

Balksbury Junior 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...

My year 3 child has come on so much this year I am amazed at the words she comes out with.

We love Balksbury

Really happy with the school.

A family oriented school. Caring environment.

My child loves school.

The school listens to the parents.

Balksbury is an amazing school and the team provide such a varied and broad education across all subjects. The extra curricular opportunities are vast and I feel confident that my child is receiving a very

... he loves going to school now. He never liked going to school at his old school.

The school has a good approach to preparing children for later life.

Balksbury gives a solid foundation of education. We are very happy with the school.

We appreciate how hard the staff work.

I cannot thank Balksbury enough ... the SEND

The school goes above and beyond and that's why my child is happy.

We feel very fortunate that our child attends Balksbury, and we know the staff and leadership team could not do more to help children feel

I wouldn't want my child to be anywhere else. Thank you for all that you do to make my child's education a happy one.

The school values are talked about at home and we like that our child understands what they mean.

As parents we don't say thank you enough for what Balksbury staff do.

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 staff. We have shared all of these comments with staff across the Federation.

Can Governors be more visual to families?

Yes. Following our recent recruitments we will be reintroducing our regular contributions to across the playground.

We are also looking forward to attending federated events across the summer term.

Who are you?

Hello!

If you would like to find out more about the governors please do look at the webpage ([Governors | Barksbury Federation Infant and Junior Schools](#)) or ask at the admin office for more information.

Children were given stop and think without having a chance to explain themselves

We are sorry if anyone believes this is the case. The Leadership Team and Mrs Sanderson who leads Behaviour and Attitudes will investigate this and ensure the whole team understands that this should not happen.

There is too much communication!

Yes this is a tricky one. Different families have different views and regularly give us different feedback.

We have reduced the number of App messages since the last survey and have received comments about this. We have also received positive comments about the use of reading diaries.

Many of our families want to be well informed about school life and the federated community.

The Leadership Team will continue to discuss what improvements we can make with our Admin Team.

Can we have more competitive sport teams and games?

The school will take on board your response and discuss it as a Leadership Team alongside Mr Bensaid who leads Sport, and Mrs Cordner and Miss Romain who lead PE, and we will look at what else we could, or should do

Barksbury is working hard to revitalise sports teams sport and has in the last year, organised cluster football matches. The school take part in John Hanson primary sport of netball and hockey, which is what they offer and have done over the last two years. The school are also organising a morning 'Festival of Sport' for local schools in the summer. Included in our week are lunchtime training for netball, hockey and football. The federation do also offer a range of sport and active play including weekly swimming lessons in the summer for Year 2

and above, which other schools do not offer, Active play at break and lunchtime including a Move More challenge, upper and lower body agility equipment, an outside gym to name just a few things.

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.

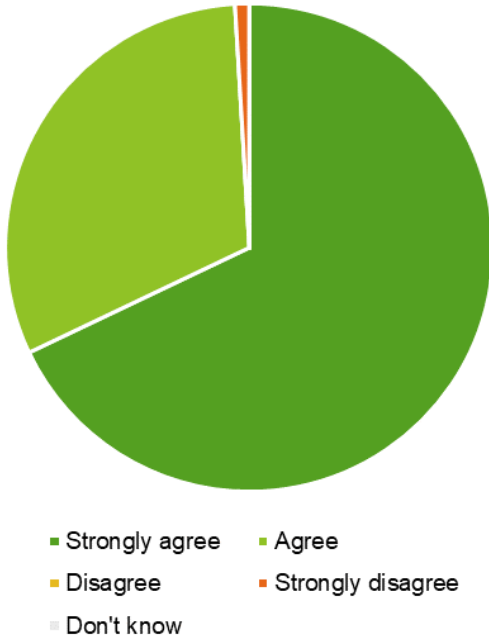
What happened to the junior leadership team?

The Junior Leadership Team (JLT) is still in place and working hard! Miss Bolton has consulted them over decisions for the federation. A Smart School Council meeting is in place for the first half term, and the JLT will meet with the Leadership Team.

