



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. 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.

It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers join us for our Reading and Writing workshops and celebrate pupils amazing work. We have a maths workshop planned for the Spring term. We appreciate the large number of you who engage with our homework platforms and use the school website to support your child. Each term we produce an overview detailing what the pupils will be learning., which can be found on the school website www.dilkesacademy.org.uk/class-pages/

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	100%
Dilkes Academy makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	100%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	98%
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.	94%
The school meets my child's particular needs, including their special needs	96%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	100%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	97%
The school takes account of my suggestions or any concerns I may have.	96%
The school is led and managed effectively.	97%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	97%

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

Discipline is the first thing I like in this school and a very good teaching staff.

Overall we are happy with her progress made at school so far. We believe that teachers have my daughters best interest at heart and is taking care of both daughters academic, personal, social and emotional development.

Dilkes is under a very able leadership. The focus of holistic development rather than just the academic results is its biggest strength.

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My daughters teacher is an absolute asset for my daughter to have as her first teacher at school. We thank my daughters teacher for all her hard work and dedication and ensuring that my daughter is a happy young lady whilst in her care at Dilkes.

Seeing children's individual strengths and supporting them through praising and encouraging them. The learning approach in which the teachers teach the children and not taking any room for not learning. This is what I have noticed so far my son have been attending the school, there might be more sure am yet to find out.

The greatest strengths are: 1) The cultural diversity of the pupils and how well they integrate with each other 2) The support shown to anybody who needs help or assistance 3) The strong sense of individuality and responsibility fostered in the children

The discipline and learning procedure at Dilkes Academy is strong and the communication between school team and parents is fantastic.

Really happy with my child's teacher as well as the teachers who help out in the class. I can see a very big improvement in his writing and focus on activities.

I feel that Dilkes is able to really involve the parents and give us the skills to also teach our children at home, so we are all onboard with the same goal so that our children are really able to thrive and be confident and happy. The workshops are really informative and encouraging to the pupils and parents. The school has an amazing strong management team.

Strong management, a wonderful atmosphere of unity (I especially found the last newsletter really uplifting :-)

The staff! They really care about the children and their futures.

The teachers are amazing my son loves going in and is learning so much there. I couldn't be happier. Thank you.

Just want to say how fantastic my daughters teachers is really dedicated and a lovely person. I knew she was going to be good as all the mums said how fantastic she is so I already had high expectations, but she has even exceeded my high expectations. She gets the most out of my daughter and she is a lovely person.

My daughter has thoroughly enjoyed her 1st half term at school. She is always excited to start her day and loves telling me what she has learnt that day

My daughters teacher always has a smile on her face and she talks about her all the time. She really understands my daughters personality and just gets her.

I have been very well supported this term with my daughter, I would like especially mention my child's TA who has been absolutely amazing in helping to encourage my daughter into school in the morning when she is feeling nervous, she really has pulled out all the stops and come up with lots of ideas and it is actually working so I can't thank her enough for this support and also with the school with the workshops they put on its fantastic, I say the same thing each time, but I really do mean it.

We couldn't be happier with Dilkes! Its an amazing school!

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