

Brookside Primary School

Parent Survey July 2017



Learn Together, Achieve Together



BROOKSIDE PARENT SURVEY JULY 2017

| QUESTION | TRUE | MOSTLY TRUE | HARDLY TRUE | NOT TRUE | DON'T KNOW |
|---|------|-------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| 1 My child is happy at this school | 68% | 28% | 2% | 2% | 0% |
| 2 My child feels safe at this school | 85% | 13% | 1% | 1% | 0% |
| 3 My child makes good progress at this school | 70% | 25% | 4% | 1% | 0% |
| 4 My child is well looked after at this school | 81% | 17% | 1% | 1% | 0% |
| 5 My child is taught well at this school | 74% | 21% | 4% | 1% | 0% |
| 6 My child receives appropriate homework for their age | 57% | 32% | 5% | 5% | 1% |
| 7 This school ensures the pupils are well behaved | 60% | 28% | 3% | 1% | 8% |
| 8 This school deals effectively with bullying | 46% | 22% | 4% | 4% | 24% |
| 9 This school is well led and managed | 69% | 29% | 1% | 1% | 0% |
| 10 This school responds well to any concerns I raise | 57% | 33% | 1% | 4% | 5% |
| 11 I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress | 52% | 38% | 6% | 2% | 1% |
| 12 I would recommend this school to another parent | 79% | 13% | 0% | 2% | 5% |

82 surveys returned

What were the main reasons that lead you to choose Brookside for your child's education?

1. Overall ethos of the school
2. "A small, friendly and welcoming environment.
3. The main reason is the size of the school and class sizes. My daughter is a summer birthday so I was really conscious of her being in a small school where her needs are met."
4. Loved the location, size and immediate warmth you feel and was highly recommended by families already at the school.
5. locality
6. Small school, one class per year group, country setting, caring ethos close parent school relationship Ofsted report was good
7. location, setting
8. Older sibling at the school, I made my decisions with my eldest child and my thoughts and opinions hadn't changed regarding the school and its staff when it came to my second child attending.
9. The authorities choose the school when we moved to the area. It's a choice I've never regretted. I have loved every second watching my children flourish and go from strength to strength academically and in confidence
10. The location, small classes & only 1 class per year, the friendliness of the head mistress at the time, & how she knew everyone in the school. A happy 5 years mainly only general friendship problems.
11. Mainly, the nurturing and inclusive attitude and ethos more suitable for a sensitive child like mine. We also liked the fact that many of the class sizes were smaller - although we understand that numbers can rise when classes are under-subscribed. Rather concerned though that the Year 4 class is now extremely large for the number of children with specific issues in it.
12. We felt our other child would respond well to the nurturing and inclusive ethos at the school.
13. Location , lovely feel in school , recommended off parents
14. We had an older sibling at the school and so it was obviously our one and only choice as I knew just how good the school really was. I have loved every second watching my children flourish and go from strength to strength academically and in confidence at Brookside and owe it all to the staff and helpers at the school.
15. Lovely environment for children to learn and all of my children have enjoyed their time at Brookside. They have all been very happy at this school and always very happy coming to school every morning. Children make lovely memories here, it's just a very special place.
16. Because it started off as a small friendly school when siblings started there but that's no the case now. There are too many children now which has a negative impact on the children that need a bit more attention
17. its our closest school, my Daughter went here and so did I 35 years ago! Brookside is a caring lovely school that ensures our kids have great manners and respect each other.
18. naturing environment
19. The schools policy seemed to be inclusive and welcoming of all people and there was a focus on mutual respect and kindness