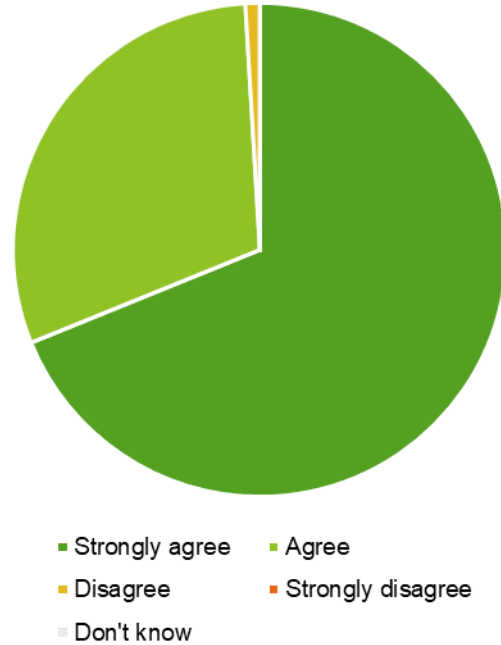
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We received 106 responses. Please find below the results from the questionnaire:

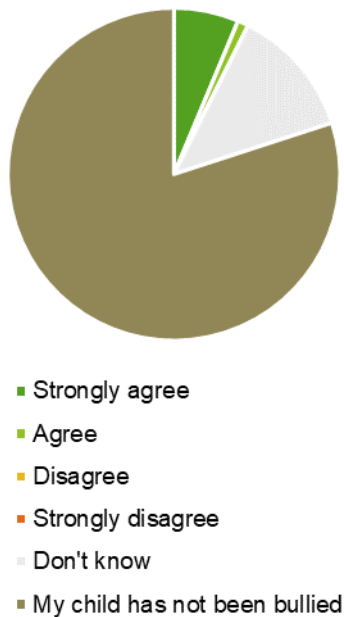
My child is happy at Balksbury Junior School



My child feels safe at Balksbury Junior School



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



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.

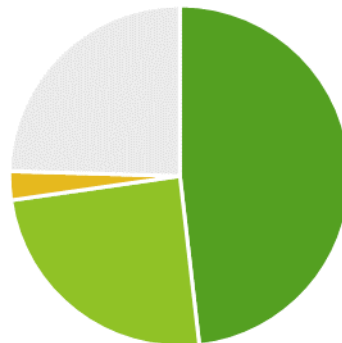
We all have a role in preventing bullying - please step forward if they feel that yours or another child is being bullied so we can deal with it as soon as possible.

Balksbury Junior School makes me aware of what my child is learning during the year through the year group pages



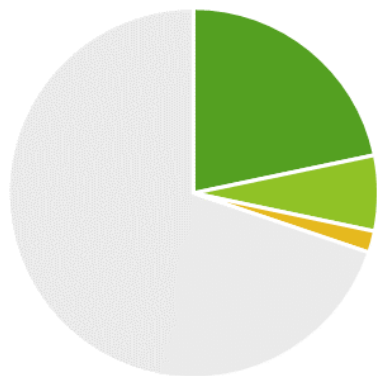
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I don't read the website page

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



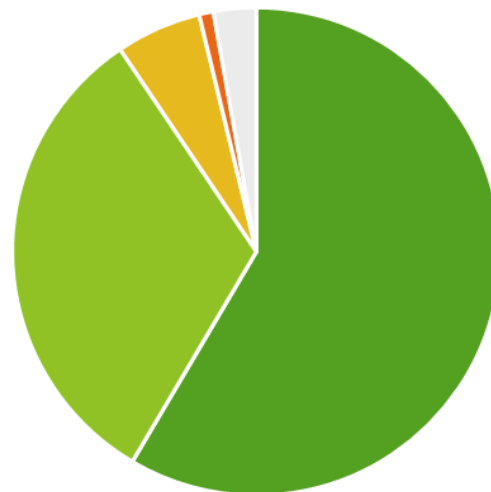
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I have not raised a concern with the school

My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed



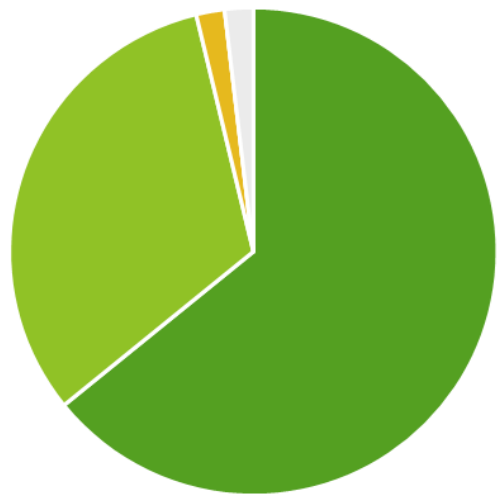
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- My child does not have SEND

