Parent Questionnaire 2023 **43 respondents**

		☺ Agree	%	☹ Disagree	%	Do not know	%
1	My child is happy at this school.	41	95%	2	5%		
2	My child feels safe at this school.	42	98%	1	2%		
3	My child is makes good progress at this school.	42	98%	1	2%		
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	43	100%				
5	My child is taught well at this school.	42	98%	1	2%		
6	My child receives the appropriate homework for their age.	39	90%	2	5%	2	5%
7	The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	42	98%	1	2%		
8	The school deals effectively with bullying.	27	63%	3	7%	13	30%
9	This school is well led and managed.	38	88%	2	5%	3	7%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	39	90%	2	5%	2	5%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	39	90%	4	10%		
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	42	98%			1	2%

Wellbeing and Safety

Some parents said that that there was less opportunity to play in Year 1, so they were less happy. Due to the small cohorts, friendships can sometimes be tricky. Others said they were very happy and always wants to come to school.
With regard to bullying some parents said that they could not comment as they had no experience of it.
Some parents said that they had heard it was not dealt with well.
Some parents also said that there were a handful of pupils with challenging behaviours

Response:

Inform parents how we are dealing with any bullying incidents in school – this already forms part of the Headteacher report to governors but a short item on newsletters termly would improve communication. Work with all staff to ensure a consistent method for dealing with behaviour. Work with external agencies to secure any additional advice or support for our pupils. The majority of pupils' behaviour is excellent and is commented on by visitors to the school and when we go on school trips.

Teaching and Learning

Some parents said that their child was not pushed to achieve more. Most parents thought that the teaching across the school was very good, with some excellent teachers.
In regard to homework, some say there is not enough and others commented that there was too much.

Response:

We will continue to reflect on the level of homework set.

Leadership and Management

Some parents felt there was a lack of visible leadership. Others commented that the Head is dedicated and doing a good job with some challenging times. Parents felt that they were listened to, but sometimes this did not lead to changes being made. Others said that the school is reactive but does comply with requests where it can.
Some parents did not get enough information at parents evenings, others said these and the reports are detailed and comprehensive.

Response:

We will ensure that there is a member of SLT outside at the start and end of each school day and will ask that staff look at the school calendar before booking events in so that SLT can attend.

A selection of further comments:

Thank you for all responses, we shall take them on board as we endeavour to provide the best possible start in education for your children.

What aspects do you think are good?

Teachers are lovely and very patient.
Engagement with older children is great – good to see positive interactions across year groups.
Small school, the fact that everyone looks after everyone. Their involvement with the community.
I love the wholesome approach to this school and that learning is encouraged in many different ways (not just academic success).
After school clubs, Seesaw updates, great communication
I think it is a lovely, friendly school and the teachers really take care of the children.

Small & communal feel; buddy system; nice children, nice parents.
The teachers are personable and approachable on different platforms eg online, phone or on person.
Friendly atmosphere and friendly and approachable staff; real community feel.
Lovely teachers and staff – always available for information and dealing well with parents' worries; my children are happy going to school and built positive relationships with other children and teachers; good behaviour is encouraged.
A small friendly school with a family feel. Some great teachers too.
Communication via seesaw if I am worried; good parents' evening.
Community feeling; friendliness; support given to children; ability to speak to staff.
We love the family feel to the school and school vision. We also think the values you teach the children are great.
My child is very happy at Sheepy School. They receive appropriate work, support and encouragement. They do a wide variety of activities and appear to be well stimulated. Staff are responsive and supportive. My child is appropriately challenged academically when needed.

How can we improve?
Slightly more info on what children are doing eg key topic of the week so parents can talk about it at home too. Booking system for after school club.
Notice for trips etc. More school trips. Dates for diaries.
Even though it has improved, I do still think communication could sometimes be better. However, it is loads better than previously.
The dinner menu should offer a bit more variety and allow KS1 to choose.
School is too inclusive to the detriment of the majority who are there to learn.
Perhaps organised games at lunchtimes.
Less children in a classroom would enable teachers to focus more on each child's educational needs.
More opportunities for girls to compete in sports; girls football team, netball etc; the chance for girls to be in a team and to show what they can do.

Other comments
We are happy with progress so far and child's love for school and learning is so wonderful to see. Thank you!
Always been happy with how my children have enjoyed Sheepy.
A great school for our kids.
Very good school. Would strongly recommend.
Great school, great teachers.
Thank you for all your hard work with our children.
I don't believe the red, yellow, green system is consistently applied.

All of the above will be shared with the school team and used to make changes and improvements. I hope that you will see further, positive changes in the future. Thank you for your support and input.