



## 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 264 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.

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

	Agreed
My child enjoys school	97%
The school keeps my child safe	99%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	97%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	99%
The school has high expectations for my child	98%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	98%
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.	98%
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.	99%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	97%

### Completed Questionnaires

YR (60 pupils) 41 responses 68%	Y1 (60 pupils) 33 responses 55%	Y2 (60 pupils) 42 responses 70%
Y3 (60 pupils) 39 responses 65%	Y4 (61 pupils) 38 responses 62%	Y5 (60 pupils) 36 responses 60%
Y6 (60 pupils) 35 responses 58%		

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

#### Year 6

*The teaching and learning is excellent and second to none. I have seen my daughter make significant improvement since joining Dilkes Academy. I am particularly proud of my daughter's achievement and remain confident that she will do really well in her SATs and other assessments which will put her in good stead for secondary. I would like to seize the opportunity to thank Ms Gospodinova, my daughter's class teacher and the rest of the team who have helped and supported her and still continue to enhance her learning, skills and in building confidence.*

*Miss G is very approachable. It shines that she has the best interest of your child. Great teacher!*

*The teaching standards are extremely high and any issues are dealt with quickly and professionally.*

*Teaching Staff are excellent, PE Staff are working so hard to broaden the sports available at the school.*

*Mrs Kular has helped my daughter so much with her learning and me as mum, we are very happy.*

*My son has very much enjoyed his time at Dilkes. The school has pushed him from strength to strength academically and also physically with all the sports events he is entered into. My son is very proud to say he is a pupil at Dilkes Academy.*

*Mrs Kular is fantastic, as I've said before - her influence benefits the children massively and I'm so thankful my son has ended his time at Dilkes with her as his teacher.*

#### **Year 5**

*My daughter comes home happy and eager to tell us all about her day and learning. There is a wide variety of extra activities and she has represented the school in both arts and sports competitions. Thank you to all the staff for having a safe and inspiring place to learn.*

*Mrs Barnes she has helped my child understand herself.*

*Communication to parents is great and the extra subjects, outside activities and opportunities are fantastic. Good teachers, strong management, security of pupils and performance.*

#### **Year 4**

*The greatest strength for me would have to be the school management and creative way in which the school is run. The teachers and PE teachers are really kind and they strike a perfect balance between pushing the child and being gentle. Overall, our experience has been a positive one.*

*All the teachers are great and bring out the best of my son. The range of extra-curricular activities is brilliant. I get the real sense that academy genuinely do care about giving each child the best start in life and helping them to be a well-rounded individual.*

*The teaching practice benefits the children, and encourages them to improve their abilities in learning.*

#### **Year 3**

*I'm listened to. I can call up and have a chat and never feel rushed. The call is always ended on a positive note.*

*The teaching staff are second to none. The standard is so high and it stays like that. I feel great.*

*They support my daughter well and encourages her in all aspects of her school life.*

*Excellent teachers – provide good education and solid foundations for the pupils.*

*My daughter is very happy at Dilkes. We are very pleased that she came here and we never have any complaints about the school.*

#### **Year 2**

*I regard the teaching at Dilkes as its greatest strengths how my child has been taught and how he remembers what he has been taught is excellent very impressed.*

*I would like to compliment the staff and leadership for maintaining high standards within the school and for helping the children progress and develop further.*

*Very happy with my daughters' progress and achievement, the level of teaching and overall leadership and management at the school. It has been a joy to see her blossom. Thank you for all the good work.*

### **Year 1**

*With regard to keeping us parents up to speed with what is being learnt, I have found the workshops to be very useful & informative.*

*The teaching staff and all staff I have come into contact with have been really helpful & welcoming*

*Dilkes is a great school and I'm thankful my children have had their primary education here.*

### **Reception**

*Mrs Lowe is fantastic! Really engaging with the little ones and my son absolutely loves her. When I've been in for parent stay and play's she manages to get the whole classes attention without raising her voice (which is amazing for 4 and 5 year olds), and her really has come along so much with reading, writing and maths - he is really so interested in learning and that's a massive testament to all the staff in reception. Thanks so much for everything!*

*My son started Reception not even knowing how to write the alphabet and his numbers but I can now proudly say he is able to read story books and know his additions and subtractions in less than 2 terms at Reception. We are proud parents.*

*The curriculum is varied. Lots of resources sent home to help with early learning. Knowledgeable reception staff who are always willing to go the extra mile. I'm extremely grateful for the information on where my child is currently and his end of year targets. This helps me to target specific areas of need at home.*

*My daughter went from knowing the basics starting school but now can add, recognise letter & starting to read in such a short time. Absolutely amazing how fast & effective the learning system has been with Lola. Thank you to Miss Pepall.*

*Dilkes is absolutely an amazing place for children to learn a bit more than other schools as per my experience. They go an extra mile to deliver more knowledge to children and Most of all I love all the Staff; Mrs Lowe, Head Teacher and the reception staff are amazing. Always very helpful.*

*The safety of children, Happy staff in reception area always there to help and offer help and support.*

### **Answers to points raised**

To contact the school the telephone number is 01708 852128 or visit the school website [www.dilkeacademy.org.uk](http://www.dilkeacademy.org.uk) which has a yellow button in the top right hand corner 'Get in Touch' which emails the school office.

The school has a number of staff who work with the inclusion team which included Miss Campbell, Mrs Strata and Mrs Rice. Mrs Rice, is a Specialist Leader of Education for SEND and is the Trust SENCO. Miss Thompson will be taking over from Miss Campbell after the Easter break.

At break time and lunch we are very fortunate to have use of our MUGA pitch, where activities are run through the week led by the PE department and our sports leaders. Many of these activities include running and as a school we have more physical education timetabled than many schools with 3 PE lessons a week.

Notification of events are detailed in our termly programmes which cover the autumn, spring and summer terms. These events are also added to the school website. However, at times there are events which are organised where

the notice given maybe shorter than others. Pleased be assured that we always give as much consideration as possible.

We are reducing the use of paper letters as a form of communication in a drive to support our Eco Warriors. Communication is sent via our School App notification. Other forms of communication are on our school website [www.dilkesacademy.org.uk](http://www.dilkesacademy.org.uk) and our twitter page which can be found at @DilkesAcademy.

Due to the success of the trialed workshops with visits to live classrooms, this year we have structured our coffee mornings to include curriculum workshops, mental health workshops, Speech and Language as well as personal hygiene. The attendance for these have been excellent. Content from the curriculum workshops can be found on our school website.