



Parent & Carer Survey

October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those who filled in the survey. It gives us a parent view of how we are running our school. Below are the results from the survey along with comments. If the percentages in the columns don't add up to 100% it is because some of the questions were left unanswered.

Mr Purdy

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at this school	65%	22%	4%	2%	4%
2	My child feels safe at school	63%	26%	4%	2%	2%
3	My child does well at this school	57%	41%	0%	0%	0%
4	The school has high expectations for my child	43%	48%	2%	0%	7%
5	The school tries hard to make sure the pupils are well behaved	41%	46%	2%	0%	0%
6	The school deals effectively with bullying <i>please leave blank if you have no experience or knowledge of this</i>	30%	20%	0%	2%	11%
7	The school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit	70%	26%	2%	0%	0%
8	When I have raised concerns, the school has dealt properly with them	61%	26%	2%	2%	4%
9	The school lets me know how my child is doing	50%	39%	4%	2%	0%
10	There is a good range of subjects available at this school	59%	39%	2%	0%	0%
11	The school supports my child's personal development	46%	41%	0%	2%	0%
12	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	52%	39%	4%	0%	2%
13	Communication between home and school is effective	63%	26%	7%	4%	0%
14	I would recommend New Pastures to another parent/carers	54%	35%	4%	2%	2%

In your opinion, what are the best things about New Pastures?

- The children's future is at the heart of everything the school does
- My child is very happy here
- Fun, caring, supportive
- Staff, teachers are approachable. Receptionists friendly and helpful
- The staff seem to adore the kids
- All of the teachers are nice
- The teachers, staff and Tas are the backbone of the school
- Teachers are amazing with both students and staff. My child has come on leaps and bounds
- The teaching assistants and administrative staff are wonderful. They all go above and beyond.
- The children are encouraged to make the most of their abilities and opportunities
- The homemade food at lunchtimes
- Communication between school and home via dojo
- Teachers are very helpful and friendly
- Safety is the first place
- Helpful and approachable staff from the office to the headteacher

- The office staff are second to none
- Professional, kind, caring staff
- Trips and the encouragement teachers give
- The best thing is the lessons and the teachers
- Great that school now has its own kitchen so school dinners are done on site
- Excellent communication and support from all staff including admin
- Supportive, friendly staff
- How adults look after and care for our children
- School deals with bullying well
- Feels very much like a community, very friendly staff and lots of well-behaved children
- Not been at the school long but straight away it was pleasant and friendly
- The school is a good environment for my child
- The teachers all seem to be great and have a good relationship with pupils and parents

Is there anything in particular that you would change about the school?

- Staggered start and finish times
- My child said she would like more things to do on the playground
- Better communication between school and parents
- Be more considerate to parents who work – more notice required for parent’s evening etc
- Communication about children’s emotions, injuries, feelings needs/should be better
- Better communication from teachers and other staff
- More awareness of dates for diary – can we have dates for the whole year in advance?
- Let parents know about strikes in advance although I know it is difficult as it is not always possible to change your schedule last minute
- I would recommend to have first aiders
- Don’t allow parents to comment on dojo posts – better to contact school or a private message. Staff need protection as well
- Retrain some staff on additional needs of pupils as they are stressed, overworked, understaffed and have little patience
- More staff to help in school
- Add a one-mile daily run
- More after school clubs
- The car park

Have you any further comments you would like to add?

- Could the school have a cycle stand so the older kids can bring their bikes to school?
- I would recommend this school to anyone
- No blanket punishments for the class if one child misbehaves
- I think school needs to educate staff further on additional needs - funding for children is lacking, budget cuts have not helped the children or staff
- Amazing school, will be sending my younger children
- We feel the school is being treated more as a business and children are an afterthought. Children’s needs and quality of care isn’t being met due to funding
- As parents we like that the school works everyday to make focused children. It is very nice and please continue after school clubs
- More help for children and staff working with budget cuts and minimal staff is no good for anyone or fair for the school
- School could focus more on staff well-being
- Massive improvement since moving over to Venn
- Thank you for all that you do