

Q1: My child is happy at this school

97% of parents felt that their child was happy at school (compared with 92% in 2023). Only 3% of parents did not agree with this statement. It is really important to us that all of our children are happy in school. If you feel as a parent that your child is not feeling happy at school please do not hesitate to contact the Senior Leadership Team and we will look into this with yourselves and your child. The well being of all our children will always be a priority.

Q2: My child feels safe at this school

Only 4% of parents responded negatively to this statement. Safeguarding is a high priority for everybody in school and we ensure that everybody shares that commitment to our children. There are a variety of reasons why children may not feel safe and all staff take great care in supporting children who may appear or are vulnerable. Please do let us know if your child does not feel safe and we will of course address this immediately.

Q3: The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved

84% of parents agreed (77% in 2023). We work hard with children to embrace and demonstrate our core values of Courage, Kindness and Curiosity and our school rules of Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe. If children find it difficult to embody our values, the school and other children support them in understanding and moving towards this. The school behaviour policy is on the school website and all staff in school will continue to address any behaviour, with children and parents, that does not meet our expected standards. We will continue to work closely with parents and discuss ways in which we can support children in the school setting. Thank you to parents for sharing their ideas during Parent Forum meetings which will continue into the new year.

Q4: My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively

70% of parents said that their child had not been bullied. Only 4% disagreed with the statement. We take any form of bullying within school extremely seriously and will always deal with the complaint. We teach all the children to be tolerant and kind but are aware that there are rare occasions when this is a challenge for some of our children. We encourage all children to speak to an adult about anything that they are worried about and encourage parents to get in touch with the Senior Leadership Team if they have any concerns, however minor. We will always respond. We will continue to share our goals and help children to see that other's different beliefs, practices or lifestyle should be valued even though they may be different to their own. Assemblies celebrate and educate this diversity

Q5: The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year

Only 7% of parents disagreed with this statement. The curriculum plans are regularly updated and shared with parents, if parents feel that they would like more information please do contact your child's classteacher via Class dojo. Should parents have anything that they would like to know about the learning of their child, we are very happy for parents to contact the school and make an appointment.

Q6: When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly

9% of respondents did not agree with this statement in comparison the 20% in 2023, we are pleased that this is now a much lower percentage. As a school we want to deal with any concerns as promptly as possible. It is very important that we make sure that we establish all the facts and have as much information regarding any concern raised in order for us to address the issue appropriately. We do appreciate that some not all parents will be happy with the school's response but do take time to work with the parents to explain why the decisions have been made. We follow school procedures when dealing with complaints and do our very best to meet the needs of the children and parents.

Q7+8: My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed

12% of parents who responded had children with SEND. 4 parents felt that their children were not getting the support they needed. Every child in school is unique and some children face more challenges than others. Our priority is to understand the individual needs of the children and ensuring that these are met. Mrs Williams is available to meet parents every Monday after school and has organised an on line booking system on the website for ease of reference. Please refer to the website under Inclusion to make a booking or discuss further with SLT.

Q9: The school has high expectations for my child

Only 9% of parents disagreed with this statement, this was 21% in 2023. The school has high expectations for all pupils and supports children in achieving these. These are communicated through school newsletters, Open Classrooms, Parent Consultations, school reports and the school website. We seek to ensure that all children reach their full potential with the high standard of teaching and learning throughout the school. The standard of teaching and learning is regularly monitored by the SLT and if necessary, training delivered to further develop and improve this.

Q10: The school lets me know how well my child is doing

Only 10% of parents did not feel that they agreed with this statement (compared to 21% in 2023). We regularly hold Parent Consultation evenings meetings for teachers to discuss with you the progress that your child has made that term. Parents can speak to the teachers at the beginning or the end of the school day and teachers will often share how well children are progressing. If the school has any concerns about the progress of your child, the teacher will contact you to make you aware we are concerned and if necessary, work together to address this.

Q11: There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school

96% of parents agreed with this statement (81% in 2023). We review the school curriculum every year and look to see if it can be adapted to improve. The school offers a broad curriculum designed to stimulate curiosity and excitement in children. A broad and balanced curriculum provides children with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to develop into well-rounded, informed individuals.

Q12: My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

Only 9% of parents disagreed with this statement in comparison to 18% in 2023. The school offers a wide range of clubs and activities to children at school. We carefully review the offer to make sure that there is a good choice across all subjects. We gather feedback about the clubs and activities through surveys to children and parents. We do aim to provide as much variety as we are able.

Q13: The school supports my child's wider personal development

94% agreed with this statement\were neutral. The school provides opportunities for wider personal development through a range of activities in schools such as: trips, team building activities, camping, school journey, sports competitions etc. All these activities help children to develop the skills to become responsible, respectful and active citizens. The school actively promotes equality of opportunity and highlights this around the school with assemblies and lessons. The focus on mental health supports children in being confident and resilient so that they have the qualities needed to flourish in society. Children are carefully supported as they prepare for the next phase of their education.

Q14: I would recommend this school to another parent

87% of parents would recommend Otford to another parent (80% in 2023 survey). Although an improvement since 2023, we would encourage parents to talk to teachers or the SLT if they have any issues. We are constantly trying to improve the offer for children and to make Otford a happy, safe and exciting learning environment for all our children.