



Higher Bebington Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete the recent questionnaire. A total of 107 responses were completed. Thank you on behalf of all our staff for the many positive comments that were received and also for your ideas and suggestions. We are always looking for ways that we can improve our school for your children and these will be shared with staff and governors as part of our continued drive to move the school forward.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire Outcomes 2018-2019

	Agree Total	Disagree	Don't Know
1. My child enjoys attending this school	100%	0%	0%
2. The school keeps my child safe	100%	0%	0%
3. My child makes good progress at this school	99%	0%	1%
4. My child is well looked after at this school	100%	0%	0%
5. The teaching is good at this school	100%	0%	0%
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age	98%	1%	1%
7. The school makes sure its pupils are behaved	97%	1%	2%
8. This school deals effectively with bullying	74%	0%	26%
9. This school is well led and managed	100%	0%	0%
10. This school takes account of my suggestions and concerns (82%	1%	17%
11. I receive information from the school about my child's progress	96%	0%	4%
12. Would you recommend this school to another parent	Yes 100%		No 0%





What do you like most about the school?

- Teaching and leadership staff are excellent
- Quality of teaching
- Enthusiasm from teachers
- School ethos of recognising and encouraging good behaviour
- School Office always supportive and helpful
- Being greeted on the gate in the morning
- Good updates on progress
- Always available to discuss any concerns
- Good reputation
- All the staff are welcoming and friendly
- School has a lovely atmosphere
- Good range of extra-curricular activities
- My child is happy and enjoys school
- Introduction of Parent Mail for making payments and receiving information
- Staff demonstrate that children's feelings are important and parents are listened to.
- Staff genuinely concerned about children's well-being and happiness
- Always put child's needs first and are happy to help
- Great trips out
- Supporting children to grow whilst having fun
- Staff are approachable and have good communication with parents
- Friendly/family feel
- My child feels safe
- Excellent communication between school and parents
- Enjoying more independence since leaving the Infants
- Stimulating and nurturing environment
- Peer relationships across the school
- Broad and balanced curriculum
- Interesting curriculum
- Firbobs
- Behaviour
- Suggestions are listened to and positive changes have been put in place
- Good range of after school clubs
- Open door policy- able to see class teacher or Headteacher easily if any issues
- Parent Workshops

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Higher Bebington Junior School would be even better if...

- Make more use of the field
- More outdoor learning
- Outdoor classroom

We are very keen to make use of the fantastic outdoor space that we have and will be looking at developing this further.

- Homework examples for parents including teaching methods
- Homework- not always of benefit
- Homework- to reinforce what is learnt in class rather than projects
- A little more homework
- Some of the homework is too hard and takes a long time.
- Homework is too easy and needs to be made more challenging

Homework is a difficult issue to address as there are always lots of differing opinions about it. We are reviewing our current homework arrangements and hope to hold a consultation with parents about in the near future.

- More sport- **all classes have 2 hours PE a week as well as the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular clubs over the year.**
- School football selection- **this is always difficult to please everyone as we are lucky to have so many keen sports people in school. We are looking at this regularly to try to ensure that everyone who would like to have the opportunity to play can do.**
- More appealing school dinners- **I have passed comments regarding school lunches on to Edsential who run our school catering for us.**
- Summer/Christmas Fairs?- **there was no Christmas Fair due to the building work. However, plans are well underway with the P.T.A for a Summer Fair on Saturday 29th June.**
- Sports Day- **this is again currently under review this year as we would like the children to have more opportunity to take part in events.**
- Offered 11+ classes- **schools are no longer allowed to offer additional support for the 11+**
- Less emails
- Improving access through the main gate- **this is something that has been raised a couple of times this year and I have arranged appointment with the Local Authority to discuss our issues and see if anything can be done.**
- Residential trips were less expensive- **we realise that trips and residential visits can be expensive but we try our very best to ensure that they are as low as we can get them. We will always endeavour to give parents as much notice and time to pay as possible.**
- Less dress up days
- More swimming lessons- **children in years 4-6 all have the opportunity to undertake school swimming lessons each year. From this year, all children in Year 4 & 5 will undertake school swimming lessons and then in Year 6, those children who were identified as needing extra support in Year 5 to be able to swim confidently and competently, will be offered additional lessons. As a school our main focus must be on trying to ensure children are able to swim as we feel that this is such an important, potentially life-saving skill.**
- Mix classes at the start of a new year
- Regular music lessons are available for all years- **currently Year 4 have free weekly whole class music lessons in J-Sax. Parents are able to pay for small group tuition in guitar, woodwind and strings across all year groups where the music teacher has spaces.**
- More material for higher level home readers
- Children bringing reading books home

We have had some issues around reading books and the library due to the building work and home readers not being returned to us from home. We have just invested a further £3000 in additional home reading books and hope these will be available shortly.

