

Parent Questionnaire Autumn 2018 (57 responses as of 19.10.18)

	Yes	No	Don't know
1. My child is happy at school	94%	2%	4%
2. My child feels safe at school	100%		
3. My child makes good progress at school	94%	2%	4%
4. My child is well looked after at school	96%		4%
5. My child is well taught at school	96%	4%	
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age	94%	6%	
7. The school ensures children are well behaved	92%	8%	
8. The school deals with bullying effectively	92%	2%	6%
9. The school is well led and managed	92%	4%	4%
10. The school responds well to concerns I raise	92%	6%	2%
11. I receive valuable information from school about my child's progress	94%	6%	
12. I would recommend the school to another parent	92%	6%	2%

Other comments:

- I am very happy with the progress that my daughter is making. She always comes home with a big smile telling me about her day. I tell all the other families that they must put their kids in this school.
- My child speaks about his day at nursery all the way home – the staff are doing a fantastic job!
- Fantastic school which pushes the children to achieve positive outcomes in their learning. Very friendly and caring teachers. I have been blown away by the support we as parents have received by Mrs Bush for our child's speech.
- My children are very happy with their school and teachers. I really appreciate how they give parents chance to be involved in different activities. They do CHAI mornings for mums which is a good step for mums to learn and be involved in school, thank you!
- We are very happy with Horton Mill School.
- My daughter's school work is always linked to her homework which is good. The school is fantastic, I would recommend the school to other parents.
- I really like the way my son is learning in school.
- Excellent school with the best teachers.
- I have no concerns with my daughters' education but I prefer the old way of bringing them into school because I could see what they were doing in class. I now feel there is a barrier between us parents and their education.
- Overall a brilliant school!
- I am very happy with how my daughter learns. She comes home with new homework and reading books. I get all the information that I ask for or need. I am very happy with the school and I always tell the other people about it as well.

Recommendations:

- My child needs to bring more homework home and change his book every day.
Headteacher response:
Pupils should read their reading book at home at least three times a week. Pupils also have weekly spellings and times table homework in most classes. Pupils also have the opportunity to complete home learning activities linked to their class topics or the Headteacher's weekly assembly challenge.
- I would like there to be more clubs such as sewing, choir, gymnastics, reading clubs and calligraphy clubs.
Headteacher response:
From November, there will be an increased offer of after school clubs. Further information of these clubs will be shared with our families after the half term break.
- Sometimes more information could be provided to parents as to what to do with some home learning tasks, e.g. Times table Rockstars and Purple Mash.
Headteacher response:
We will provide information guides on how to use home learning tasks such as Purple Mash and Times table Rockstars.
- Road Safety – Greengate Street at 3pm each day. Parents are walking young children down the centre of the road. There are tiny children walking out into the road unaccompanied. Staff are not present at the gate. I am not happy for the ice cream man to be at the gate daily.
Headteacher response:
All parents/carers are responsible for their child's safety when bringing and collecting children from school. A member of staff will aim to be present at the end of the school day. Unfortunately the school is not responsible for the ice cream van and has no control over where it parks.

Concerns:

- I don't feel that my children are safe with the new arrangements so I would never recommend the school.

Headteacher response:

As a school we have a duty to ensure that our children, staff and families are safe at all times. Following the advice given by statutory guidance in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and the advice from the 'Health and Safety' teams, a decision was made for the pupils to be collected by their class teachers from the playground rather than having up to 100 parents throughout the school. We understand that this has disappointed some of our families, however, we must prioritise the safety of our whole school community.

As a school we value the relationships with our families and want them to be fully involved in the life of the school and their child's education. Through our half termly 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, CHAI sessions, assemblies, 'Making it Real' project, school trips, PTFA and volunteer placements, we try to create opportunities for high parental involvement.

- Sometimes my son complains that he does not have enough food and he is hungry.

Headteacher response:

As a school we work with Oldham School Meals service to provide the meals for our pupils at lunchtime. We want our pupils to have a choice in what they are eating and aim to ensure that the food provided is of a high quality and quantity. I have raised these concerns with Oldham School Meals service and the service has improved and will continue to be monitored regularly.

- You should inform the parents before every term what you are going to teach this term, specifically in maths and literacy.

Headteacher response:

Each half term class teachers send out a curriculum newsletter home with information about what the children will be learning. Yearly curriculum information for each class can also be found on the school website <https://www.hortonmill.uk/>. Our Twitter page @HortonMill also provides daily snapshots of learning taking place throughout the school.

- Since Miss Plant left the children are really missing Freddy Fit, are there any plans to get it going again?

Headteacher response:

From November, we will provide morning fitness activities from 8.30 – 8.45 in the Hall. Further information of these activities will be shared with our families after the half term break.