



## St Michael at Bowes CE Junior School



**“An inclusive Christian community, built on firm foundations for successful lives”**

Thank you to all parents who returned their questionnaire this year. We received 46 and they were overwhelmingly positive in their feedback to us. These questionnaires are very helpful for the school as they let us know what we are doing well and what we can do better. We have collated the information you gave us and the results are presented for your information below.

**Number of questionnaires returned: 46**

**1 response = 2.2%**

	Strongly agree or Agree	Disagree or Strongly Disagree	Don't know
<b>YOUR CHILD:</b>			
My child is happy at school and usually enjoys coming	91%	0%	9%
The school is a safe place for my child.	96%	0%	4%
My child is encouraged and supported to reach their full potential and helped when they need it.	94%	6%	
I believe my child is well taught.	98%	2%	0%
The school keeps me well informed about what my child is learning and how they are doing.	85%	11%	4%
There are enough after school activities for my child to participate in	76%	22%	2%
I understand the importance of <i>Parent Consultation Meetings</i> for my child	96%	0%	4%
I would recommend this school to another parent	87%	2%	11%
<b>LEADERSHIP:</b>			
The school is well led and managed.	89%	4%	7%
The school has high expectations of staff and pupils.	92%	4%	4%
I am kept well informed about what is happening in school.	81%	15%	4%
The school is effective at dealing with behaviour issues.	84%	16%	2%
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.	85%	15%	0%
Pupils are generally well behaved and well mannered.	80%	16%	4%
<b>INCLUSION:</b>			
The school fulfils its vision (above) for the children	87%	0%	13%
My child has <i>SEND</i> and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	54%	0%	46%
My child is new to <i>English</i> and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	50%	46%	4%
I am made to feel part of the school community when I speak to any of the adults in the school	93%	7%	0%

## Parent Feedback

**Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with parents expressing that SMAB is one of the best schools. Most were very happy that their child attended the school and enjoyed being a part of the school community. A number of parents mentioned how grateful they were for the care, warmth and hard work of all staff. In response to comments made on questionnaires, we would like to clarify the following points:**

- We aim to update our school website as often as possible. However, Class Dojo is being used as our main communication tool between school and home. We aim to send as few paper letters home as possible – these tend to be limited to those letters that require a written response. Teachers, where practical, also use Dojo to send information about what is happening in class and to celebrate achievements, but we are mindful of staff workload and therefore this is not an expectation.
- The newsletter is an essential way the school keeps parents informed. It is extremely valuable and important for parents and has important dates such as class assemblies and upcoming events.
- The behaviour of children at SMAB is very good and has been commented on by outside agencies when reviewing the school and its work this year. When there are incidents of negative behaviour, we follow our behaviour policy consistently, which you can find on the school website. We believe that the most effective discipline is self-discipline and through our Behaviour Policy we have developed a framework to enable this to happen. The school alone cannot instil a framework of discipline into children. It is therefore essential that parents work closely together with the school. Parents / carers and pupils all have a duty to play an active role in ensuring that the school maintains an atmosphere in which all feel proud of their work and conduct.
- To enable parents to better support their child, we have, in the past, run workshops and events for parents. However, we have had very low attendance at these events.
- As a school, we provide feedback to children on a one-to-one basis. This is done during lessons and during conferencing with the class teacher once a week. This ensures that feedback is personal and meaningful for children.
- The school currently offers seven after school clubs. Some of these (FAB at SMAB, most sports clubs, Lego and Gardening) are free of charge. We are limited in the number of clubs we can run, due to lack of space

**From the comments received and the percentages above, the school will be taking the following actions to address parent/carers views:**

- We will send out a separate question regarding numbers of parents who would like school workshops to help support their child in their learning. If a reasonable number of parents would like to do this, we will resume running these next academic year.
- We will continue to improve our website by ensuring it is kept as up to date as possible.

If you have additional views that you would like to discuss with us, please make an appointment with the office. We would be very happy to talk with you.

Mrs Butcher