

Parent Questionnaire On Barriers And Support In School
Furness Vale Primary School

Thank you so much for completing the questionnaire; we had 40 responses from 67 families.

Question	Yes	Usually	No	Don't know	Comments
1. My child enjoys learning:	33 83%	6 15%	1 2%	0 0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than happy with progress • Likes coming to school • Depends on tiredness
<p>Our Response: We are delighted and not surprised to learn how much your children enjoy learning. We only have to walk round school to see how eager they are to share what they've been doing. The Brain Builder homework should give the children more freedom to do the activities they enjoy, this should also give you an insight into how they learn.</p>					
2. I know what my child is learning about:	27 68%	12 30%	1 2%	0 0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally we discuss daily learning • I'm not sure what being taught in science
<p>Our Response: We do so much in school that's it's actually quite difficult to share everything. Class assemblies, newsletters, reports and parents evenings give you snapshots but not the full picture. We intend to have more open afternoons so you can experience what we do first hand. We'll keep you informed.</p>					
3. My child talks about what s/he's learning in school:	23 58%	14 35%	3 7%	0 0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rarely • When prompted • We have to force it out of her • Less often
<p>Our Response: Not everyone talks about what they've been learning. Some children only talk about things that upset them and this can give a skewed picture of what goes on all the time. Other children can't remember what they've done all day – they really do a full day with lots of different activities. Top Tip: wait for your child to be relaxed and away from school before asking questions about school. For e.g. I know you've been working on division because it's part of your homework, do you find it easy to do? If you find out something that worries you when they talk then come and talk to us.</p>					
4. I've had a look at the books and can see progress:	36 90%	2 5%	0 0%	0 0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic growth staggers us • Haven't seen the books yet (2)
<p>Our Response: Year on year, the children are making progress. As professionals, progress is one of the key indicators that a school is doing well. We will continue to monitor progress and inform you if for any reason your child isn't making expected progress.</p>					
5. I'm happy with the progress my child is making:	37 93%	3 7%	0 0%	0 0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs more help with maths • More than happy
<p>Our Response: Excellent, watch out for the Talk for Writing work we are doing, children's progress in writing should be even more noticeable when we get started on it.</p>					
6: Do you think your child gets enough challenge in school?	31 78%	6 15%	1 2%	2 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's a great school • Most of the time
<p>Our Response: This is part of our school action plan; it's something we're looking for in books during lessons and by talking to the children. Challenge can be tricky to balance – you push too hard and upset the children</p>					

My child seems to enjoy school. She is always happy and enthusiastic.

My child loves coming to school.

My child loves playing football at school. He wishes there was more of it.

I have recently seen a big improvement with my child's reading.

I'm very pleased with my child's progress.

3 other comments were very personal to the child and based on their emotional needs so we've kept them confidential.

Swimming:

There were two queries about swimming: we are now going to the pool at Whaley Bridge Primary School. The pool is smaller than the one at New Mills School but the children all have access to a teacher. It is compulsory for school children to go swimming until they have achieved the national curriculum. We hope that all children will be competent swimmers by being in smaller groups and every child having access to a swimming teacher.

Wet Lunchtimes:

We recognise that it is good for children to be outside as often as possible and when it is raining lightly we will allow them to go outside for short periods of time. This is so they get fresh air and a chance to run around. They should not, however, get so wet that they have to get changed. Lunchtime organisers are aware of this and they understand they have the right to make sensible decisions about whether to take the children outside or not.

Communication:

Although the website is now live, it is not yet up to date. We have had lengthy meetings to make sure the information you need is now on there. If it isn't, PLEASE let Mrs Daniels know and we'll make sure we get it on as soon as possible.

Finally, it's essential that we know what's going well and what isn't. We value your opinions and when we're found to be lacking, we will work as a team to get it sorted. Thank you so much for your thoughts and contributions on the questionnaire; they are very much appreciated.