



Seaburn Dene Parent Questionnaire Results 2022

Thank you to the **127** parents who completed this survey online .Your responses and comments contribute to the school's development. Below you can see the overall results to the questions and the key development points suggested.

I continue to encourage parents to bring any concerns that they have to us directly at any point in the year as we are committed to providing the best support for our community that we can, which includes reflecting on any areas that families feel we could be supporting them with more.

Mr J Howe, 27.11.22

What made you choose Seaburn Dene above other local schools?

1. Small, friendly and caring school - with a family feel.
2. Inclusive ethos.
3. Reputation of the school.
4. Recommendation of family/friends.
5. The smaller class sizes and welcoming nature of the school.

1. My child is happy in school.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	76%	21%	1%	2%	0%
2021	73%	27%	0%	0%	0%
2022	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 100%

Our response: 100% of parents reported that their child was happy at school. We will continue to aim to improve this by conducting pupil interviews so that we can gain a deeper understanding from our learners about how to make improvements.

“The school is warm, caring and encouraging. It is a friendly school which cares about all their pupils.”

2. My child feels safe at Seaburn Dene Primary School.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	82%	16%	1%	0%	1%
2021	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%
2022	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 100%

Our response: 100% of parents reported that their child feels safe at school. Safeguarding is such an important area and all children should feel safe at school. We will continue to seek children's views in discussions with them and respond to any concerns about feeling safe that they may have. For example, on the 1st of the month we have a Safeguarding Check with our children on various topics, while this term (Autumn) the local authority carried out a positive safeguarding audit. If you have any concerns in this important area please come and speak to a senior member of staff.

3. The school meets my child's particular needs.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	73%	23%	4%	0%	0%
2021	59%	36%	4%	1%	0%
2022	72%	26%	2%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 98%

Our response: The small, family atmosphere at school means that children are valued, respected and supported in equal measure. We believe we know our children well. They have a voice in school which is valued. Pupils with Special Needs are dealt with in a sensitive, supportive manner. Our SENCO works hard with parents to provide support and offer guidance. Our Local Offer for Special Educational Needs can be found on the school website.

“Communication gives parents a little more notice on some occasions. It can really help families be organised and able to attend and support events and be prepared with equipment/outfits when they have as much notice as possible.”

4. This school provides a balanced offer of education.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	78%	21%	1%	0%	0%
2021	62%	35%	3%	0%	0%
2022	72%	26%	2%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 98%

Our response: Seaburn Dene is proud to offer a broad and balanced curriculum which gives children opportunities to learn and grow. We prioritise our wider curriculum, ensuring our children access a full offer including a modern foreign language, music, PE, art and design and technology, with opportunities to explore these areas outside of school.

“Seaburn Dene promotes a very holistic, child centred approach to learning. The school promotes each child’s individuality. Care and compassion. Outdoor learning. Fun learning. Friendly approach.

Child focused.”

5. My child is taught well at this school.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2021	69%	28%	3%	0%	0%
2022	70%	28%	2%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 98%

Our response: We have high expectations of all our children and want each and every child to do their best at all times. Our school vision is ‘We always try to be that little bit better’. We will talk to parents if we are concerned that your child is not trying their best in class and teachers will employ a variety of strategies to support children if this is the case. As teachers, we are always seeking to improve our own practice.

“The school’s care of the kids, inclusive of all, is like a big family. Through the hard work of teachers, it strives to bring children of all levels on, increasing their confidence. All the teachers are friendly and approachable.”

6. The school communicates well with parents.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2021	53%	41%	0%	6%	0%
2021	51%	39%	6%	4%	0%
2022	47%	40%	7%	7%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 87%

Our response: We currently use Class Dojo, the school website and social media to communicate with parents. Our staff also are available to speak to parents with any concerns, via telephone or face-to-face. This year we have launched a Parent Panel to gain more regular feedback from parents. Again, we plan events in advance and this year have mapped out the whole academic year which should help our staff communicate events, well in advance. As our vision rightly reminds us, 'We always try to be that little bit better'. And we will.

7. The school is well led and managed.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	76%	23%	1%	0%	0%
2021	60%	35%	5%	0%	0%
2022	60%	37%	3%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 97%

Our response: Teachers - including senior leaders, learning support, staff administration and premises staff work hard to ensure the school is a friendly, happy and safe environment for children to learn.

“The school is warm, caring and encouraging. It is a friendly school, which cares about all their pupils.”

8. Seaburn Dene has developed my child's confidence.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2022	72%	24%	1%	3%	0%
2021	69%	27%	4%	0%	0%
2022	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 100%

Our response: This is so important and we believe our values are crucial to this. We celebrate success across many areas and we have a determination to allow the children to access challenges and promote a growth mindset.

“A lovely school which keeps the children happy, healthy and enjoying school life. It teaches the children values to set them up for their future.”

9. SDPS embeds a growth mindset in my child.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	71%	21%	8%	0%	0%
2021	57%	33%	10%	0%	0%
2022	75%	23%	2%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 98%

Our response: We believe fundamentally in this and this is reflected in our vision, our values and the messages we try to instil in the children.

“There is a great school ethos which is felt right through the school.”

10. The school cares about my child's well being.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	78%	19%	1%	2%	0%
2021	63%	36%	1%	0%	0%
2022	81%	19%	0%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 100%

Our response: We take looking after your children's well being, both physically and mentally very seriously in our school and consider this essential to our everyday work.

