



Gipsey Bridge Academy

Autumn Questionnaire Results 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for taking the time to complete the online questionnaire. I received returns from 18 families, which equates to be about 30% of the school population. All of your responses have been collated and the findings are below. I have also tried to answer some of the responses as well as address some of the questions which caused a 'Don't Know' response.

Overall, the school continues to thrive and we are delighted that this is reflected in your feedback.

		Agree/ Strongly agree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at school.	94%	6%
2	My child feels safe at school.	94%	
3	The <u>school</u> makes sure its pupils are well-behaved.	78%	6%
4	My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	28%	61%*
5	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	50%	22%
6	When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	62%	33%*
7	My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	60%	
8	The school has high expectations for my child.	94%	6%
9	My child does well at this school.	89%	11%
10	The school lets me know how my child is doing.	78%	
11	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	83%	17%
12	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	56%	22%
13	The school supports my child's wider development.	61%	17%
14	I would recommend this school to another parent.	94%	

***Parents and children had not experienced any bullying incidents or had any concerns.**

Key areas of success:

- **My child feels happy and safe at school.**

The vast majority of parents/carers said they felt your child was happy and safe at school, which we are delighted about. Being happy at school is of paramount importance and I'm pleased that this has come through in a positive way. We will always continue to support our children's well-being and will always do everything possible to ensure that your children's time at Gipsey Bridge is safe, positive and rewarding.



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- My child does well at this school.
The majority of you said that your child does well at this school- this is something which we are very pleased with. We always try to ensure that children receive the right levels of support and challenge in class.
- The school has high expectations for my child.
We expect our children to be the best that they can be. That is part of our values and mission at Gipsey Bridge and aim for all our children to become confident individuals and interested in their learning which is why we provide learning opportunities which are engaging and of high interest. We not only have high expectations for what your child can achieve, we also expect the best of them in terms of manners and behaviour. I have high standards for everyone at Gipsey Bridge and I thank you for helping me and my team maintain them.
- There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.
This one is fantastic to read with most responses acknowledging our broad and balanced offer. The changes to the curriculum, which we only started in September 2020, have been brilliant in delivering to the children a fantastic range of subjects across the whole year. There have been some brilliant projects going on- everything from finding out about marvellous machines in Reception, comparing childhood and schools in the 1950s to now in class 1, preparing and cooking healthy, savoury dishes in class 2 and learning about different artistic tints, tones and shades in class 3.
- I would recommend this school to another parent.
We were delighted that the vast majority of parents and carers stated that you would recommend Gipsey Bridge to another parent. We continue to be very proud of our school and are glad that you are too.

Areas for development:

- My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.
Firstly, I'm pleased that a vast majority of children have not experienced any bullying. For those that have, please be assured that it is something which we take very seriously and most feel, that where it has taken place, it was dealt with quickly and effectively. Please continue to work with us and let the school know of any instances and we will continue to do our best to solve any problems. The feedback I have received since September has been that any problems have been dealt with quickly.
- The school supports my child's wider development.
Going beyond the academic is something we not only value but make explicit at Gipsey Bridge. We are working hard to promote the children's well-being with zones of regulation in classrooms as well as calm boxes and other resources. JB Sports Coaching comes into school every week to deliver a PE lesson and we take part in inter-school competitions. Our mini police programme is back up and running. As you can see, we support a lot more than just mathematics and English.
- The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.
Our curriculum is run over a two-year cycle to ensure that we get the best coverage in terms of the subjects we teach- a long-term plan is on the curriculum page of the website. Every term, class teachers produce a curriculum overview for that project, detailing what subjects and areas will be covered during that half term. These are also on the school website, class pages tab for each year group. We have also introduced new knowledge organisers which have the key facts and information which the children will need to learn over the term.



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- My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.

We always strive to offer a variety of clubs throughout the school year and to different year groups. After-school clubs are run free of charge (I know some schools do charge and/or ask for a contribution) and always rely on the goodwill of both staff and parents to give their time after school. The children are always asked if there are any clubs which they would like to be offered and we try to act accordingly. If there are any parents/carers who have any particular skills which could lend itself to an after-school club and are willing give up their time, any offers will be considered.

We will take on board the improvement comments you have made in terms of making communication even better and give more notice/information around events.

Some of your comments below:

You said: “The school is great but... could encourage the children to be more creative”

We did: We are now signed up members of the award-winning Lincolnshire Music Service which can offer individual music tuition and musical experiences in school.

You said: “I don’t know about any subjects or activities”

We did: Within our class pages on the school website, there is a weekly sample of lessons that the children have been learning about. There are also curriculum overviews for the terms as well as knowledge organisers which have the key facts and information which the children will need to learn over the term. These pages are updated regularly: [Class Pages | Gipsey Bridge Academy \(gipseybridgeschool.co.uk\)](https://www.gipseybridgeschool.co.uk/class-pages)

You said: “I think Tapestry is a brilliant way of keeping in touch with parents. It makes us feel a lot more involved in what they have been doing. Thanks”

We did: We agree. It’s a fantastic communication tool to share learning journeys.

You said: “I have had no guidance on how he is doing with his reading and writing and if he on target or falling behind”

We did: Our parents evening is coming up soon. It is usually after half term in order to give time for the children to settle into their new classes. We also produce interim reports in January/February following our assessment points. There is a further parent drop in during the spring term and end of year reports in July. Please don’t feel like you must wait for any of the formal consultations, if there is anything you wish to ask or are worried about, please ask. Our doors are always open.

Thank you all once again for your contributions in helping make Gipsey Bridge the best it can be.

Mr Clarke