



Marsh Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you so much for your careful and thoughtful responses to our recent parent questionnaire. We had 93 responses and we were also delighted that once again an overwhelming **99%** of parents surveyed strongly agreed/agreed that their child is: *is happy to come to school, feels safe and enjoys taking part in special days, events, visits and extracurricular areas*. This same group of parents also say *that children from different backgrounds get on well together and that they are pleased with their child's experience at Marsh Hill*. We believe that the best learning environment is provided for children when they feel happy and safe. An analysis of the results are given overleaf.

Top 3 Questionnaire Results

99%

Say that their child is:

- happy to come to school, feels safe,*
- enjoys taking part in special days, events, visits and extracurricular areas* and
- that children from different backgrounds get on well together and*
- that they are pleased with their child's experience at Marsh Hill.*

98%

Say that their child:

- *makes good progress*
- *is taught well and that*
- *Marsh Hill has a good reputation in the community*

97%

Say that:

- the school is well led and managed*
- they receive valuable information from school about their child's progress*
- the school has explained how they can help their child's learning at home*

We asked '**How can we make school even better?**' Below are the main comments with some examples that parents commented on.

40% ...**Nothing! It is already good!**

- For me personally, I have no recommendations, everything is perfect.
- Continue to do an outstanding job
- I wouldn't change anything, keep up the good work.

Response - We were very humbled but gratified by the overwhelming number of supportive comments which many of you took the time to write.

16%...**More variety of workshops, resources to support learning and homework**

Response – We will ensure that particular methods used in school are explained or can be accessed for parents. At the moment we do indeed seem to focus on Maths and English workshops as this is in response to the revised national curriculum. Cathy has also run a range of family workshops which have been successful and we intend to increase this next year. We will also be adding further workshops for computing.

12%... **More activities/clubs/trips**

Response – Children experience either a visit out of school or have a visitor in school on a termly basis as a minimum. In the last three years we have seen a 40% increase in the number of children attending clubs which is an indication on how popular they are. However, from September we will be adding more activities as the interest from the children is high.

We noticed that the 3% of our parents who ticked don't know for questions 10 and 11 were either in Reception or Year 1 and upon investigating it was reported that that they could not comment as their child has not had any experience of this kind.

While I consider this to be an important annual exercise for us to gain the views of our parents, I must stress that your partnership with us is of the utmost importance to all of us in school and I always welcome hearing from you at any time during the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. Douglas
Head Teacher

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Strongly Agree/ Agree	Parent Questionnaire Results Summer 2016	Strong Disagree/ Disagree	Don't Know
99%	of parents say that their child is happy at this school	1%	0%
99%	of parents say that their child feels safe at Marsh Hill Primary	1%	0%
98%	of parents say that their child makes good progress at this school	2%	0%
98%	of parents say that their child is taught well at Marsh Hill	2%	0%
96%	of parents say that the school ensures their child is well looked after	4%	0%
93%	of parents say that their child receives appropriate homework for his/her age	7%	0%
96%	of parents say that the school ensures that children are well behaved	1%	3%
95%	of parents say that the school deals effectively with bullying	2%	3%
97%	of parents say that the school is well led and managed	3%	0%
92%	of parents say that the school responds well to any concerns they raise	7%	2%
97%	of parents say that they receive valuable information from school about their child's progress	2%	1%
96%	of parents say that they would recommend this school to another parent	1%	3%
96%	of parents say that meetings between parents and teachers are helpful and informative	3%	1%
97%	of parents say that the school has explained how they can help their child's learning at home	2%	1%
91%	of parents say that the school is good at keeping parents in touch with what is going on	9%	0%
99%	of parents say that their child enjoys taking part in special days, events, visits and extracurricular activities	1%	0%
98%	of parents say that their Marsh Hill has a good reputation in the community	2%	0%
96%	of parents say that the website and newsletter gives them regular information they need about the school	4%	0%
99%	of parents say that pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other	1%	0%
99%	of parents say that overall they are happy with their child's experience at Marsh Hill.	1%	0%

We asked our parents 'What do you like the most about Marsh Hill?' The majority of the parent's comments covered the following themes:

45% commented on friendly, supportive and helpful staff such as:

- The friendly teachers and activities they do with the children
- Teachers are helpful and if something is wrong with my son they inform me as soon as possible.
- I think Marsh Hill School has a good atmosphere and it's a friendly school with nice staff that are caring.
- Everything is dealt with promptly and staff are there for any concerns I have.

23% commented that it was important to them that their child was happy e.g.

- That my child enjoys coming to school.
- My child is happy there
- That my child is happy and is learning well

13% commented on the range of after school club activities including Enrichment afternoons such as:

- It offers wider opportunities through clubs, trips and enrichment afternoons.
- Excellent range of after school clubs activities.

We asked 'Why did you send your child to Marsh Hill?' The majority of the parent's comments covered the following themes:

48%....The school has a good reputation, personal recommendation

- It is a school close to us and we heard good reviews about the school
- I think Marsh Hill is the best one in the area
- School has a good reputation in the community

31%....Locality

- This school is very good and very near to my home
- It is closest and has values I believe in
- School is near to my home

26%....Because siblings, parents other family members went there

- I myself went to Marsh Hill many, many years ago but I still believe it's still as good now as then, if not better.
- Older sibling attended and I was happy with the school
- Because its local and generations of my family including myself attended the school

Average strongly agree/agree response from parents: **97%**