“Seaburn Dene is a friendly school, which cares about all their pupils.”

11. The school responds well to my concerns.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	66%	21%	9%	4%	0%
2021	57%	37%	6%	0%	0%
2022	65%	33%	2%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 98%

Our response: I was very pleased to see that the vast majority of you who responded would feel confident to approach us if you needed to. I am often outside in the morning and around at the end of the day if you miss me then then call the school office and I can get back to you or make an appointment to meet in person.

“The school’s strengths are its amazing family atmosphere and the fact that concerns are listened to and dealt with.”

12. The school is inclusive.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	68%	30%	2%	0%	0%
2021	50%	45%	5%	0%	0%
2022	61%	37%	2%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 98%

Our response: Our school is an inclusive school where every child matters and every child is valued.

“The school treats everyone as a family. The care staff have for children and the willingness to listen.”

“Knowing each pupil as individuals. I think the school genuinely cares for pupils and I think sports day was brilliant the way that it enabled talented children to shine but was also inclusive and very much enjoyable for the children who are not talented at sport. The school embraces and celebrates lots of events over the year.”

13. My child is making good progress at this school.

Date	Strongly	Agree	Don't	Disagree	Strongly
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	Agree		know		Disagree
2020	76%	20%	4%	0%	0%
2021	57%	38%	4%	1%	0%
2022	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 100%

Our response: We are pleased with the levels of progress across the school. We see all our children as individuals and now have systems in place to find out where they are, what their gaps are and we then use this to plan their next steps in learning. The teachers work really hard at meeting individual needs for children at all levels of abilities, leading to good levels of progress for all.

“Excellent in all ways. Identifying areas of improvement in the child and working with them until they meet expected standards.”

13. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	68%	28%	3%	0%	1%
2021	51%	44%	5%	0%	0%
2022	63%	37%	0%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 100%

Our response: Generally the behaviour is excellent in school. We have recently reviewed our behaviour policy to look for further improvements. As a result of work on our school values and linking these into the reward and sanction system I have seen a significant improvement in the attitudes and behaviour of children.. This improved behaviour is shown in lessons and around the school but reflects mostly in the less structured times with behaviour in the lunch hall, at clubs run by external providers and on the school bus all improving.

“Amazing care for pupils, fair rules for everybody, high educational skills.”

14. The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	78%	21%	1%	0%	0%
2021	67%	31%	2%	0%	0%
2022	70%	28%	0%	2%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 98%

Our response: We have an open door policy and want to involve families and the wider community in the fullness of school life. We consider ourselves a school family and live by those values.

“It feels like a community. The school has a wonderful community spirit and is family oriented.”

15. My child receives appropriate homework for his / her age.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2021	38%	51%	9%	2%	0%
2022	49%	47%	2%	2%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 96%

Our response: Homework is a valuable part of learning that gives parents the opportunity to engage in their child's learning and support them to improve. I also know, as a parent, that it can be a challenge to fit it into our busy lives and that children are not always motivated. This is why we try to make it relevant and purposeful but not too arduous to complete and we make sure that it is valued by the teachers so the effort you and your child puts in is rewarded.

16. I would recommend this school to another parent.

Date	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2020	77%	21%	1%	1%	0%
2021	70%	28%	2%	0%	0%
2022	79%	19%	2%	0%	0%

Total % in agreement (2022) = 98%

Our response: As above, so many of our prospective parents who are looking for a school place say that they have had the school recommended to them by one of our current families. This is the best advertising the school can get!

Positives:

- The care staff have and the willingness to listen. Excellent in all ways.
- Warm, caring and encouraging! The way the teachers support the children to learn.
- Smaller class sizes and great teachers. Communication and high standards and expectations.
- A community feel, a focus on each individual child, offering a rounded education and with plenty of opportunities to try lots of extracurricular activities.
- Offering children lots of different opportunities. My child is very happy at school.
- Teaching, teachers, caring, communication.
- Varied learning, fun educational days and trips, a lovely community which makes my child happy. Great wraparound too.

Even better if...

- More opportunities for parents to come in and see productions, assemblies, school work etc
- Wrap around care was a little cheaper so as to be more accessible. As I work school hours I have had to rely on relatives and friends for drop off and pick up where possible as I wouldn't be able to afford to use breakfast and after school club daily.
- Better communication on all platforms with a bit more notice, more after school clubs.
- Some focus on environmental issues - though this may be in place and just hasn't fed home. Why it is important for individuals to take responsibility for their actions and the effect these actions have on the planet.
- Sometimes fundraising and activities can end up very expensive when you have more than one child in the school, ie Christmas activities.
- More playground equipment.
- Sweets weren't used as often for rewards for the children. I also don't think that growth mindset is displayed as well as it could be.

How would you like to see our school develop in the next three to five years?

- More sensory outlets for children. Specialised autism training for all staff at all levels.
- A continuation and development of life skills based learning - gardening, cooking/making basic (age appropriate) meals and snacks.
- Just to keep doing what you do best. You are all fabulous.
- Maintaining or extending links with the local community, instilling students with pride in the local area.
- More after school sports and more school trips would be good. More after school clubs too.
- Buildings, toilets updated, more storage facilities. Playgrounds - having more to do for everyone at playtimes.
- The school is going from strength to strength, we believe, after being involved in the school past 25/30 years, it truly is the best it's ever been.