

Annual Family Questionnaire Summary and Actions – September 2023

Statement	Strongly Agree / Agree	Neither Agree / Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys school	98%	2%	0%	0%
The school has a happy & positive atmosphere.	98%	2%	0%	0%
The school site is sufficiently secure, and my child feels safe and well cared for.	97%	3%	0%	0%
The outdoor environment is well used to support the learning of my child.	84%	16%	0%	0%
Somerdale is teaching my child to be environmentally friendly.	87%	13%	0%	0%
Teaching at the school is good or better.	93%	7%	0%	0%
I am pleased with the progress my child is making at school.	87%	11%	2%	0%
I am kept informed about my child's learning at school.	70%	18%	10%	2%
I think the school keeps me well informed about my child's learning in English and Maths.	57%	29%	10%	3%
My child brings home reading books regularly.	78%	19%	3%	0%
Somerdale has high expectations for my child which helps them to reach their full potential.	74%	22%	2%	2%
I think the school gets involved with the local community.	80%	17%	3%	0%
The school encourages children to care for each other and develop a sense of responsibility.	95%	5%	0%	0%
I think the children's behaviour around the school is generally good.	88%	10%	0%	2%
I think the children's behaviour in my child's class is generally good.	80%	18%	0%	2%
I think that the school's systems for managing behaviour is effective.	80%	18%	0%	2%
I am confident that Somerdale deals with challenging behaviour effectively.	50%	48%	0%	2%
My child enjoys playtimes at school.	90%	10%	0%	0%
I know the rewards that my child can receive at school for effort, good work/behaviour.	67%	17%	14%	2%
My child feels that they could talk to a member of staff at school if they have a problem.	84%	14%	0%	2%
Somerdale treats my child fairly.	91%	9%	0%	0%
Somerdale helps to promote healthy lifestyles.	84%	14%	2%	0%
Enquires on the phone at reception or by email are dealt with effectively and courteously.	87%	9%	2%	2%
I feel welcomed when coming into the main reception area.	95%	3%	2%	0%
I believe my concerns would be dealt with by the school in a prompt and satisfactory manner.	80%	18%	0%	2%
As a parent I feel valued and informed about decisions regarding the school.	80%	18%	0%	2%
The school encourages parents and carers to play an active part in school life.	96%	2%	0%	2%
The school keeps me fully informed about the events that are happening in school.	88%	8%	2%	2%
The school provides good quality wrap around care.	80%	18%	2%	0%
The school website and social media platforms provide me with a clear and up to date picture of what is happening in school.	48%	28%	22%	2%

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How would you make Somerdale Educate Together Primary School even better?

39 responses. We have not included responses which could identify parents/children or are under two responses.

What you said... (Themes)	Number of responses for this theme	What we are going to do... (Actions)
Wrap Around Care – Quality of Food	2	We are working on a new menu which will be launched by the start of Term 3.
Wrap Around Care – Provision Key Stage 2	2	We are looking at ways of increasing play opportunities for children in Key Stage 2. We are one of twelve schools in the country who are working with the 'Learning Through Landscapes' charity. As part of this initiative, we have a £1000 grant and over 30 hours of CPD for staff, which will focus on developing play and outside learning. Developing play for KS2 children is also part of the School Sports Premium plan. After-school club will be included in these initiatives.
Communication (reduce frequency/ increase frequency or improve quality)	6	A new communication plan will be launched in Term 2.
Less dress up days	2	Celebrating and supporting events/causes which may involve dressing up will continue as they are part of the school's wider curriculum offer. However, we will publish an annual list of these events on the new school website. Dates will continue to be published in the school newsletter which gives families a termly overview.
Food (quality or menu offer)	3	The school has received very positive comments about the school menu on the whole. Children are given the opportunity to discuss the menu choices on a termly basis via the Listening Team. A questionnaire will be conducted via the Listen Team in Term 2 to assess the children's views.
Better informed of progress in learning.	5	We follow the national reporting guidelines but are open to looking at how this can be improved. A questionnaire will be sent to families in November to gain an understand of what reasonable changes families would like us to make to the school's reporting guidance.
Better quality club provision.	2	The school offered over 60 free or paid clubs over the last academic year. We are constantly reviewing the school's offer. Jim (PE Lead) will be writing to families this term to highlight the 23-24 club offer.
Information provided on the school website.	3	We are currently working with a website design team. We aim to launch the new website at the start of Term 3.
Understanding the rewards that my child can receive at school for effort, good work/behaviour	7	We will publish the school's approach in Term 2 via the school newsletter. We will also highlight how this relates to the school's behaviour and relationships policy. We will outline how the school supports and challenges disruptive behaviour.

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What Do you like about Somerdale Educate Together Primary School?

52 responses which included:

- *The children are able to feel heard, be themselves and are respected for their differences.*
- *I like the child-centric approach that goes beyond national curriculum to educate their social and ethical wellbeing too. I like the democratic approach, and the care given to encourage children rather than shame them.*
- *The way they teach is fantastic.*
- *I like the values-based approach and that effort and attitude are as important as academic achievement. The school is very inclusive, and children are encouraged to accept each other's differences.*
- *I think the overall ideas are good and the idea of teaching about rights is important. We see really positive changes in some areas - reading, confidence with other children.*
- *Children's rights are taught and lived. My kids often relate things to people's rights and treating everyone fairly and equally. It's brilliant!*
- *I like the positive, child-focused attitude, the quality of the teaching, and its forward-thinking approach to schooling.*
- *The fact my child loves coming to school is what I love more than anything!*
- *Excellent environment and teaching.*
- *The focus isn't solely on academic learning. Importance is placed on other aspects of development.*
- *The school respect rights. It has a nice atmosphere. My child feels like he learns a good variety of things.*
- *Family feel, lots of effort on creating well-rounded children & citizens.*
- *The school is very supportive when needed. it's an all-round great school.*
- *I really like the emphasis on making them into nice people with strong ethics who understand and care about the wider world.*
- *My child has been happy to go to school and is well cared for and feels safe there.*
- *I love the friendly feeling of the school and that my child has been welcomed into its community.*
- *I love the school's ethos. The pride parade and cultural diversity days last year were highlights for me and really showed how the school was living by their values.*