



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 345 completed and this great response demonstrates the continuing productive 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.

Unlike many schools, we are extremely lucky that we are able to provide many additional services such as before and after school clubs, speech and language therapy, counselling etc. all at no additional cost. We are very proud of the Brilliant Club which allows pupils to visit top universities in the country. Currently, we are writing an article for the Parliamentary Review which showcases our excellent work with pupils with SEND. The school is fortunate to have the services of a parent partnership officer as well as a welfare worker who both work diligently to ensure everyone is listened to. We are proud and happy to be this type of school, our staff work very hard, often over and above their expected workload, in order for these opportunities and experiences to remain available for our pupils.

Staff and pupils should also be congratulated on the excellent behaviour throughout the school. Visitors to Dilkes from other schools always comment on the superb behaviour and manners of our children and a recent external audit judged behaviour at our school to be outstanding. Our pupils are always highly motivated to learn and make excellent progress. This is led by the school ethos and through the excellent teaching at Dilkes which demands high expectations from all.

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

	Agree
My child enjoys school	97%
The school keeps my child safe	99%
My child is making progress at school	98%
The school informs me about my child's progress	97%
The teaching is good at this school	99%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	97%
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	98%
The school makes me feel welcome	98%
The school meets my child's particular needs, including their special needs	97%
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	95%
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	98%

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

We are so impressed by the nursery, as always our child loves school. The teachers manage her allergies brilliantly without excluding her from activities. **(Nursery)**

Communication between home and school is excellent. My son really enjoys coming into school. **(Nursery)**

They have a caring attitude. Great open lines of communication. The school has a strong culture and ethos. **(Nursery)**

The teaching methods; They make learning interesting and fun. **(Reception)**

The reception staff are the heart of the school; very welcoming and all the staff are supportive. The pastoral team have been amazingly supportive with any problems. I feel the school seems more safe every year with the improvements that been made. **(Reception)**

Team work and improvement is great at the school, Miss Pepall and her teaching assistants are doing a great job. **(Reception)**

My child loves being in reception and speaks very highly of Miss Ransom, she is fantastic. **(Reception)**

My child loves school and has made so much progress with Miss Storr. **(Year 1)**

The activities that the children are able to take part in and the management of the school. **(Year 1)**

I regard the teaching at this school as the greatest strength at Dilkes in the way my child is taught and remembers is excellent I am extremely impressed **(Year 1)**

Friendly staff, the school really concentrates on sports which is good and it's a nice size in pupil numbers. **(Year 1)**

It's been fantastic to my children here. My child is doing great. The school has been a very good and safe place to be. **(Year 2)**

Teacher pick up areas where children need extra help and give extra lessons to help the child learn and understand. **(Year 2)**

My child is really happy at Dilkes and enjoys coming to school every day. Everyone has been very welcoming and helped her settle in. **(Year 2)**

The teaching is absolutely brilliant; my son has learnt so much since he started. **(Year 2)**

Mrs Guilbert and Mrs Nelder are the best teachers at Dilkes Academy. My opinion and my children opinions. **(Year 3)**

My child enjoys each day of school and I can see her learning progress and efficiency of the school. **(Year 3)**

The Teachers are 'Angels'. Every teacher possesses great qualities. They actually surpass my imagination. **(Year 3)**

Mrs Kular is by far one of the best teachers we have met. She has totally changed my son's outlook on school into a very positive experience. He is inspired to write his own stories, challenge himself on TT Rock Stars and just generally a happy kind boy who wants to do his best. I wish all our children could have her every year! (Year 4)

Friendly and warm feeling with smiley office staff! Teachers are approachable. Mrs Kular has a very friendly face and my son really enjoys her fun English lessons! (Year 4)

The parent teacher relationship is a real strength as well as the open communication and happy staff. (Year 4)

The teaching methods makes learning enjoyable for the children. The support offered to parents and carers is exceptional. (Year 5)

It's a great school and would recommend it to others. (Year 5)

Teaching and Learning as well as strong leadership. The school also has friendly and support staff. (Year 5)

I agree that the school provides a supportive environment for my daughter to thrive and consistently achieve her academic goals and would like Dilkes Academy to maintain the standards. Thank you for all your hard work in ensuring that pupils aspire to accomplish their goals and fulfil their potential. Thank you once more. (Year 6)

Supportive environment for pupils to achieve their desires of academic excellence and cultivating the right attitude. (Year 6)

Positive attitude to my child always and always tries to help them succeed. (Year 6)

Making the children's learning enjoyable and having a wonderful approach and technique. Without this Dilkes wouldn't be the same. (Year 6)