



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 parent consultations days. We had a total of 262 questionnaires completed and this great response demonstrates the continuing strong relationship between parents/carers and the school. 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.

Staff and pupils should also be congratulated on the excellent behaviour throughout the school. Visitors to Dilkes from other schools continue to comment on the superb behaviour and manners of our children. Pupils' impeccable conduct reflects the school's effective strategies to promote high standards of behaviour.

Our pupils are always highly motivated to learn and make excellent progress which was highlighted in the recently published schools data.

It was pleasing to see that the broad and balanced curriculum, which the school offers, was celebrated by parents/carers. Our curriculum is ambitious and designed to give all pupils the knowledge and cultural capital to succeed in life. Many of you recognised the benefits of our pupils receiving 3 PE lessons a week as well as partaking in several external events, promoting healthy lifestyles. In addition to this the schools' 30 extracurricular activities, before and after school. Our curriculum has received many accolades over the past few years which further demonstrates the range of subjects on offer at Dilkes Academy - Gold History Quality Mark, Silver Primary Science Quality Mark, Music Mark, ICT Mark, Gold Schools Games Mark, Gold RE Quality Mark, to name a few.

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

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

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

My son loves school, he is always buzzing to tell me about what he's learned! He is always talking about Mrs Lowe and Miss Delaney too, and their love of teaching & helping the little ones is really special. (Reception)

We are really happy with my child's experience at school so far, we have seen a huge improvement at home with his speech, learning and numbers. The communication between the school and parents is really good and we really have nothing but positive things to say! (Reception)

Dilkes is well organised and communicates well with the parents. The school offers a wide range of extra activities for the children which gives them the opportunity to learn new skills they might not have learnt otherwise. (Reception)

There is a friendly welcoming atmosphere which makes children feel at ease and the teachers are very dedicated and put in a lot of effort to ensure children are happy. (Reception)

Miss Osborne always got time to help me and explain if I got any problems or questions. Always respond for my notes in my child's diary. Really pleased with the school! (Year 1)

Miss Storr is perfect for my daughter. She is learning more now. Thank you! (Year 1)

One of the greatest strengths of the school is showing parents how the teachers are teaching the children to help us teach our children from home. Very useful. (Year 1)

We are very proud of our daughter. she works really hard. she loves school, she loves her teacher, Miss Epstein is lovely, she knows how to encourage the kids to learning, new challenges. Kids learning new things with fun. (Year 2)

The staff in 2EC have been amazing so far this year. My son comes home with a new-found happiness to his learning. He loves telling us all the things he has learnt in school. (Year 2)

The high quality of teaching, dedication and hard work from all the various teams; together you play a pivotal role and ensure the safety of my children and others. (Year 2)

I regard the greatest strengths at Dilkes Academy the high level of teaching that my child receives. He has improved drastically this past year on certain subjects and talks a lot about the fun lessons he is having its wonderful to see him enjoying school :) (Year 2)

Dilkes Academy is a great school. Teachers are friendly, professional and liked by the children. Children are well behaved and taught really well. (Year 3)

We feel that our son is receiving great education and school has been supportive in helping him in archiving his goals. Our son enjoys school and learning, and he has been very enthusiastic about events organised by the school. We are informed about his progress and any issues.
Thank you. (Year 3)

I'm really pleased with the progress my son is making at Dilkes. The support he is receiving is outstanding. (Year 3)

The Teachers are the greatest strength. They possess the qualities to make the children greater by building a very solid base for them. This is really very nice and impressive. (Year 3)

The head teacher down to the staff seem to be focussed on delivering the same ethics and environment. (Year 4)

My daughter seems very happy at school, she loves Miss Conway and always has good things to say. She's improved lots in Maths especially after all Mrs Nelder's help last year, and the continued help of Miss Conway. I'm really pleased with her progress. (Year 4)

The school has great teachers and a great range of extracurricular activities. Lots of opportunities for kids to get involved with things they may not get to do outside of school - like planting trees etc. (Year 4)

Mrs Kular is fantastic, really takes my sons wellbeing into account as well as pushing him to fulfil his potential. I am very pleased with my son's progress so far this year. (Year 6)

Dilkes Academy is a remarkable school and I'm blessed to have my daughters attend this school! (Year 6)

I have always been happy with the support my daughter gets in each year and impressed with her improvements. (Year 6)

The teaching and leadership is excellent! I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Mrs Gospodinova and the rest of the team for their dedication and support and in helping my daughter to settle into year 6 and also, for seeing her improve remarkably. (Year 6)

The sports facilities and days out are great and makes my son enjoy all aspects of learning. As fun is still added into his every day learning. (Year 6)

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