



DILKES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We would like to once again thank everyone who attended and responded to our recent questionnaire during our parent consultations. 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.

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	99%
Dilkes Academy makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	99%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	97%
The school has high expectations for my child	99%
My child does well at this school	98%
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	99%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	99%
My Child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	97%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	96%
The school takes account of my suggestions or any concerns I may have.	96%
The school is led and managed effectively.	99%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	99%

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

Being a new parent in Dilkes, I'm really impressed. Well done Dilkes Academy.

My daughter loves school, teachers are always lovely and approachable and make her experience a happy one.

I just wanted to say how fantastic Mrs Nelder is and express my gratitude for how hard she is working with my child in trying to make improvements where these are needed. She is absolutely fantastic and she blew my socks off at parents evening this week when I actually thought she could read my mind!! I had a query to do with my child and she had already explored down that avenue and confirmed to me what I was wondering!! I just couldn't believe it. She is absolutely amazing and I feel that my child has been greatly supported on an individual level and I can't be thankful enough. Mrs Nelder is an absolute delight to deal with and she is very organised and followed up on everything we spoke about last time and always responds to any queries I have and she has lots of suggestions for us in helping my child to fulfil her potential. I hope she knows how great she is at her job.

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I just wanted to say how lovely Miss Parkinson is and that I was really struck by how well prepared she was for the parents evening. It was structured very well, starting off by praising my daughter for her strengths and then going onto the areas that she could work at. She was very detailed when talking about my child and had specific notes on hand to mention and articulated it very well to keep it motivating for my daughter who was present with me at the parents evening. I felt that we came away with a lot of information and feeling really positive. She was very motivational! She has a very infectious smile and positive attitude and I noticed it rubbing off on my daughter even in that short time.

Thank you for your support and dedication.

Dilkes Academy is a school where all my 3 kids have attended. My daughter loves her teacher Ms Earnshaw and she does very well in listening to my concerns and her teaching is very professional.

Great management and great teachers are the biggest strengths.

We are extremely happy with the progress our daughter has made at Dilkes academy. She is happy and safe and fully supported to reach her potential.

The school is well managed and the school and teaching is excellent.

All Staff and teachers are very co-operative. They always keep updated with child progress. Very pleased with my child's progress at school. Thanks.

They teach with fun, efficient teaching, broad subjects approached, extra-curricular activities, breakfast provision, after school provision.

I feel that with high expectations with regards to my child he is encouraged to push himself to his highest ability in the classroom.

The school is brilliant at noticing child's strengths and weaknesses and adapts to the child.

The greatest strength is the staff commitment to pupils which I say every time as I can only imagine how hard a job it is.

Teachers that are really dedicated to their jobs. Miss Pepall is fantastic! My daughter and my son adore her

The staff care about the children and want them to succeed.

They take pride in ensuring children achieve well in their learning and have good discipline. Also have good home learning resources for the children to improve their learning.

Dilkes Academy has a phenomenal leadership team in place and some exceptional teachers who just go beyond their job role.

It amazes me the feedback I get from Ms Nye when there has to be at least 400 plus students in the school and it doesn't matter how little of a thing it is she always makes sure to respond (even when I don't expect one) in some way to encourage the students and my child has experienced this and it completely makes her day and encourages her to do more. I don't know how she finds time to do it but I hope she knows how much of an impact it has on the children and what a wonderful thing it is she does.

Dilkes Academy has a strong leadership team - Best head teacher , Mr Latham. My daughter has spent nearly seven years at Dilkes and she has matured into a very hard working pupil, thanks to the wonderful teachers .

We are happy with how my son is getting on in school and he goes in happy and comes out feeling the same. We would also thank the PE department who offer great opportunities for the children.

My son has only been attending Dilkes Academy for nearly 2 weeks now, but I believe he very is happy here - I have already noticed a change in his attitude toward school compared to his old school and am extremely thankful for this.

I appreciate the efforts staff put in to ensure that my child achieves her educational milestone and beyond. Staff are dedicated and passionate about their job and go the extra mile to support my child and the pupils.

The teaching in Year 3 is fantastic! Having high expectations of behaviour has improved my child's behaviour hugely at school and home. The support that he has received to bridge the Covid gap in learning has been effective and his confidence has grown.

The staff are all amazing! They know their students well and recognise their individuality.

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