

Parent Survey Results, June 2026



Every year we survey our parents, staff and pupils to evaluate life in our school. The following are the results from the parent survey that ran during May 2026.

The feedback from parents once again has been really positive and informative. The results show us to be a school where the children are happy, staff care and relationships are strong.

Summary of Parent Survey – 82 returns covering 104 pupils.

We received 82 responses relating to a total of 104 children in the following year groups.

P1: 15, P2: 12, P3: 18, P4: 10, P5: 15, P6: 11, P7: 18, Speech: 5

Parent Survey – Results

My child is happy and settled in school. 98% positive

Strongly Agree 72% Agree 26% Disagree 1% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 1%

Teachers are caring and show commitment to my child's welfare. 99% positive

Strongly Agree 85% Agree 14% Disagree 1% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 0%

Teachers are committed and enthusiastic. 99% positive

Strongly Agree 79% Agree 20% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 1%

My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best. 99% positive

Strongly Agree 82% Agree 17% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 1%

My child/children's physical and emotional wellbeing is valued. 99% positive

Strongly Agree 79% Agree 19% Disagree 1% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 0%

My child/children enjoy coming to school 94% positive

Strongly Agree 62% Agree 32% Disagree 2% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 2%

The school provides opportunities for me to discuss my child's learning needs 96% positive

Strongly Agree 76% Agree 20% Disagree 2% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 2%

The school has a culture of high expectations for all children. 94% positive

Strongly Agree 68% Agree 26% Disagree 4% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 2%

Learning experiences are matched to the needs and abilities of my child. 96% positive

Strongly Agree 69% Agree 25% Disagree 3% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 3%

Staff treat all children fairly and with respect. 96% positive

Strongly Agree 79% Agree 17% Disagree 2% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 2%

The school is well resourced to meet the needs of all pupils. 93% positive

Strongly Agree 65% Agree 28% Disagree 1% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 6%

Pupils in this school are encouraged to behave. 99% positive

Strongly Agree 75% Agree 24% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 1%

Pupils in this school are well behaved. 95% positive

Strongly Agree 58% Agree 37% Disagree 1% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 4%

If my child is unwell or unhappy his/her concerns would be listened to sympathetically. 98% positive

Strongly Agree 79% Agree 19% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 2%

The school encourages children to be active and healthy. 99% positive

Strongly Agree 80% Agree 19% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 1%

I am confident that the school will deal with any complaints or concerns I may have. 97% positive

Strongly Agree 79% Agree 18% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 3%

The school provides a range of after-school activities that extend children's learning. 95% positive

Strongly Agree 67% Agree 28% Disagree 1% Strongly Disagree 2% Don't Know 2%

The school encourages my child to develop his/her personal and social capabilities. 99% positive

Strongly Agree 73% Agree 26% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 1%

The school encourages good attendance and punctuality. 97% positive

Strongly Agree 76% Agree 21% Disagree 1% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 2%

The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved. 99% positive

Strongly Agree 76% Agree 23% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 1%

I have a good understanding about what standardised scores are, what they mean and how my child is doing. 95% positive for parents for which it is relevant. Not relevant for 21% of parents.

Strongly Agree 48% Agree 27% Disagree 4% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 0%

The school works hard to promote and maintain good links with parents 100% positive

Strongly Agree 80% Agree 20% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 0%

As a parent, I am well informed about what is going on in school. 98% positive

Strongly Agree 80% Agree 18% Disagree 2% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 0%

It is easy to speak to a member of staff if I have any concerns regarding my child. 100% positive

Strongly Agree 83% Agree 17% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 0%

The school works hard to promote and maintain good links within the local community. 97% positive

Strongly Agree 63% Agree 34% Disagree 0% Strongly Disagree 0% Don't Know 3%

Has your child received counselling with Mrs Noble this academic year?

12% of the school population, 90% feel their child has benefitted from the support provided.

Counselling will continue to be provided in Castle Gardens at a cost to the school. Do you agree with this decision?

Strongly Agree 48% Agree 32% Disagree 1% Strongly Disagree 5% Don't Know 14%

Uniform

We have three suppliers of uniforms, where would you normally buy school uniform from?

