

# **Orritor Primary School and Nursery Unit**



## **Parental Consultation Results June 2023**

## Parental Consultation – June 2023

The consultation was created on Google Forms and launched through the school app on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The consultation closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

There were 66 responses in total; this represents 53% of families in our school at the time.

Through this report you will be provided with percentage results for each question alongside comments in response of queries.

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>My child is happy at school.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 59.1             | 30.3   | 1.5                         | 9.1      | 0                 |
| <b>Comment</b>   | We are delighted that the majority of children are happy in school. If there is anything infringing on a child's happiness, please speak with the school and we will endeavour to sort it out. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>My child feels safe in school.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 62.1             | 31.8   | 4.5                         | 1.5      | 0                 |
| <b>Comment</b>   | We are delighted that the majority of children feel safe in school. If your child is feeling unsafe, please encourage them to speak to one of the members of the Safeguarding Team; Mr Frizzell, Mrs Black, Mrs Currie or Miss Thompson. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>My child has made progress at school.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree   | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 50               | 45.5  | 4.5                         |          |                   |
| <b>Comment</b>   | We are delighted that the majority of families feel that their child has made progress. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>The school has high expectations for my child.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 36.4             | 40.9   | 18.2                        | 3        | 1.5               |
| <b>Responses</b> | We are delighted that the majority see the school as having high expectations for their child; if you have concerns regarding provision for your child, please speak with the class teacher. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>My child is well cared for in school.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree   | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| <b>63.6</b>      | 27.3  | 6.1                         | 3        |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | We are delighted that the majority of families believe pupils to be well cared for in school. If you have concerns regarding the care of a pupil, please speak to one of the members of the Safeguarding Team; Mr Frizzell, Mrs Black, Mrs Currie or Miss Thompson. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>I know who to talk to if I have concerns regarding Child Protection in school.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 60.6             | 28.8   | 9.1                         |          | 1.5               |
| <b>Responses</b> | If you have concerns regarding child protection, you should speak with a member of the Safeguarding Team; Mr Frizzell, Mrs Black, Mrs Currie or Miss Thompson. Safeguarding procedures are detailed in the policy, which all parents are provided with at the beginning of their school career. This is also available on the school website under 'Parents – Policies.' |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>The school promotes high standards of behaviour.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 55.4             | 41.5   | 3.1                         |          |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | The school works hard, alongside parents and guardians to ensure high standards of behaviour – thank you for your support with this. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>The school deals effectively with concerns.</b>   |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 43.9             | 24.2   | 27.2                        | 4.5      |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | At all times, the school will work to deal with problems and concerns; please ensure you report these swiftly. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>The school is managed effectively.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 53.8             | 30.8   | 10.8                        | 4.6      |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | The management of the school work hard to ensure things run smoothly in school; unfortunately, in a live organisation, things can go wrong. If you have any concerns or queries, please speak to Mr Frizzell or Mrs Black. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>The Senior Management Team (Principal and Vice-Principal), are approachable and address concerns which I have.</b> |                             |          |                   |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Strongly Agree   | Agree   | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 56.1             | 27.3  | 12.1                        | 4.5      |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | At all times, please feel free to discuss any concerns which you have with Mr Frizzell or Mrs Black.                  |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>The school keeps me up-to-date with arrangements and important information.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree   | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 69.7             | 24.2  |                             | 6.1      |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | The school uses various means to keep people updated. These include; Seesaw, our school app, the website, SWAY newsletters and letters. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>Pupils with Special Educational Needs are supported effectively.</b>   |                |          |                   |
|------------------|---|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| Strongly Agree   | Agree   | Not Applicable | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 13.6             | 21.2  | 53             | 9.1      | 3                 |
| <b>Responses</b> | We are delighted that the majority of families feel their children are supported. If you have concerns regarding provision for Special Educational Needs, please speak with the Principal, class teacher or Senco (Mrs Bell). |                |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>There is an age-appropriate amount of homework set.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree   | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 24.2             | 50  | 6.1                         | 15.2     | 4.5               |
| <b>Responses</b> | The school is due to update their homework policies soon; homework will be looked at as part of this process. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>My child can approach their homework confidently.</b>                                     |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 25.8             | 57.6   | 6.1                         | 9.1      | 1.5               |
| <b>Responses</b> | Concerns regarding homework can be communicated to the class teacher via a note or an email. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>The Literacy and Numeracy provision is of a high standard in Orritor Primary.</b>                                   |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 39.4             | 45.5   | 15.2                        |          |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | We are delighted that the majority of parents believe the provision of Literacy and Numeracy to be of a high standard. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>The provision for using ICT effectively is of a high standard.</b>   |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree   | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 25.8             | 33.3  | 37.9                        | 3        |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | As ICT continues to change and develop, we acknowledge the need to ensure our provision in school 'keeps up' with this. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>Orritor provides a wide range of approaches to the teaching of phonics, reading and mental maths.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree   | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 34.8             | 39.4  | 24.2                        | 1.5      |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | We are delighted that families recognise a range of approaches in these areas. If you are unsure of anything, please speak with your class teacher. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>The school provides effective reporting and feedback regarding my child.</b>  |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 28.8             | 47   | 3                           | 18.2     | 3                 |
| <b>Responses</b> | The school provides 2 parent-teacher interviews per year, alongside a written report in June. Pupils who are on the SEN register also receive 2 education plans and reviews per year. At all times, parents can request to speak with teachers regarding concerns and queries. |                             |          |                   |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>My child takes part in extra-curricular activities.</b>   |               |  |
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| Yes              | No   | N/A (Nursery) |  |
| 63.6             | 25.8   | 10.6          |  |
| <b>Responses</b> | Clubs are regularly reviewed to ensure pupils have access to as many different skills and interests as possible. |               |  |

