



DILKES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carers,

First, let me thank you for your continued support and understanding. It's been wonderful to have all the pupils back in school following a sustained period of remote learning.

I am very proud of the way our school community handled the demands of remote learning as well as juggling childcare and working commitments.

We would like to once again thank everyone who was able to join our remote parent/carer consultations. Many of you completed our questionnaire and the comments have been shared with our staff. 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/carers who agreed or disagreed with each statement:

	Agreed
My Child Enjoys School	99%
The school keeps my child safe	100%
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	97%
The school has high expectations for my child	96%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	100%
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 makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	99%
The school takes account of my suggestions or any concerns I may have.	99%
The school is led and managed effectively.	97%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	97%

I am hugely impressed at how quickly my son has developed his writing and reading skills. It's amazing to see when he comes home all excited to show me what he learnt at school today.
(Reception)

Thank you so much to Mrs Young for trying her absolute best with my daughter. **(Reception)**

Thank you for all the remote learning and communication. I think you have all handled it really

well! (Reception)

The teachers, they have worked so hard and kept the online classes super exciting especially for a 5 year old. (Reception)

Thank you for all your hard work. My daughter's teacher has been absolutely brilliant. All tech help was there and they worked really well with what they had to work with. For my daughter it has been a positive experience. (Reception)

We are grateful for all the Reception teachers have done over the last few weeks. It's kept my daughter into some sort of routine and helped her continue her learning. I appreciate a lot of hard work and planning has gone in to ensure the children have daily lessons, wake up shake up and story time. Thank you. (Reception)

Amazing teachers, have made an impossible and hard year so much brighter and happier for our children. So thank you! (Reception)

Great communication! I also believe the children's safety and well-being is very important to the staff. (Reception)

Miss Osborne and Miss Storr are excellent teachers and I can't thank them enough for their dedication and flexibility regarding our beliefs and just really having a real passion for teaching our kids. It has been a privilege to experience online learning with my daughter and seeing how they are taught and it is a positive to take forward to be better equipped to work alongside the teachers.

I really can't thank them enough they are always smiling, forever patient and excellent teachers. Thank you Miss Osborne and Miss Storr. (Year 1)

Remote learning has been very organised and all problems were ironed out quickly. Very impressive that all the teachers were able to adapt so quickly and we felt supported the whole way through. (Year 1)

They have High expectations but even if the children can't reach those they are still praised and given positive encouragement for any effort made. (Year 1)

We are really happy about how the whole remote learning process has been organised during the past couple of months and we are very thankful for all the support given to the children by their teachers and by the school. A variety of subjects was covered and the teachers strived to keep the children entertained and interested even while studying from home. We appreciate all the efforts and hard work the school and the teachers have put into this and we just wanted to say "A BIG thank you :)" (Year 1)

The greatest strength of Dilkes Academy, is the sheer focus, organisation and determination to make sure all children reach their potential I think that is what makes Dilkes Academy stick out from the rest. Thank you to Mr Latham and Mrs Nye and all the other people who work behind the scenes to achieve this. Also I say this every term but the teachers are simply the best, Miss Osborne is truly an interesting, patient, knowledgeable, great teacher! (Year 1)

I just want congratulate everyone in Year 1 for adapting so well and keeping the kids well engaged during the live session. (Year 1)

It's been really great to see how the teachers teach. We have had a really good insight to Miss Epstein as well which Miss Epstein has been absolutely brilliant with the children and we gave her a massive thumbs up. Was also nice to experience Mrs Nye teaching all positive feedback from us. (Year 2)

My children have been through so much recently and the staff of Dilkes have been so supportive. Fantastic school and great staff members. (Year 2)

We would like to thank Mrs Kempster and Miss Epstein for contacting us regarding recent events at home. They have both been very kind and concerned for my daughter. Was very supportive. (Year 2)

Thank you so much to the Year 2 team and the PE department. The lessons have run smoothly keeping the kids engaged and smiles on their faces! (Year 2)

During this lockdown it felt like we've been on a rollercoaster ride. We had a good days and also we had days when we struggled to complete her work. Overall, Miss Tyler and Mr Moughton have been brilliant. They made learning fun, we had lots of giggles during the live lessons.

Just want to thank Miss Tyler and Mr Moughton for their amazing work and their support. Thank you to everyone at Dilkes Academy. (Year 3)

I'm so glad my daughter attends this outstanding school. My daughter enjoys going to school. Everyday, she's looking forward to go to school and learn something new. All teachers are amazing, they doing an excellent job with teaching and supporting the children. (Year 3)

Am pleased with the communication between school and home. Miss. Tyler is very good in communication and responds to all my queries and offers suggestions to assist in my son's learning. (Year 3)

It has been so nice to see all the teachers come together and work with each other to get the kids involved with as much as possible. (Year 3)

My son was well supported, teachers did their best to keep all kids engaged and making sure they handed in their work on time. I was impressed to see how quickly everyone overcame their difficulties and adapted so well to do online learning! (Year 4)

Exceptional!!! Amazing and outstanding support throughout! The teachers have been phenomenal and total assets to the school! Teachers have been there with their support and understanding throughout! (Year 4)

I am happy with my son's overall progress. I am exceptionally happy with the teaching throughout this pandemic. The input has been amazing! (Year 4)

Dilkes has amazing quality teachers like Miss Conway who tap into the children's strengths and brings out the best in them.

She is also aware of areas for development and is able to motivate my daughter to strive to achieve. We as a family can't thank her enough and hope that she will be able to give her brother the same experience as he journeys through the school fingers crossed for April. As she is what I believe a teacher should be. (Year 5)

I am really impressed with the online learning my son has received and can honestly say it was much better than my Year 9 received from his senior school. Well done Dilkes and to Miss Clark and Miss Conway for their hard work and efforts. (Year 5)

I believe Remote Learning that was delivered and done well despite this being new and put together in a short space of time. (Year 5)

I wanted to thank Miss Conway and Miss Clark for all their hard work and making it fun. (Year 5)

I think the on line learning has been fantastic. All pupils and teachers have embraced it well. It has been so nice to see what the children are learning and to be part of it too. (Year 5)

Year 6 did there upmost to support and encourage great learning and finding different ways to keep them going! They were one of the year groups that had to isolate quite a bit but still worked together to keep them going! Well done to Mr Henderson and the PE team for your hard work and dedication too with lots of different challenges to help keep fit both mentally and physically!

Online assemblies were a great recognition of the children's achievements as well as bringing the school community together. (Year 6)

Remote learning was presented at a very high level and the Year 6 staff worked very hard with lots of enthusiasm! Well done and thank you for your support in keeping the children interested in their learning whilst striving to be the best version of themselves. (Year 6)

We are extremely happy how Mrs Kular and Miss G have taught my daughter through the whole of the online experience. She has enjoyed the experience and she has learnt a lot considering it's been online at home. (Year 6)

Amazing job by the Year 6 teachers , I take my hat off to them for making sure the children still learn even during these hard times !!!

I for one would like to personally thank the Year 6 teachers, without them it may have been even harder. (Year 6)

As parents we couldn't have asked for any more from the Year 6 team and P.E dept. The lessons have set expectations, run smoothly and been fun keeping the kids engaged....Thank you! (Year 6)

They always want what's best for the children going into such a demanding world. They teach with great passion and enthusiasm and always believe in the children. (Year 6)

Yours Sincerely,



Mr R. Latham
Headteacher