

Balksbury Infant School

Governor Parent Questionnaire

Results

2023-2024

On behalf of Governors, thank you to all of the families which completed this year's Governor Parent Questionnaire.

As the questionnaire was anonymised we are unable to address specific comments about individual children. Please do contact the school directly through the admin office if you would like to discuss any of the comments made in response to the questionnaire.

The questionnaire is important for us to understand how you as families feel about our schools and we do make changes following the results.

Balksbury Governors

A few of the things you told us...

Since moving our child here we have realised what our child did get educationally at their last school. The staff always greet my child into school. My child comes out happy

We love Balksbury

...year R and year 1 teachers have been amazing.

We have recommended balksbury to 4 families we couldn't be happier with our child's experiences in both infants and juniors.

Balksbury staff always go over and above.

This is the best school in Andover.

Balksbury is a FAB school and both of my children have enjoyed their time in the infants ❤️ I have no concerns regarding my child in the infant school. He had adjusted well to school life and is absolutely thriving and is so happy ❤️

I have loved the way my child comes home and is excited to tell me about their day.

My child has said how much she loves school and runs in happy. She loves the variety of activities and different ways to learn.

Comments

We are very grateful for the responses and the comments you shared. We wanted to address a few of the comments below:

Praise for staff and the federation

We were delighted with the amount of positive comments about pupils being excited about their day and the praise for individual teachers. We have shared all of these comments with staff across the Federation.

Year group pages

We have heard that the year group pages are well liked. However, it was raised that they can be slow to load due to there being too many files. To address this, we will be removing historic information and reducing the file size of the photos we upload.

Can we have a forest school?

We have lots of outdoor learning areas across the federation. Rather than offering a once a half-term forest school session as other schools do, we have decided to fully embed outdoor learning into our everyday curriculum.

Music provision is underrepresented

We have taken on board this comment and the Music Leaders will discuss further possibilities.

We sadly lost our piano teacher after the pandemic. We are actively looking for a piano teacher who can teach during the school day at an accessible cost for families.

Meanwhile, the school fulfils the requirements for the National Curriculum, and updated our music curriculum 18 months ago. The junior school has built up a good relationship with Test Valley Brass, but unfortunately they do not offer infant lessons.

We are also about to start our outside project to place stones around the outside musical instruments, to make them more accessible as the area becomes very muddy when wet.

Can we have physical homework?

Yes.

Homework is a statutory requirement. We moved to online homework during the pandemic and made further changes based on responses to this questionnaire last year. However, too many of our pupils are not engaging with online homework. We have discussed this a lot and listened to what you have said.

We will be reintroducing homework books in September.

Can we have more project homework?

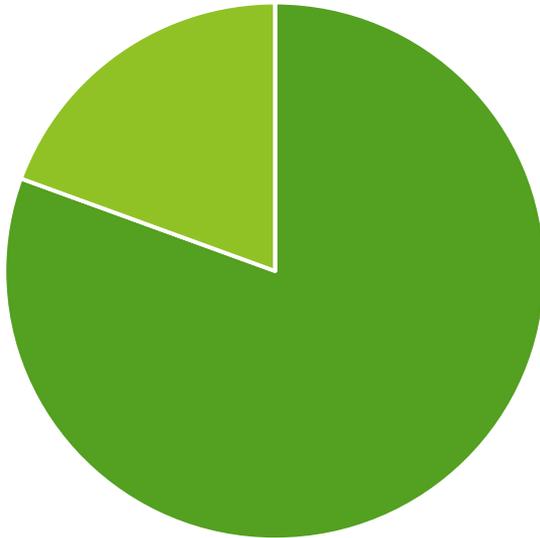
We ended project homework as many families told us this was a time constraint on their personal family time.

The Leadership Team will discuss whether we should return to this as an optional additional homework.

