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Many thanks to all those parents/carers who attended their child's parent evening appointment before half term. Thank you also to those parents/carers who completed a questionnaire about our school. Results from the questionnaire are set out below. They are incredibly positive and reflect all the hard work that takes place by everyone involved in and with the school – school staff, governors, parents/carers and children! Please take a look at the results and also the additional comments made by me in response. I apologise for the length of the results but I felt they were too good to shorten and wanted to share them with you all. As ever, my door is always open and I am more than happy to meet with parents/carers about any matter, no matter how small it may seem.
Many thanks
Mrs Pearson

1. My child is happy at Bentham Community Primary School

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
46	23	0	0	0
66.66%	33.33%			

Children being happy is so important and it is great that you think the same as us.

2. My child feels safe at Bentham Community Primary School

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
51	18	0	0	0
73.9%	26.08%			

We work really hard to make sure all children are safe in school and also that children know how to keep themselves safe. It is great that parents recognise this.

3. Bentham Community Primary School makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
37	30	1		1
53.62%	43.47%	1.44%		1.44%

We think our children are well behaved. An external review of the school earlier in the year recognised this and said that behaviour in school had 'much improved over the last 3 years'. Our children are always so well behaved, inside school and outside of school. Frequently, when we are on trips, members of the public comment on our children's excellent behaviour and this is something we are particularly proud of here at Bentham School!

4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable	No Reply
6	5	1	0	54	2
8.69%	7.24%	1.44%		78.26%	2.89%

The results above are great as they show that many parents cannot answer this question as their child has not been bullied or they recognise that any incidences of bullying are dealt with quickly and effectively by school. The children and staff have a saying “STOP - Several Times On Purpose” to define bullying. We do not have bullies in our school and bullying is not a concern for us but we remain vigilant and proactive in educating children about bullying.

5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
37	29	2	0	1
53.62%	42.02%	2.89%		1.44%

This is something we try so hard with to ensure parents can support children with their learning at home, formally or informally. Class teachers send home termly newsletters, we have introduced ‘Welcome to Our Class’ meetings at the start of the year. In addition, we include information in our Friday News and on our Facebook page and all our curriculum information is on our school website. Click on the Learning tab and then Curriculum. If any parent needs any help with finding this information or you would like to know more, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not applicable
25	24	0	0	20
36.23%	34.78%			28.98%

Again, the responses to this question are great as all staff are keen to ensure parent concerns are listened to, acted upon and followed up where needed. Please do continue to come and speak to us if have a concern. It is also great that nearly 30% of parents ticked not applicable to this question as it means they haven’t had any concerns.

7(a) Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

Yes	No	No Reply
9	58	2
13.04%	84.05%	2.89%

A number of children have SEND and this is something that we celebrate in school and are very proud of. We are a very inclusive school and support all children’s needs as much as we can.

7(b) If YES, please indicate how strongly, as a parent/carer, you agree with the following statement?

“My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed”

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
5	2	1	0	1
55.55%	22.22%	11.11%		11.11%

Parents of children with SEND are invited to speak with the school’s Special Educational Needs Coordinator at any time. If you have a concern, please get in touch with Mrs Chapman. The results above are fantastic and highlight the many positive aspects to the support we offer and also reflect the work of our hard working and dedicated teaching assistants.

NOTE – some of the following results have NO REPLY as I think some parents didn't realise there were more questions on the other side of the piece of paper.

8. Bentham Community Primary School has high expectations for my child.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	No Reply
26	36	1	0	5	1
37.68%	52.17%	1.44%		7.24%	1.44%

We have very high expectations of all children but our expectations are also realistic. There is no ceiling to a child's achievements and this is something we regularly promote. Your child's termly Effort Grade Letters are one way in which this is communicated to you as parents and reflected upon regularly.

9. My child does well at Bentham Community Primary School.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	No Reply
43	24	1	0	0	1
62.3%	34.78%	1.44%			1.44%

Thank you – the results above are lovely to hear and match our thoughts.

10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	No Reply
40	25	2	0	1	1
57.97%	36.23%	2.89%		1.44%	1.44%

All parents receive termly Effort Grade Letters, an annual written report and two opportunities to attend parent evening meetings throughout the year. This provides all parents with regular and in depth information about their child. Please also be assured that if we had a concern about your child, we would be in touch with you straight away.

11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Bentham C P School.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	No Reply
37	27	1	0	1	3
53.62%	39.13%	1.44%		1.44%	4.34%

As mentioned above, our Curriculum information is shared with parents in a variety of ways. We are proud that we have specialist music, language and PE teachers and we draw on staff expertise as well. We have a well-planned, carefully thought out and appropriate curriculum that meets statutory requirements. We are planning a 'Curriculum Information Evening' for parents in the Spring Term.

12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	No Reply
30	30	2	0	4	3
43.47%	43.47%	2.89%		5.79%	4.34%

Our enrichment and extra-curricular activities are something we are very proud of at Bentham. Please see our website, Facebook page, Friday News or displays in school if you would like to see the range of opportunities for our children. Our residential programme and outdoor opportunities are unique to our school. We would love to be able to offer more but clubs rely on staff volunteering their time or external providers being willing to travel to Bentham. We will keep developing this.

13. Bentham Community Primary School supports my child's wider personal development.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	No Reply
30	31	2		4	2
43.47%	44.92%	2.89%		5.379%	2.89%

We agree and the personal development of children here at Bentham is something that is always a priority for us and something we believe is of an extremely high quality. Thank you for recognising this.

14. I would recommend Bentham C P School to another parent.

Yes	No	No Reply
65	1	3
94.20%	1.44%	4.34%

Wow – thank you! I would have loved this to have been 100% but we are almost there! Thank you.

Additional Comments

- My son has come on leaps and bounds since attending Bentham School. His confidence has grown immensely.
- My child likes school and we like how the teachers communicate with us as parents.
- I think ***** is doing really well and his teachers are great with him. Thank you.
- More lunch-time clubs would be good. Lego Club. Badminton maybe?

Please see this week's Friday news for more information about lunchtime and afterschool clubs. These rely on staff volunteering their time or being able to source external providers. We continue to look for new opportunities.

- The provision of an After School Club would be useful.

We continue to review this and we have recently sought parental preferences for this.

- I would be interested to know why the 8.50/9.00am time changed. (I apologise if this was already addressed). It was so much more convenient with a ten-minute window. It is currently chaos.

School has always started at 9.00am. The doors used to open at 8.50am at the old school to alleviate congestion in the corridors and cloakrooms, this is no longer an issue in the current building.

- We are new to the area and the school and cannot tell you how happy we have been with how the children have settled and improved. They are growing into really nice people who enjoy school. Thank you.
- Excellent school. Both children are very happy here. Fantastic enthusiasm from teachers every day and

- always smiling. Love the meetings after school for parents. Very informative.
- Very happy with the school.
- Love the school. They know the children so well. Always here to listen to any worries I have and do not make you feel daft for being a worrier.
- Fabulous school. Great staff. Supports us as a family. Very happy.
- Excellent teachers and great school.
- Keep up the great work.
- We really like the topic work such as the 'Viking Raids'. This makes it magical. Thank you.