Balksbury Junior School has high expectations for my child



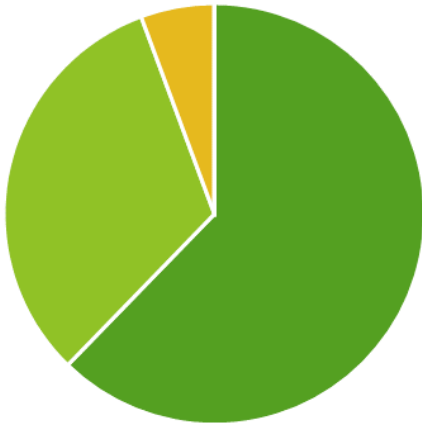
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

My child does well at Balksbury Junior School



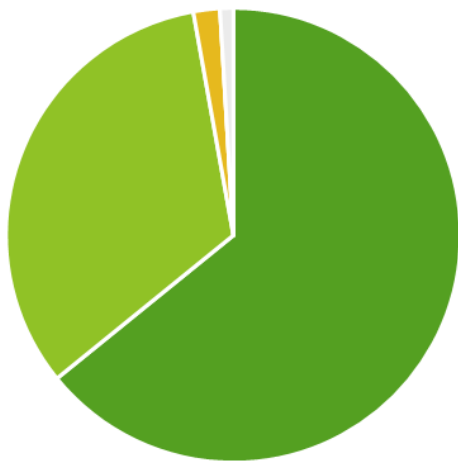
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Through Parents' Evenings and the end of year written report, Balksbury Junior School lets me know how my child is doing



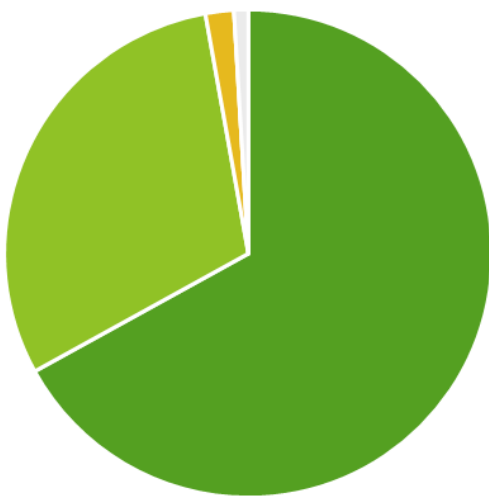
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There is a good range of subjects available to my child at Balksbury Junior School



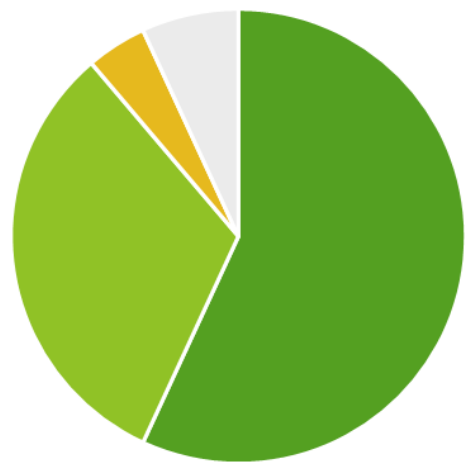
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My child can take part in after school clubs and activities



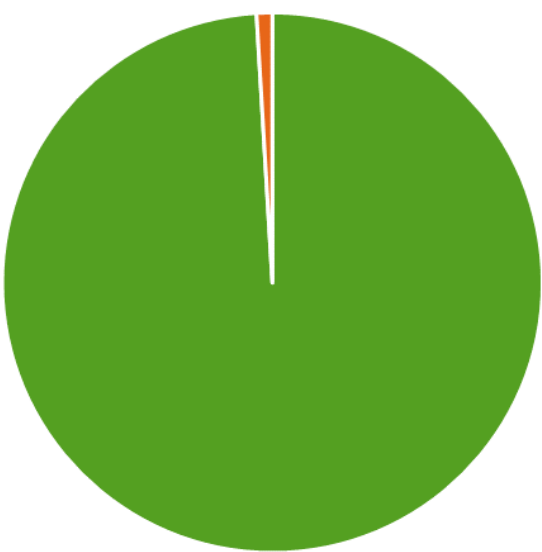
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Disagree Strongly disagree
Don't know

Balksbury Junior 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