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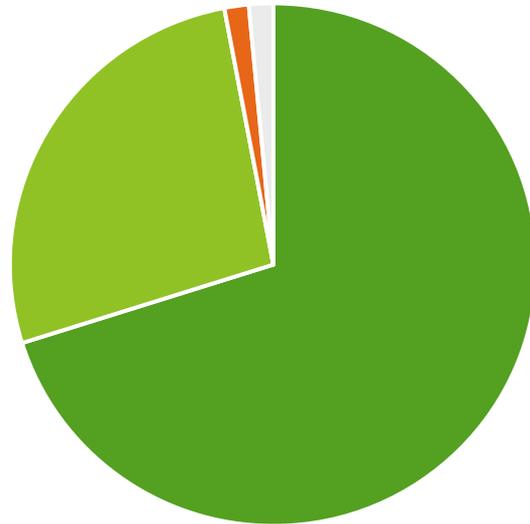
We received 67 responses. Please find below the results from the questionnaire:

My child feels safe at Balksbury



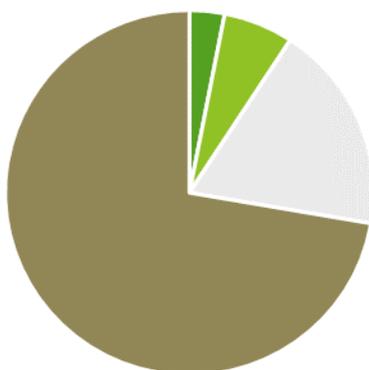
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

My child is happy at Balksbury Infant School



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively



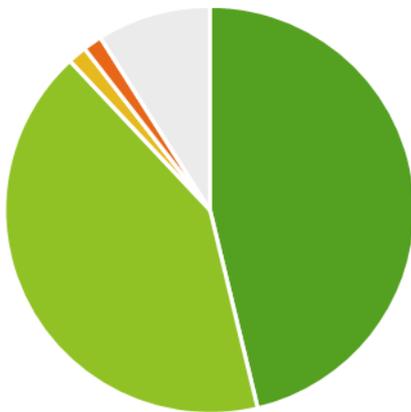
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- My child has not been bullied

We do not tolerate bullies at Balksbury.

We know there are many factors in a child's life which could cause them to bully others. Through our Talk Toolbox sessions and personal development in assemblies we equip the children with the skills they need to manage social challenges effectively. Our annual anti-bullying day supports children with core messages about bullying and we tell children that if they feel they are being bullied, they must tell an adult straight away. These messages are constantly reinforced with the children throughout the year.

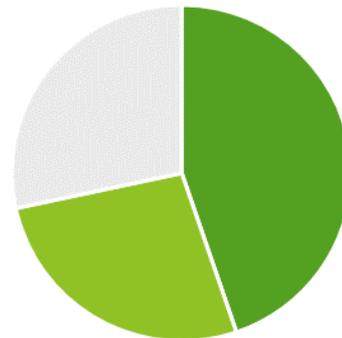
We all have a role in preventing bullying - please step forward if they feel that yours or another child is being bullied so we can deal with it as soon as possible.

Balksbury Infant School has high expectations for my child



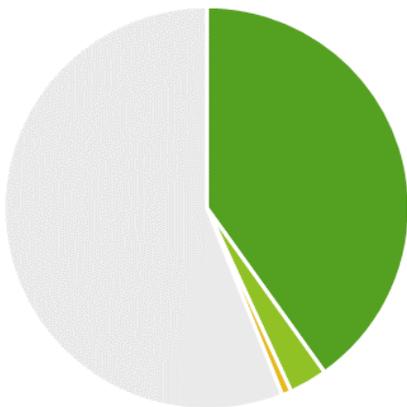
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- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I don't read the website page

When I have raised concerns with Balksbury Infant School they have been dealt with in a respectful manner



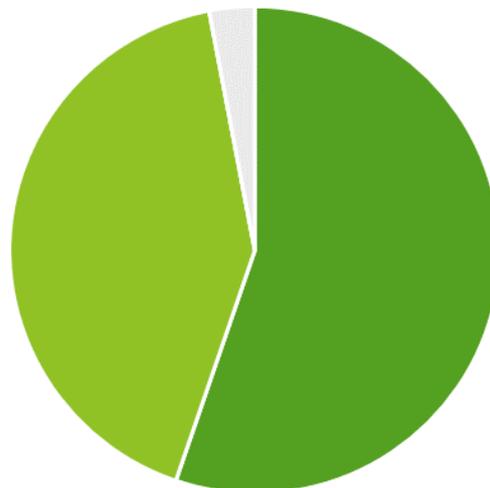
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- Strongly disagree
- I have not raised a concern with the school

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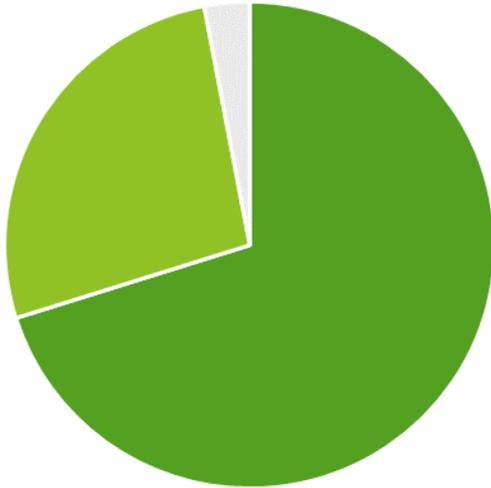
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- My child does not have SEND

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- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

My child does well at Balksbury Infant School



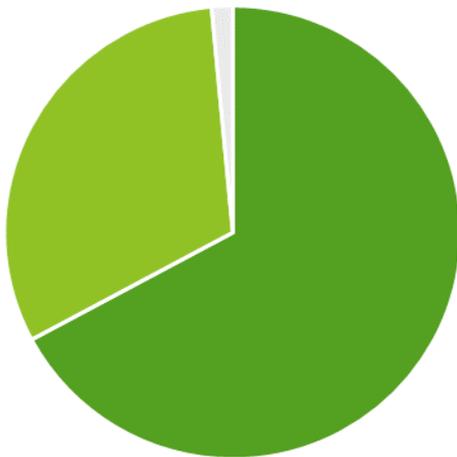
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Through Parents' Evenings and the end of year written report, Balksbury Infant School lets me know how my child is doing



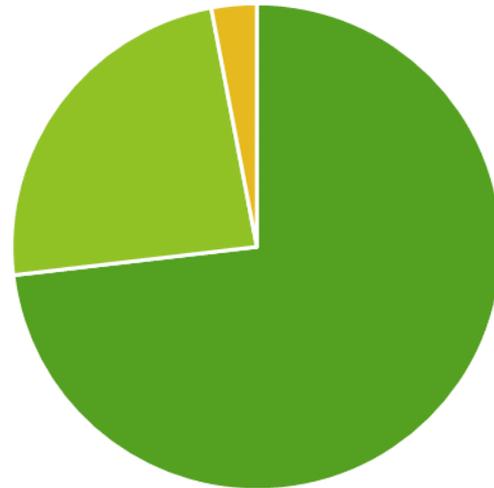
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- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Balksbury Infant School



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

My child can take part in after school clubs and activities



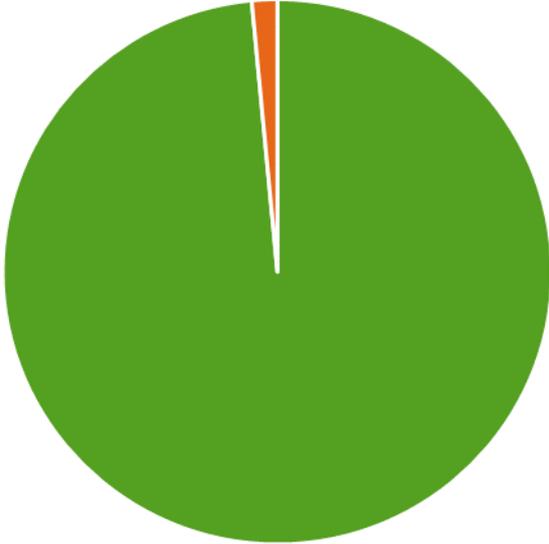
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Balksbury Infant School supports my child's wider personal development



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Would you recommend this school to another parent?



- Yes
- No