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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent parent consultations and responded to our spring term questionnaire. Your engagement is truly appreciated, and we value the opportunity to work in partnership with you to maintain the high standards we set for our pupils.

Your support plays a vital role in your child(ren)'s success, and we are grateful for your feedback, which helps us continue to grow and improve. The staff deeply appreciate your kind words and encouragement—it is heartening to see their hard work recognised. Together, our positive collaboration is making a real difference in pupils' progress.

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

	Agreed
My child is happy at Dilkes Academy	99%
My child feels safe at school	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	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.	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.	98%
My Child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	98%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	98%
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.	99%

Here are a few comments from parents/carers highlighting the excellent features of Dilkes Academy:

Great academic results with a great support from teachers

Professionalism, hardworking, friendly environment

The support with my daughters outside commitment is much appreciated- very grateful

Keep doing what you are good at, well done Dilkes Academy.

Thank you very much for all your help and support.



Ms Peetoom has made sure that we work through all of my son's challenges, since he started Y6 at Dilkes.

Great discipline and learning a year ahead.

My daughter has been welcomed in her move in Year 6 and has made huge progression since joining in September.

Strong ability to assess child's learning needs and support so they can progress.

I feel the greatest strengths are the management team.

Every aspect is on point.

The school is serious and well-focused with their studies.

Brilliant school, lovely teachers and professional staff.

Great staff and leadership.

Thank you very much for all your support.

Amazing teachers, high expectations of the children

Mrs Kempster is absolutely amazing and my daughter is an entirely different person this year, so happy and confident and she is thriving in Mrs Kempster class all thanks to her amazing teacher skills and going above and beyond to support her additional needs.

Teachers and management are the greatest strength.

Mrs Nelder is understanding, helpful and a great teacher.

Caring teachers and staff.

Miss Bush and the rest of the year 4 staff have been amazing. Our daughter is doing so well in all her lessons and loves going to school. Thank you for all your hard work & support.

Mrs Nelder and the year 3 staff have been amazing. Our daughter is doing so well in all areas, she enjoys her lessons and coming to school.

Well-trained and dedicated teachers, safe environment, varied extracurricular activities.

The greatest strength of the school is building my child confidence up and helping my child to improve each year.

Able to communicate if there is any need. Good teaching methods. Polite kids.

It's great to see that our daughter's teachers are doing a great job teaching them academically but also in her personal development too, for example her behaviour.

Ultimately my child feels safe and happy coming to school everyday

Miss Sussex is a great teacher, approachable and there for the children. She always wants them to do the best they can and will sacrifice herself for that. Miss Sussex gives so much enthusiasm that the children are very keen to learn and come home recalling lots of facts.

The teachers are the best!

The teacher my daughter has is brilliant. She makes sure she does well and pushes her to where she needs to be.

We are so thankful to everyone at Dilkes (management team, school office, Miss Sussex and Miss West) for everything they are doing to support the kids in their learning journey and in their overall development and



in particular that they are doing their best (and succeeding in it greatly) so that for the kids, this learning experience is a happy one 😊!

My son is doing really well in Miss Nelder Marshes class, she keeps a close eye on his learning to make sure he is fulfilling his potential and he is very happy going to school. Thank you.

The greatest strengths are the management and the extra work and competitions available to the kids which they love as well as the helpfulness of the teachers.

I think the strength lies in the school's constant ability to ensure the safety of the children both in school and even when they are at home. Always discussing about safety of children even when they have access to online applications. Ensuring they are not exposed to the dangers that is attached to social media.

Dilkes Academy has a fantastic team of approachable staff. The receptionists are always welcoming, with warm smiles and a helpful attitude. Mrs. Bowers is always willing to listen and proactively address any concerns raised with her. While we are sad to see her go on maternity leave, we wish her all the best as she embarks on this exciting new chapter of motherhood.

Mrs Thirkell has explained everything very well.

My son is in Miss Sultana's class and feels safe and happy. I cannot commend Miss Sultana enough for her dedication and hard work.

Miss Handley's patience, attentiveness, hard work and dedication with the Children is extremely apparent and is clearly reflected in my Childs learning and development in such a short time span. I am excited to see the continued progress over the next coming months.

Miss Handley is an amazing reception teacher; she was made for this job - could not ask for anymore from her. All the children adore her as do us parents.

Very good how my child is growing and learning.

Dilkes has a variety of educational activities and good way of teaching subjects.

Thank you to Miss Handley and the rest of the reception team they have done wonders with my son! He has come on so much since September, I couldn't be happier!!

Our son is always happy to go to school, and he's learning a lot and understanding a lot of what he learns at home in an educative context.

The support and care that each staff member gives the children, it really shows in their learning and behaviour.

Both me and my wife feel very lucky to have a teacher like Mrs Sultana for our daughter. She is very transparent with us with his progress and behaviour.

Wonderful teachers and LSA who really care about my daughter.

Reception has been amazing. Communication is good, staff are good, my child is so excited to tell me about her day.

Miss Roger's and miss Parkinson in particular are exceptional members of staff my children adore them it makes a massive difference when there are warm friendly faces greeting the children and supporting them. They take the time to get to know the kids individually and it makes all the difference to the children and myself as a parent

I love the way the school manages all issues.

The staff are approachable and supportive every teacher my children have had each year are so positive and kind



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.

As a school, safeguarding our pupils is our primary responsibility, and we cannot overlook the potential risks posed by the use of airTags, particularly when it comes to our most vulnerable students. The introduction of such devices could compromise the safety of our students in ways that may not have been fully considered.

Our role as educators extends far beyond simply delivering academic content; we have a duty of care to protect every pupil under our supervision, and that includes ensuring their safety in all aspects of their lives.

Yours Sincerely,



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