| <b>Statement</b> | <b>There is a good range of extra-curricular activities.</b>   |                             |          |                   |
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| Strongly Agree   | Agree  | Don't know/Not Sure/<br>N/A | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 27.7             | 52.3   | 15.4                        | 3.1      |                   |
| <b>Responses</b> | The school will constantly review the range of clubs throughout the year and we would hope to continue to vary these where possible. |                             |          |                   |

## Survey Comments and School Responses

We are thankful to have received a high number of positive comments. Some of these are shown below, as are some of the concerns. Following on from the survey comment, you will see a school comment.

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| Survey Comment  | 'Car parking can be problematic.'   |
| School Response | The school have had Health and Safety out to look at this. At this stage, there are no plans for further parking. |

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| Survey Comment  | In relation to homework; 'from my own experience, there are high flying schools that have no homework policies, which in turn equals happier children!' |
| School Response | The school has a policy in place for homework and guidelines on what to expect in each year; this is due for review.                                    |

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| Survey Comment  | 'It's very difficult to facilitate the paying of dinner and activities, due to the amount of change needed. Moving to an electronic payment system would be a welcome change.'   |
| School Response | The Education Authority informed schools of their intention to bring in an online payment system for all schools; to date, this has not happened and the school will soon begin to explore options to facilitate this. |

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| Survey Comment  | In relation to clubs; 'if you don't book immediately, you miss out.'   |
| School Response | Since this survey we have varied the time of day which clubs are released. We will continue to monitor this. We recognise the demand on clubs and are pleased by their popularity. |

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| Survey Comment  | 'My children all love being at OPS!' |
| School Response | We are delighted to hear this!       |

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| Survey Comment  | 'Whilst the uniform is well presented, wearing a shirt and tie at such a young age has almost encouraged our children to grow up too quickly. Not many primary schools wear shirts and ties- plus keeping a white shirt white for a year...' |
| School Response | At this stage, there are no plans to make changes to the school uniform.   |

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| Survey Comment  | 'Only gifted and talented children are pushed.'  |
| School Response | Within each class, work is differentiated to a pupil's ability, therefore pupils of all ability should be catered for at their levels. |

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| Survey Comment  | 'School has set high standards for my child which I encourage and expect. My child enjoys school and is challenged by homework and has clearly grown in confidence and knowledge throughout the school year.' |
| School Response | We are pleased to receive this feedback.  |

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| Survey Comment  | 'Great school, great staff and management and wonderful ethos in everything being completed.' |
| School Response | We are pleased to receive this feedback.  |

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| Survey Comment  | 'I never seem to hear exam results.'   |
| School Response | Pupils from P3-7 complete standardised tests at the end of each academic year; parents can request these results. From June 2024, we have agreed that these will be published on written reports for all pupils. |

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| Survey Comment  | 'Promote more traditionally 'non academic' activities such as music, sport, PE.'  |
| School Response | This year, we have focused as a staff on developing Music and Art. Last year, we increased PE sessions from 1 per week to 2 per week. |

### **Priorities**

The priorities, as seen by respondents for this academic year were:

