

Newcomen Primary School
Family Questionnaire Summer 2013

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to complete the Family Questionnaire 2013. Your time is very much appreciated. Please know that each and every response has been read carefully and all comments and suggestions are genuinely valued.

160 questionnaires were returned and are shared with staff and governors.

As in the previous three years, your comments and opinions (and those of your children from the child's page) will form part of our continued whole school improvement work and home school partnership. Again, at the end of this year 2013 – 2014, I will summarise actions taken during the year as a direct response from you and your children.

The two over arching headings are Pastoral Care and Safeguarding and Teaching and Learning – the core purposes of all schools. The statements used are those used by Ofsted in addition to extra sections which I have included for the purpose of our school and working together with our families.

1. Pastoral Care and Safeguarding:

My child is happy at Newcomen Primary School

My child feels safe at school

Newcomen provides a safe and welcoming environment

My child is well looked after at this school

This schools ensures the pupils are well behaved

The school deals effectively with bullying

The school responds well to any concern I raise

99.3% strongly agree or agree

0.7% strongly disagree/disagree or does not know

2. Teaching and Learning:

My child makes good progress at Newcomen Primary School

My child is well taught at this school

I am happy with the standards my child is achieving as an individual

My child receives appropriate homework for his/her age

I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress

The school is well led and managed

I would recommend this school to another parent

98.6% strongly agree or agree

1.4% strongly disagree/disagree or does not know

The above percentages are overwhelmingly positive.

In all aspects of Pastoral Care and Safeguarding and Teaching and Learning almost all responses strongly agreed or agreed.

Summary of Child's View 2013

What is the best thing about Newcomen Primary School?

(Exact wording of children used throughout.)

'Safety and the safe environment

Library – I have enjoyed every minute of it

Our school family wall with our pictures

Breakfast club

All the after school clubs

Newcomen's Got Talent

Assemblies

ICT Suite

Art room

Our 60th birthday

The teachers – they help us no matter what

LEARNING

The lessons

Our school responsibilities

Our parties

Booster classes

All the staff

Coming to Newcomen Primary School this year

We are always safe and the education is phenomenal

I think the school is the best school in the world.

Our reputation

The teachers' support

Working with brilliant teachers – you can talk to them about anything

Trips

Going to Ryedale Museum

Going to High Force

Transporter Bridge testing

We have the biggest field in the area

DT challenge day

You encourage us!

Everything...

Believe Achieve Succeed.'

Everyone learns in different ways. What helps you to learn?

'I learn better in silence

Make the lessons longer

Going over it again and again

Booster classes

To visualise it

Repetition

Singing the times tables
A quiet environment helps me to learn
Being persistently told till I get it right
Memorising from the board with little clues’.

How could we make our school even better?

‘Have longer playtimes
More indoor playtime equipment
Develop the KS2 outdoor area
Nothing to improve. Our school is already brilliant.
You can’t. It’s phenomenal!
Have a nature corner
Change taps in toilets for automatic ones to save water
Timetable the use of the football pitch
All girls football team
Have a swimming pool
It is already perfect.’

Summary of Parent/Carer/Family View

What you think we do really well.

(Exact wording of response used)

‘Children are given the opportunity to fulfil their potential.
Strong leadership and ethos which enables children to learn in a safe and productive environment.
Everything
Praising children – you celebrate birthdays. Shows how much you value them
100% attendance certificates which makes children aware of their attendance
Encourage a child’s potential
School events – getting everyone involved
All the teachers are brilliant
You make children feel happy and want to learn
Transition to secondary school
Looking after children’s education
Discipline
Keeping a positive attitude
School family days
Jubilee Day and 60th birthday were fantastic – thank you!
My child benefits from mixing with the different year groups through mixed classes and activities such as the DT Challenge day
Newsletters to keep you informed
Keeping parents informed and reminders of dates – thank you.

Teachers always have time for you
Brilliant teachers and head mistress
Weekly communication. What a brilliant way to find out what is going on within the school.
You listen
Including us and keeping us informed
Teachers always have time for you
Building up the confidence of children and communication skills
Community involvement
Family involvement
After school clubs and letting children take part in extra curricular activities
The range of after school activities is impressive and I would like to thank the staff for their time to put on the clubs
Just keep up the standards we expect from Newcomen Primary School
Trips
Providing exciting residential for the children and a range of affordable and educational school trips
Weekly spelling tests and recognising children's efforts with weekly spellings
Children's safety is excellent
Newcomen Primary School throws amazing parties
60th birthday celebrations were outstanding and I hope you continue to have family days as they are so much fun. Well done to all involved.
You have really friendly welcoming office staff that help with all your enquiries
Provision of information is always received in good time to help families with planning
Worries box is a very good idea and does work.
Sports Days
Fire drills. My child tells me how quickly the staff act at getting everyone out of the building and lined up. This is always good to know!
Teaching children
We feel that the standard of teaching our child receives is second to none
The school/family relationship is genuine.
Overall presentation of the school
Wednesday afternoon Toddler Group
Support between teacher and pupil is superb and any issues are dealt with quickly
I would recommend any parent to put their child into Newcomen Primary School.
Overall everything.
Parents know the school have the children's interests at heart and have a trusting, honest and strong relationship with the school. It is wonderful to be part of it.'

What you think we could do to make our school even better:

'Just keep up with what you do
Carry on as you are
Update Twitter and more communication via the website
Improved use of technology to parents would be welcomed
Nothing

Have even more educational trips
Have a separate KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
Introduce languages that are used in the business world
Please can homework be handed out on time.
More information of what work will be concentrated on each half term for parents so we can mirror at home to support
More colour outside
Not a lot you can do to improve. Maybe more break time activities for the older children.
Cookery club for children and parents
After school events from 3pm for parents to join in with their children and clubs
Car parking issues outside school – name and shame
Stop people smoking right outside school
On open afternoon better information on where to report to
Have a weekly award for good behaviour
Summer school.'

Thank you again for your comments and responses. Suggestions to make our school even better will be taken on board. Your positive and thoughtful words are really appreciated and I thank you for your wonderful support and acknowledging all that we do here at Newcomen Primary School. We are here to give your children (our most precious asset) the very best possible start in their education journey.

Warmest wishes,
Miss Pusztai, Staff and Governors of Newcomen Primary School