

# Newsletter November 2023

## Attendance

Once again, I would like to thank you all for working so hard with us on improving our attendance.

Currently attendance for the whole school is 95.47% and the percentage of pupils who have missed 10% of their learning so far this year is at 14.19%.

This is a much better position than last year when, at this stage, attendance was 91.48% and persistent absenteeism was at 41.61%.

Thank you.

## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all of you who made our first Parents' Evening of the year so successful. For those of you who have not yet spoken to your child's class teacher please contact the school office to make an appointment – we can offer in person or telephone appointments.

Many people who attended Parents' evening completed a questionnaire for which we are very grateful. I have attached the results of the questionnaire for you to see and we will be taking appropriate action where we feel it is necessary.

## School Trips

Reminder – please use Parent Pay to start making contributions for your child's trip.

## Safeguarding

In school we have a duty to keep each and every one of your children safe and we take this responsibility very seriously. As part of this duty we undertake pupil questionnaires as a way of identifying any significant issues children are experiencing – please see the results of our most recent questionnaires with some actions we will be taking.

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any child speak to an adult in school. If you feel you do not want to speak to school you can report concerns to other agencies – details can be found using this link

<https://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk/reporting-child-abuse/>

## Diary Dates

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 and Reception Nativity 2pm Book tickets by ringing the school office
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 and reception Nativity 9.30am Book tickets by ringing the school office
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party – afternoon Children in Key Stage 1 can come to school in party clothes but must wear shoes suitable for running the Daily Mile – they may do this after the nativity
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner in school for children
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Party Reception Christmas Party Key Stage 2 Christmas Party  Children in nursery, reception and Key Stage 2 can come to school in party clothes but must wear shoes suitable for running the Daily Mile
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last day of school this term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	TRAINING DAY FOR STAFF NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back for all children

## Pupil Questionnaire November 2023

Figures shown as a percentage of total responses.

I enjoy school	All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
	54	39	6	1	0
Teachers help me to do my best	In every lesson	In most lessons	In some lessons	In very few lessons	In none of my lessons
	79	15	6	0	1
My teachers give me work that challenges me	In every lesson	In most lessons	In some lessons	In very few lessons	In none of my lessons
	39	26	24	9	2
I enjoy learning at this school	All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
	66	28	4	1	1
Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	67	28	8	0	0
There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	58	26	11	2	1
The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good	All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
	21	57	18	0	1
The behaviour of other pupils around school is good	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
	19	58	19	3	1
Is bullying a problem at your school?	It doesn't happen it	It happens and teachers are really good at resolving it	It happens and teachers are good at resolving it	It happens and teachers are not good at resolving it	It happens and teachers do nothing about it
	35	38	24	2	1
I feel safe when I am at school	All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never *	Never *
	76	14	8	1	3
*What makes you feel unsafe at school?	because my mum is not here ..... I never know when there is going to be a fire..... going to the bathroom ..... big children can knock me over at playtime .....sometimes people push me .....when you are in the MUGA and it is wet you can slip				

My school encourages me to look after my physical health (for example healthy eating and fitness)	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	85	12	3	0	0
My school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	69	25	5	0	1
I take part in school activities outside of lessons, like clubs, sports, music and art	Very frequently	Frequently	Sometimes	Not very often	Never
	44	16	15	8	16
My school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	75	22	4	0	0
My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	85	12	3	0	1
My school provides me with information about my next steps	Yes, but it was too much information and was not helpful.	Yes, I received the right amount of information that was helpful.	Yes, but there wasn't enough information that was helpful	No, I haven't received any information.	
	45	18	6	0	
I would recommend this school	Yes		Maybe		No
	73		14		2

### Next Steps

We have identified every child who did not say they had an adult they could talk to in school and we will be speaking with them to make sure they know who they can talk to.

A very small number of pupils appeared unhappy so we will be speaking with them to see how we can support them.

We will continue to offer clubs for children from Reception Class to year 6 and also run some at lunchtimes so as many children as possible can attend. (Children can attend clubs and leave early if they have other commitments)

These questions are taken directly from Ofsted but we may alter the language next time to make it more accessible to all pupils. For example we may clarify what is meant by "challenge" and we may explain what we mean by "My school provides me with information about my next steps".

There were some language barriers present so we will try harder to minimise these next time.

## Parent Questionnaire Nov 2023

73 parents completed the questionnaire and a summary of their responses is below; not everything adds up to 73 as not all questions applied to everyone and we know that the first few to complete did not turn over and answer the questions on the back. Not all percentages add to 100 due to rounding.

Statement/Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at school.	51 70%	22 30%	0	0	0
My child feels safe at school.	55 75%	18 25%	0	0	0
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	46 63%	25 34%	0	0	2 3%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	3 20%	4 27%	1 6.5%	1 6.5%	6 40%
My child has not been bullied.	37 58%	21 33%	0	0	6 9%
The school make me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	39 53%	25 34%	6 8%	1 1%	2 2%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	23 61%	14 37%	0	0	1 2%
I have not raised concerns.	23 64%	12 33%	0	0	1 2%
The school has high expectations for my child.	37 51%	31 42%	1 1%	0	4 5%
My child does well at this school.	45 62%	28 38%	0	0	0
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	44 60%	26 36%	2 3%	0	1 1%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	48 66%	20 27%	0	0	5 7%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	52 71%	19 26%	1 1%	0	1 1%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	47 64%	20 27%	1 1%	0	5 7%
Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? please circle	YES = 14			NO	
If yes- My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Agree	Don't know
	8 57%	5 36%	0	0	1 7%

I would recommend this school to another parent- please circle	YES = 65 100%	NO = 0
<p>Do you have any additional comments on any of your answers?</p> <p>I tend to find out themes or subjects from my child rather than the school</p> <p>Happy with everything</p> <p>“M” looks forward to coming to school, we are happy with his progress</p> <p>Good improvement in the last 6 months – really like the teacher this year</p> <p>The reason I chose this school for my children is the fact it’s not just about education, it’s about physical health and the morning mile run</p> <p>The school is very supportive and “H” is very happy here</p> <p>Great school – no complaints</p> <p>All I can say is excellent. The teachers work really hard and help as much as they can – we are very happy</p> <p>Mill Lane has been excellent with “E” and myself. She is very happy at this school</p> <p>Lovely staff</p> <p>I can see the progress in my child – more independent brilliant school that does not just teach my children but also helps them to develop and grow into well rounded individuals</p> <p>Based on experience of two other schools in area I want to strongly stress that this school is by far the best of them</p> <p>Very friendly supportive staff. Want the best for your child</p> <p>The school has always been very supportive. I have raised issues in the past, as mentioned not a “bully” situation, but I was concerned. This was dealt with and I always felt supported and listened to. I genuinely couldn’t have asked for more</p>		