

## Bethany School Parent Survey - January 2024

Bethany school conducted this survey of all our parents. All parents on the school mailing list were sent the survey link and forty seven parents took part in the survey. The full results have been shared with Governors, staff team and parents. Here is a summary of the survey's findings with our response.

My child is happy at this school	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	61.7	31.9	4.3	2.1	0.0	
Parents responses 2022	61.8	34.5	3.6	0.0	0.0	
School response	Obviously we want all the children in our care to enjoy school, and it is encouraging to hear that 94% of parents think their children do enjoy their time at Bethany school.					
My child feels safe at this school	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	78.7	21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Parents responses 2022	70.9	27.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	
School response	All children in our care need to feel safe and protected. It is encouraging to hear that 100% of parents answered that their child feels safe at school.					
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	55.3	36.2	8.5	0.0	0.0	
Parents responses 2022	46.3	46.3	5.6	0.0	1.9	
School response	We are very proud of the excellent behaviour of children in our school, and it is encouraging that 92% of our parents are happy with the behaviour of the children. Our teaching and learning governor recently completed a learning walk around the school and commented that 'the overall educational climate of the school is very positive.'					
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	My child has not been bullied
Parents responses 2024	2.1	8.5	6.4	2.1	0.0	80.9
Parents responses 2022	1.9	11.1	5.6	0.0	7.4	74.1
School response	We are thankful that bullying is a rare occurrence at Bethany School, and that where it has occurred the majority of parents feel that we have dealt with the incident effectively. We acknowledge that we have not always resolved issues to all parents' satisfaction.					
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	70.2	25.5	2.1	0.0	2.1	
Parents responses 2022	52.7	36.4	7.3	1.8	1.8	
School response	Since the 2022 survey we have endeavoured to improve in this area of communication by means of a whole school newsletter each term reporting on the curriculum across the school. In addition we continue to include a curriculum session each term at the parents' meetings. We are encouraged to see this improvement has been reflected in a significantly more positive response to this statement with 70% of parents strongly in agreement.					

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	I have not raised any concerns
Parents responses 2024	34.0	27.7	6.4	4.3	0.0	27.7
Parents responses 2022	36.4	40.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	18.2
School response	It is encouraging that 85% of parents <b>who have raised concerns</b> feel they have been dealt with properly. We acknowledge that we have not always resolved issues to all parents' satisfaction.					
Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?	Yes	No				
Parents responses 2024	78.7	21.3				
Parents responses 2022	23.6	76.4				
School response						
If yes, how strongly do you agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	25.0	31.3	0.0	6.3	37.5	
Parents responses 2022	23.1	38.5	15.4	7.7	15.4	
School response	One of our key targets on our School Improvement Plan this year is to ensure that individual targets for SEND pupils are accurately matched with needs, and to check progress against these regularly. And we have already made a number of changes to our SEND provision in order to achieve this goal.					
The school has high expectations for my child.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	30.4	52.2	8.7	4.3	4.3	
Parents responses 2022	29.1	41.8	14.5	3.6	10.9	
School response	We believe that we have high expectations for all the children in our care, in terms of both their character and academic development. We are pleased that 82% of parents do think that we have high expectations for our pupils (up from 71% two years ago). We are still concerned by the minority who don't agree or who don't know. In terms of academic expectations we continue to carry out book scrutiny both by management and at governor level and the response has been that our expectations and level of challenge are very good.					
My child does well at this school.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	53.2	38.3	4.3	2.1	2.1	
Parents responses 2022	47.3	34.5	5.5	3.6	9.1	
School response	We are encouraged that the response to this question is more positive than the one above, with 92% thinking their children are doing well, and over 53% strongly in agreement. This is also an improvement from parents' views from two years ago.					

The school lets me know how my child is doing.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	45.7	39.1	8.7	6.5	0.0	
Parents responses 2022	40.0	40.0	18.2	1.8	0.0	
School response	It is important that we communicate with parents on how their children are doing. While 85% have said that we do let you know how your child is doing which is an improvement on two years ago we still see this as an area for development and wish to improve on that. The 'norms reports' will be going out to parents on 9th February and we encourage all parents to book an appointment with their child's teacher at this point to discuss their progress.					
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	21.3	63.8	6.4	4.3	4.3	
Parents responses 2022	30.9	47.3	10.9	3.6	7.3	
School response	Bethany School is a small school with certain limitations on its curriculum in terms of space, facilities and GCSE options. However we believe that Bethany offers a very broad and balanced curriculum with all the main subject areas covered. Please see the school website for details of our curriculum.					
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	23.4	44.7	23.4	0.0	8.5	
Parents responses 2022	16.4	58.2	12.7	1.8	10.9	
School response	This has been highlighted on previous surveys and, we have introduced a number of new lunch time activities, including 'board games club', Christian union and a choir. Which have been well attended. Cross country club every Friday is also very well attended. We have asked children's views on further clubs that they would like to see established.					
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
Parents responses 2024	57.4	36.2	0.0	0.0	6.4	
Parents responses 2022	54.5	38.2	1.8	0.0	5.5	
School response	We are encouraged that 94% of parents believe that we support their child's wider personal development.					
I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes	No				
Parents responses 2024	91.5	8.5				
Parents responses 2022	98.1	1.9				
School response						

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