20. Lovely small school with a loving nurtured environment
21. "Local school
22. Nurturing
23. Small school
24. Good staffing levels"
25. Had a reputation for being a small friendly school and was close to home
26. Good Reputation
27. It is a caring school with a common sense attitude towards education.
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29. I looked around the school with the then head mistress and instantly felt at ease and happy in the environment, the friendship bench particular struck a chord and as much as seeing the work on the walls and reading the Ofsted reports hugely helped form my opinion, seeing the children in their classes happy, working, learning and helping each other made my decision to enrol my eldest child at the school a very simple one.
30. Older sibling
31. Sibling went to same school and we were very happy with her achievements
32. Schools reputation.
33. School size, School ethos, and the integrative approach for resource children.
34. As it's a small friendly school with a good reputation
35. "That it was a caring place and didn't just focus on the academic side as everyone is better at didn't things.
36. It felt like a welcoming and happy environment."
37. Good School with a good ethos in beautiful countryside surroundings.
38. Family atmosphere
39. Family style atmosphere
40. Location of school
41. The good reports i heard about the school and the general feel of the school when i visited
42. My other children went there & were very happy with their time there.
43. It seemed a very nurturing school and we liked the enthusiasm shown by Mr Tavernor as well as his ethos with how children achieve best, through nurturing.
44. It seemed a very nurturing school as well as having great outdoor facilities.
45. It seems a very nurturing school, which we felt was particularly crucial for our child' confidence and progress in school.

We always welcome constructive comments from parents. Please use the space below or write separately to the Headteacher.

1. Some additional homework in addition to the homework grid please, other than just reading. Although we do set aside homework evenings ourselves
2. Only thing my daughter & her friends mentioned was not wanting to do the Buxton Opera House day again, two years on the trot.
3. We will miss being part of Brookside in September, had an amazing 7 years there , thank you very much
4. I would like more sports and sports teams

5. "Sport is very under represented at Brookside and the competitive element is lacking on sports day - if it happens at all. Whilst we appreciate not all children enjoy sports day - we experienced this with our own Daughter, so couldn't be accused of not being aware and mindful that not all children excel in sport. I do feel however, that for some children sport may be there one opportunity to shine and it could be catered for more at Brookside.
6. I also feel IT skills are not prevalent enough - this may have improved a little over the years, but my Daughter and her friends felt very under prepared when they joined high school compared to some kids from neighbouring schools. This said we would recommend Brookside and massively appreciate all the great things our children have experienced and learned there and the safe and nurturing environment that has always been Brookside's signature."
7. "I still feel the school could be more organised and inclusive of parents at events and assembly's. Why can the school fare not be on a Saturday or Sunday for instance just once?"
8. There are full time working parents who would gladly give free time to help run events if they were not always held in common working and commuting hours. There is also the possibility that events held at times when families can attend together would be more successful in addition to giving people a chance to contribute their time.
9. We are extremely happy with the school and never hesitate to recommend it to friends / family.
10. Would like more regular updates about my child's progress. This would be helpful so if my child is struggling in a particular area then I could offer additional support on an on going basis rather than having to wait for a parents consultation to highlight any issues.
11. I feel slightly disappointed on my parent consultations and feel they have not been as informative than other parent
12. There seems to be a lot of emphasis placed on musical activities and outings. Sports Day has not been reprogrammed for example. I would welcome Junior Christmas Productions again or/and Christmas Carol Concerts etc, as only the infants benefit from this. I believe parents should be invited to watch the BGT shows, enabling memories for the family where their child can perform their skill set (not everyone can excel at Maths and English). There are a lot of parental fees for trips, coaches and initiatives across the year that at times, are very costly for parents. The wording of `Donations` should be reconsidered, as this is not fair for parents who pay their way and may compensate for others that cannot be bothered to logon to the new cashless system. Hope these points are considered constructive, as Brookside Primary is a fabulous foundation for our children
13. Maths and English homework on a regular basis to underpin lessons
14. I think the homework should include regular maths and English to underpin the lessons. There is no real continuation outside school
15. My child appears to be making progress, but I do not know how this relates to the cohort of the class i.e. I don't know if more support is required at home and if my child is reaching expected targets. The creative link to learning is excellent. More insight into progress would be appreciated. A little more

homework would be welcomed too, as we have not received a homework grid this term.

16. We are really pleased with how our children have settled into the school, which is testament to the great team at Brookside, thank you.
17. More feedback regarding my child's progress would be appreciated.