Signature Works 51% David Crawford 30% School Days 18%

Branded sweatshirts cost £15.50. Is this to be a reasonable price?

Yes 68% No 32%

Branded polo shirts cost £11.50 in the retailers. Is this reasonable?

Yes 66% No 34%

Pupils can wear non-branded polo shirts. Do you purchase any items, and if so where do you normally buy them?

Tesco 25% Asda 25% All other suppliers 10% or less

A branded PE kit is available to purchase from Signature Schools costing £33.50 for shorts and t-shirt. This is not compulsory. Do you purchase a PE kit?

Yes 9% No 91%

Does our school uniform comply with relevant human rights and equality legislation, including appropriate adjustments being made for pupils with disabilities or special educational needs.

Yes 77% No 1% Don't Know 22%

Are our uniforms comfortable, practical, easy to maintain and suitable for all seasons?

Yes 94% No 6%

We operate a uniform bank that allows families to donate items and take items without cost. Have you donated uniform?

Yes 59% No 41%

We operate a uniform bank that allows families to donate items and take items without cost. Have you taken items of uniform?

Yes 28% No 71%

We operate a uniform bank that allows families to donate items and take items without cost. Should we continue this?

Yes 100% No 0%

We lend sports kit to children playing on school teams. Many items are not returned. Should we make a team kit available for children to purchase at the start of each year?

Yes 80% No 20%

Homework

How much homework does your child receive each week?

The Right Amount 80% Too Much 17% Not Enough 3%

Do you enjoy homeworks that involving making something e.g. Iron Man, Titanic?

Yes 54% No 46%

The number of activities that children take part in out of school has increased significantly over time. How many sessions of extra-curricular clubs, teams or organisations does your child attend each week? Cubs, football, dance for example. If they attend only 1 activity eg dance but do this four times a week then record this as 4 sessions.

1 session per week 48% 2 sessions per week 20% 14% or less Other options

When do you complete written homework?

Over the weekend 32% On the relevant evening 32% On a specific evening 35%

How do you rate the importance of written homework? 3.47/5

How do you rate the importance of reading homework? 4.43/5

How do you rate the importance of spelling homework? 4.33

Should written homework be removed with greater emphasis on reading, spelling and mental maths homeworks?

Yes 41% No 31% Not Sure 28%

Would you be able to access digital reading books?

Yes 95% No 5%

General Questions and Logistics

Should we keep 8.30am start time?

Yes 96% No 4%

Do you prefer entry through Reception or through designated year group doors?

Main Door 82% Designated Door 6% P1 10% Don't Know 2%

What do you think of Eduspot? 94% Positive

Very Good 52% Good 42% Poor 4% Very Poor 0%

Is becoming integrated something you think our school should consider?

Yes 41% No 8% Don't Know 50%

Last summer we reorganised parking within the school grounds to increase capacity and improve safety. Did these steps do this?

Yes 74% No 8% Don't Know 18%

Should we continue to allow parents to park inside the school grounds?

Yes 100% No 0%

Is there anything that you would like to see introduced into our school or something that you feel we could improve? (summary of main themes offered in responses)

- Parking passes for car park and other suggestions to assist with traffic
- Breakfast Club to include food again
- Merit awards more often
- After-school clubs to include art
- Suggestions re uniforms offered wanting greater formality but also greater relaxing
- Suggestions regarding homework including how they benefits and how they don't benefit pupils

Other Comments

A large number of very complimentary comments were offered regarding our school, staff and overall efforts to support our pupils.

"I have experience of other schools in the area with older children and I can say without hesitation that Castle Gardens PS pastoral care, educational provision, parent communications and extracurricular offerings are second to none. Thank you for the work, commitment and passion this requires."

"A fantastic school that my family had attended for generations. Proud to be a part of it"

"My children are very happy in Castle Gardens. Mr Gray and the staff are fabulous and I am very pleased my children get to attend such a lovely school. Thank you for your hard work!"

"Excellent school, brilliant staff & children are excelling. Very happy parents! Thank you."