



DILKES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We would like to once again thank everyone who responded to our recent questionnaire during our virtual parent consultations. As we continue to respond to Covid-19, we are grateful for the ongoing support received from the wider school community. It is gratifying to work in partnership in this way so that we are able to maintain such high standards for our pupils.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to ensuring the best possible outcomes for your child/ren. We value your opinions, and staff truly appreciate your kind words. It's great to see that the work of all staff at the school who go above and beyond to ensure that pupils are given the best opportunities, is being recognised.

At Dilkes Academy there is a strong drive to focus on the best interests of the child. An ethos of high expectations for every child creates a learning environment where engagement is key, and where life skills are learnt alongside more academic skills to equip children for the future.

It was pleasing to see that many of parents/carers felt that communication with the school continues to be a strength. The school has many platforms for communication of which include the school website www.dilkesacademy.org.uk. Here you will find our curriculum maps, policies and workshops delivered by our teaching staff and how to support learning at home. You will find workshops added for this academic year as well as last year. In the spring term staff will be adding a further workshop looking at the teaching of mathematics. All letters that are sent out are also added to the parent section of our website. There is also lots of useful information on how to keep your child safe when online. **In addition to our website, please ensure you are signed up to our school app and have accepted notifications to receive our newsletters and other communications sent from the school.** If you are unsure on how to do this, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office. The school also has a twitter page @DilkesAcademy where we tweet about upcoming events and celebrate the work of our school community.

The table below shows the percentage of parent/carers who agreed or disagreed with each statement:

	Agreed
My child enjoys school	97%
The school keeps my child safe	98%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	95%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	98%
The school has high expectations for my child	99%
The school helps me to support my child's learning at home.	98%
The school meets my child's particular needs, including their special needs	95%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	100%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	99%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	97%
The school takes account of my suggestions or any concerns I may have.	95%
The school is led and managed effectively.	98%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	100%

Just a few comments from parents/carers about the excellent features of Dilkes Academy:

My son has improved in his reading and writing in a matter of months, Dilkes teaching in Reception is great and he always comes home happy.

We all love Mrs Lowe she taught our eldest child and we are over the moon that my youngest daughter has her for reception. Her confidence has just exploded since she started reception. She went from not wanting to go in at all to happily running off in with her friends. Mrs Lowe has in depth knowledge of children and has great leadership skills and she also has a very caring and fun side to her. She is the perfect balanced teacher. My daughter absolutely loves her and I could praise her all day long. Thank you to Mrs Lowe and all the supporting teachers that make my child's experience such a great one, somewhere where she can learn and be confident and have fun.

My son is in reception so I have dealt with the school very little since September. The information received daily across all recommended school apps is brilliant, easy and puts my mind at ease!

Dilkes academy looks at bringing out the best in each child. Great balance and wholeness of each child. Staff are very tolerant and patient with carers and parents.

Great leadership. Best staff. Culture to encourage learning in everything they do.

I like that importance is placed on punctuality and on the children being on time and present so as not to miss out on key areas of learning. There also appears to be a strong focus not just on their academic achievements but on their general wellbeing.

The leadership is fantastic and it trickles down to the teachers who are also fantastic leaders and teachers.

Teachers are really approachable, understanding and supportive. Activities are all really relevant to learning but with an element of fun which helps the children enjoy learning more. Communication is good - particularly through the school app helping parents to stay informed about what's happening and sending reminders etc.

They care, whenever I have a concern or issue it is dealt with immediately and my child is happy and safe.

Our daughter has really has excelled. Her reading, Writing & maths are superb. There is no doubt the teachers in year 2 are amazing and providing the best education for our daughter.

The extra-curricular activities and challenges is one of the greatest strengths as this really motivates my daughters with things that really catch their interest which might not otherwise be included in the usual day to day schooling.

Dilkes is a very good school that has helped my child so much. This is because of the strong team that they have that lead the school.

Teachers are all very approachable and listen to any concerns.

As well as the positive comments we also value constructive feedback and take on board the suggested areas for improvement. Where we feel it is appropriate as a school we will act on these accordingly.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr R Latham
Headteacher