



Parent questionnaire –MAY 2022

Dear Parents,

The response rate for our questionnaire has been good with 60% of families represented. The results are mainly positive, and where there was a comment, it was constructive and helpful. The results have been shared with staff and with Governors, and the areas which have emerged will form part of our School Improvement Plan in the coming year. We have included a % breakdown against each question, along with a selection of comments and school's response to areas of focus.

Many thanks once again for your fabulous support of our small school.

	Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
1	My child is happy at this school.	74%	26%		
2	My child feels safe at this school.	92%	8%		
3	My child makes good progress at this school.	85%	15%		
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	81%	16%	3% (1)	
5	My child is taught well at this school.	85%	15%		
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	42%	33%	17%	8%
7	The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	73%	23%		4%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	54%	16%		30% No experience
9	This school is well led and managed.	85%	12%	3% (1)	
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	66%	19%	3% (1)	12%
11	I receive information from the school about my child's progress.	66%	27%	7%	
12	I would recommend this school to another parent.	77%	20%		3% (1)



Here are some of your comments....

My child is happy at this school.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *My family has had some tough times but the children very rarely have a bad day at school.*
- *My son is always very happy to go to school. He has a good group of friends. He enjoys telling me about things he has learned.*
- *Humshaugh First school provides a safe happy environment for my son which lessens his anxiety about school.*
- *My daughter is not only happy but keen, eager and developing well.*
- *My son is always full of happy stories of school and his friends.*

My child feels safe at this school.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *My children always feel safe at school.*
- *My son has never communicated that he is scared or unsafe.*
- *My son has given no indication of any feelings of not feeling safe.*

My child makes good progress at this school.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *There has been lots of support during and after the Covid pandemic. It is a brilliant team of teachers.*
- *I can see my son's reading and writing improving all the time. His vocabulary when talking is growing.*
- *Amazing support has been given to ensure my son makes great progress.*
- *Already blessed with top tier results, this is encouraged further by your brilliant teaching.*
- *I am really happy with my son's progress.*

My child is well looked after at this school.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *I never worry about my children's safety at school, or any other needs they may have.*
- *My son is well looked after. The staff are very understanding and seem to know him very well.*
- *My son is well cared for at this school.*

My child is taught well at this school.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *There is always a massive effort to help any struggles, including getting in touch with specialists. I always feel like the children are the Number one priority.*
- *My son's progress is obvious. They cover a broad range of activities and subjects.*
- *I am very happy with the diversity of the learning environment.*
- *There are lots of varied activities for the children to engage in.*
- *The Teaching style is very good.*



My child receives appropriate homework for their age.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *Homework isn't a forced issue; the team are happy to support any learning done at home.*
- *My son is never overwhelmed by the homework set.*
- *I agree that my son receives appropriate homework for his age.*

This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *We welcome the high standards the school expects of its pupils.*
- *I have had no concerns about behaviour.*
- *It is a joy to see the children at the Wentworth for example-behaving impeccably unlike some other schools in the Hexham area,*
- *Through observation I feel all pupils are well behaved.*
- *The childrens' behaviour is a credit to the school and their positive methods.*
- *The children I see are always well behaved.*

This school deals effectively with bullying.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *My child has no experience of bullying in school.*
- *I have never known or heard of any bullying.*
- *I have had no experience of my child being bullied.*
- *I don't hear about any bullying-any unkind behaviour is nipped in the bud.*
- *I have never had first-hand experience of this to know.*
- *This is not a problem we have encountered.*

This school is well led and managed.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *The school is well led and managed beyond reproach.*
- *The teaching staff are a strong team.*
- *Since Mrs Long became the Headteacher, the school has thrived and it gives the children an excellent start.*
- *I have no issues at all about how the school led and managed.*
- *The Headteacher and staff are very approachable.*

This school responds well to any concerns I raise.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *We feel happy to address any concerns we have to teachers or the Headteacher. We feel very supported by the school.*
- *The Headteacher is always available and happy to assist.*
- *Mrs Long has helped us through an extremely difficult time-I will always be grateful.*
- *I haven't had to raise any concerns.*

