move forward. Positive attitude."</p> <p>"The positive attitude"</p> <p>"Good caring relations with parents and pupils."</p> <p>"The relationships between staff and pupils and how this is used to bring the best out in their learning. "</p> <p>"Education- the school is fantastic at encouraging children to learn."</p> <p>"Clear expectations and strong leaders. "</p> <p>" A good senior leadership team with a good clear vision of where the school is heading. "</p>
B	<p>Which <b>one</b> area do you think we need to work on to make our school even better?</p> <p>"homework should be given for individual needs rather than same for each child."</p> <p>"breakfast club being built."</p> <p>"continue holding school meetings with parents. The one I attended this month was excellent."</p> <p>"After school activities. "</p> <p>"It would be helpful to have more notice about events or cancellation of events as a working mum it's not always easy to rearrange things at short notice."</p> <p>"More communication with parents, more parents events. "</p> <p>"Provide me with information regarding my child's level and progress."</p> <p>"After school clubs for all ages."</p> <p>"Pay more attention maybe at break times.."</p> <p>"More after school clubs"</p>



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	<p>"Child/adult courses."</p> <p>"More playground equipment"</p> <p>"More after school or before school clubs"</p> <p>"behaviour! Bullying! School meals and where to eat them."</p> <p>"My daughter would love recorder lessons at school."</p> <p>"More information on after school clubs and more should be available from y2 onwards."</p> <p>"The school notifies me and all parents about all coming events. "</p> <p>"Communicate before the day of an event."</p> <p>"More after school and breakfast clubs."</p> <p>"None!"</p> <p>"More information on afterschool clubs please."</p> <p>"Communication is a bit of a let down... sometimes misinformed."</p> <p>"Not aware of this so more communication would be good."</p> <p>"Clamp down on bullying before it gets chance to escalate no matter whether it is my child getting bullied or doing the bullying."</p> <p>"Parent communication."</p> <p>"Regular (termly) parents events. The 1<sup>st</sup> one was a good idea and very informative."</p>
C	<p>How could the Community Association involve more parents/carers in their activities?</p> <p>"Invites to meetings. Gain ideas and new volunteers. "</p> <p>"Recruitment. Open event to all parents to promote the P.T.A"</p> <p>"Invite parents to coffee mornings/activities etc"</p> <p>"They couldn't all parents are advised that they are more than welcome to join."</p> <p>"Invite parents and carers to help on school trips and outings. Invite parents to help with fundraising for the school."</p> <p>"More fundraising events."</p> <p>"Ask parents to attend school and trips."</p> <p>"Never heard of the CA? What do they even do?"</p> <p>"Open meetings to all parents, get them to put their ideas forward. "</p> <p>"By inviting parents/carers to termly meeting. Asking for ideas from parents for fundraising."</p>
D	<p>Any other comments?</p> <p>"Very clear to see the schools passion in moving results up and looking forward to seeing the school grow."</p> <p>"Children and teachers are much happier, have a new lease on learning and teaching, Very positive attitude."</p> <p>"Would love to see more organisation towards events; need letters sooner."</p> <p>"Keep up the good work. It's a fab school!"</p> <p>"... I'm very happy with how the school is being run. I am more than happy with how my daughter is developing for her age. The teachers are fantastic with keeping me up to date with all the activities and involvement for parents too."</p> <p>"Keep up the good work!"</p>



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"This is a lovely school and I feel it is moving in the right direction."  
 "So happy I moved... to this school, she loves going to school now."  
 "No problems with the school and very happy with my child's development."  
 "Very happy with my child's progress since she started year 3 thank you!!"  
 "Lovely little school, communication lets school down. Excited for my child's future though and the opportunities they may have at West Melton."  
 "Having only recently joined the school the OFSTED report was worrying but the school is very good, a pleasant surprise. "  
 "My child has only been attending the school for 5 weeks and the other school wasn't helping. Since we arrived we have been welcomed and treat with good manners etc. My child has come on so much and thank you for doing this. I love this school."  
 "Better school. Happier, ALL staff friendly. "  
 "School is heading in the right direction and has come on really well in the last 6-9 months. Happy staff- happy pupils. "

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I would recommend this school to others.	66%	23%	4%		6%