I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *Regular parent consultations and the end of year report give official feedback as to progress while comments on his work/reading in reading records give regular updates. I know I can speak to his class teacher at any time.*



- *The teachers always answer any questions and will find you to let you know if anything is up.*
- *The newsletter provides great information of what the children are doing.*
- *I get regular emails and newsletters.*
- *Always and any information I would like is readily available at all times.*
- *The website and weekly newsletters are great.*
- *The weekly newsletter works really well.*
- *The face to face parent meetings are great.*
- *We really like the weekly updates and newsletter.*
- *The weekly messages on what is being covered are great. The current topic has gone down very well.*

I would recommend this school to another parent.

What do you like most about Humshaugh First School?

- *Yes, it's a great school!*
- *The school is super and we are very happy.*
- *I would absolutely recommend this school to other parents.*
- *I would and have recommended this school.*
- *I have already recommended this school many times and will continue to do so.*
- *Definitely-my children are very happy and making good progress.*
- *I am constantly praising Humshaugh First School to others and feel very lucky my children attend. Thank you!*

Areas to address

Wrap around care

The recurring theme was that school do not offer enough wrap-around provision.

Response from school

School currently offer *free* after school clubs between Monday and Thursday that finish at 4.15pm. There used to be a later after school provision but the numbers dwindled so much, it was not viable. Since then we have been fortunate that a local childminder has offered later provision for working parents who need it. We always try to do our best to adapt our provision to meet the requests of working parents, however there are also constraints as a small school with regards to staffing and budget.

School sent a proposal to parents before half term regarding the changing of the timings of the school day and extending care until 5.00pm (Monday to Thursday). There has generally been a positive response, however there have also been a range of requests for different end times to the school day because of middle school collection and extra-curricular clubs. Parents will be informed after half term about the final outcome.



Homework

There was a varied amount of feedback regarding homework-some parents say there is too much particularly for Reception children. Some parents have requested paper copies rather than electronic.

Response from school

The teaching staff have met to discuss homework and from September the following will be put into place on a weekly basis.

Reception-Reading books and Phonics games (to be provided by school) Optional Nussy.

Year 1 and 2-Reading books, Nussy and one sheet of maths homework

Years 3 and 4-Reading books, one sheet of Maths or English. Optional Nussy, Maths Whizz and J2E Times Table Blast.

The purpose of homework is to reinforce and consolidate learning that has taken place during the week. It also gently encourages children to prepare for Middle School when the amount of homework is increased.

If parents have any requests or concerns regarding homework, please contact the class teacher who will be more than happy to tailor make homework provision to fit with work and after school commitments.

If children are unable to complete their homework, they do get given the opportunity to do so in school time.

Information about pupil progress

A few requests were made about increased information about pupil progress and the chance to look at children's work.

Response from school

The standard model for reporting on pupil progress for most First Schools is one parent meeting in the Autumn and Spring term and a written report in the Summer term.

If pupils require intervention or external agency referrals, then teachers do have increased contact with parents regarding pupil progress.

Due to the restrictions of Covid, it was very difficult to invite parents into school to 'look at books' although books were available for parents to look at during parent meetings.

From September, the revised plan will be as follows:

Autumn 1-face to face parent meeting

Autumn 2-brief written summary of progress in Reading, Writing and Maths

Spring 1 – brief written summary of progress in Reading, Writing and Maths

Spring 2-face to face parent meeting

Summer 2-end of year written report and 'Look at books'



Two dates have been set aside for parents to 'Look at Books' on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th July 3.05-4.00pm.

Health and Safety

One questionnaire highlighted concerns over health and safety in the outside area.

Response from school

From Monday 6th June, the Headteacher and governor responsible for Health and Safety will carry out fortnightly external site checks to ensure that foliage is cut back and all outdoor furniture is in good repair and secure.