

Prospectus

Farsley Farfield Primary School



2021-22



Welcome to our school...



Farsley Farfield
Primary School



Welcome



We are very proud of our school.

Farsley Farfield Primary School has a huge amount to offer your child: our unique qualities will combine to offer an engaging, rich and varied education.

We are a popular, usually over-subscribed 'good' school with strong academic standards and a very broad curriculum. We were declared national 'Healthy School of the Year' in 2017 thanks to our fantastic provision in PE, horticulture and cooking.

There is no substitute for coming to the school and seeing for yourself – schools have changed since we were children! Please contact us and we will be delighted to show you around and discuss your child's future at Farfield.

Very best wishes,

Peter Harris
Headteacher



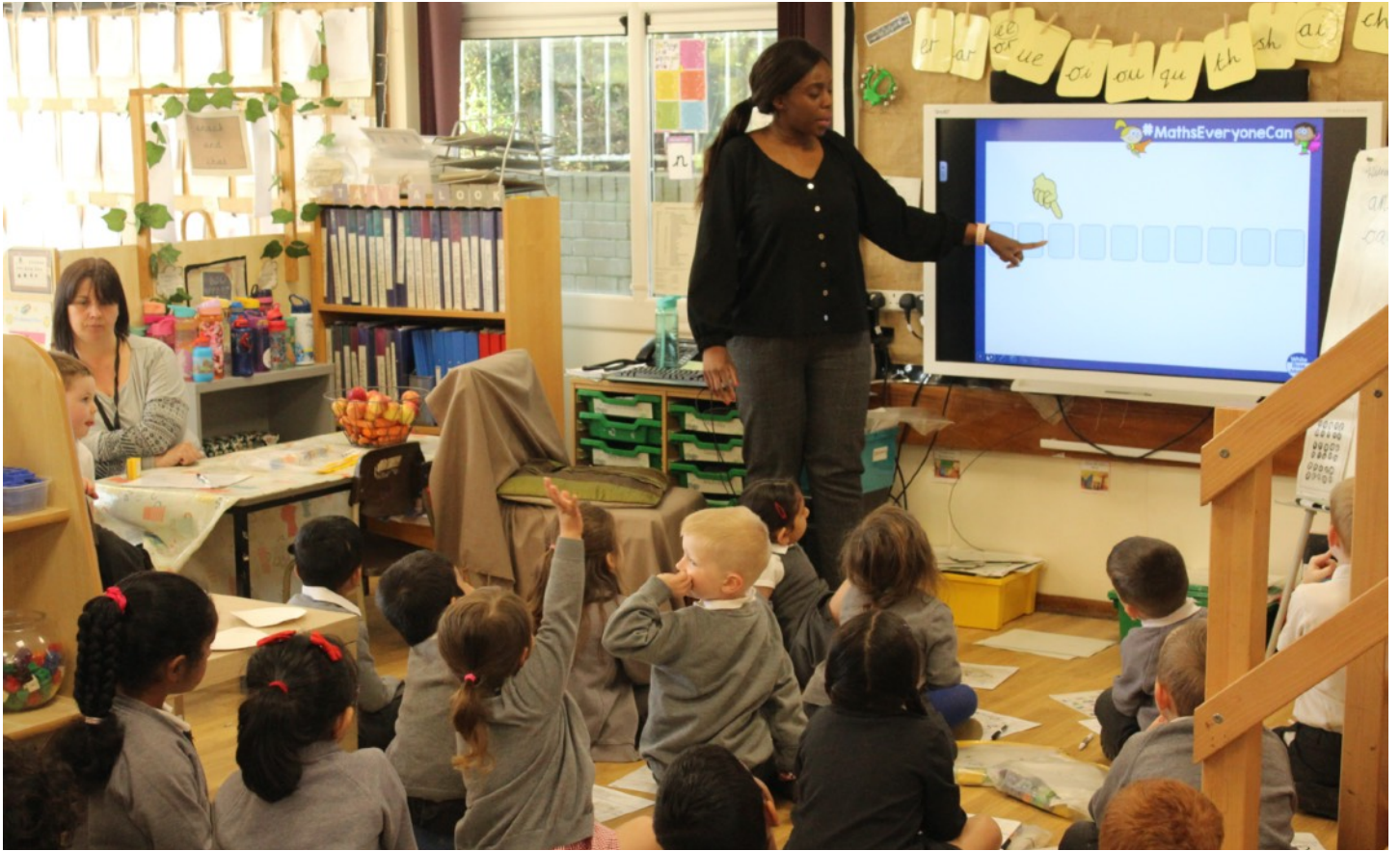


- Highly skilled, committed, caring staff;
- Happy, well-mannered, motivated children;
- A rich cultural mix and inclusive ethos;
- Outstanding school grounds including a locally unique 'farm' project;
- Good academic standards;
- Wonderful extra-curricular opportunities;
- A wide range of sporting activities;
- A firm commitment to the arts;
- Strong IT throughout the school, 1:1 Chromebooks and an outstanding website/blogs;
- A love of 'school trips' and three of our own school minibuses;
- A strong culture of safeguarding
- A close working relationship with our Children's Centre, private nursery, 'Fun Club' and local childminders;
- National Healthy School of the Year 2017

Key reasons to choose Farsley Farfield



Foundation Stage



Our Foundation Stage is a fabulous place for any child to start their education. Consisting of spacious Nursery and Reception classrooms, the Foundation Stage has a very creative and play-based curriculum. Areas of provision are carefully planned to provide your child with a broad range of experiences; some of these are teacher directed, many of these are self-directed. Much of the planning in Foundation Stage is 'in the moment': focussing on the interests of the child and developing their ideas with them. This is supplemented by group phonics and sessions promoting early number skills.

We have a 26 place Nursery for 3-year-olds with children typically attending either 15 or 30 hours per week. A child might attend morning session, 8.45am-11.45am or the afternoon session, 12.30pm-3.30 pm or stay all day. You can arrange with our on-site private nursery 'Little People' (or a childminder) for your child to be taken to Nursery (or any other year group) and be collected as necessary.

"We are so pleased with the school. The staff and overall feel of the school is friendly, approachable and very community spirited. We are very happy to be part of the Farfield 'family'!"

Parent of Reception child

"Absolutely love the school so far. Very happy with progress and the regular updates we receive!"

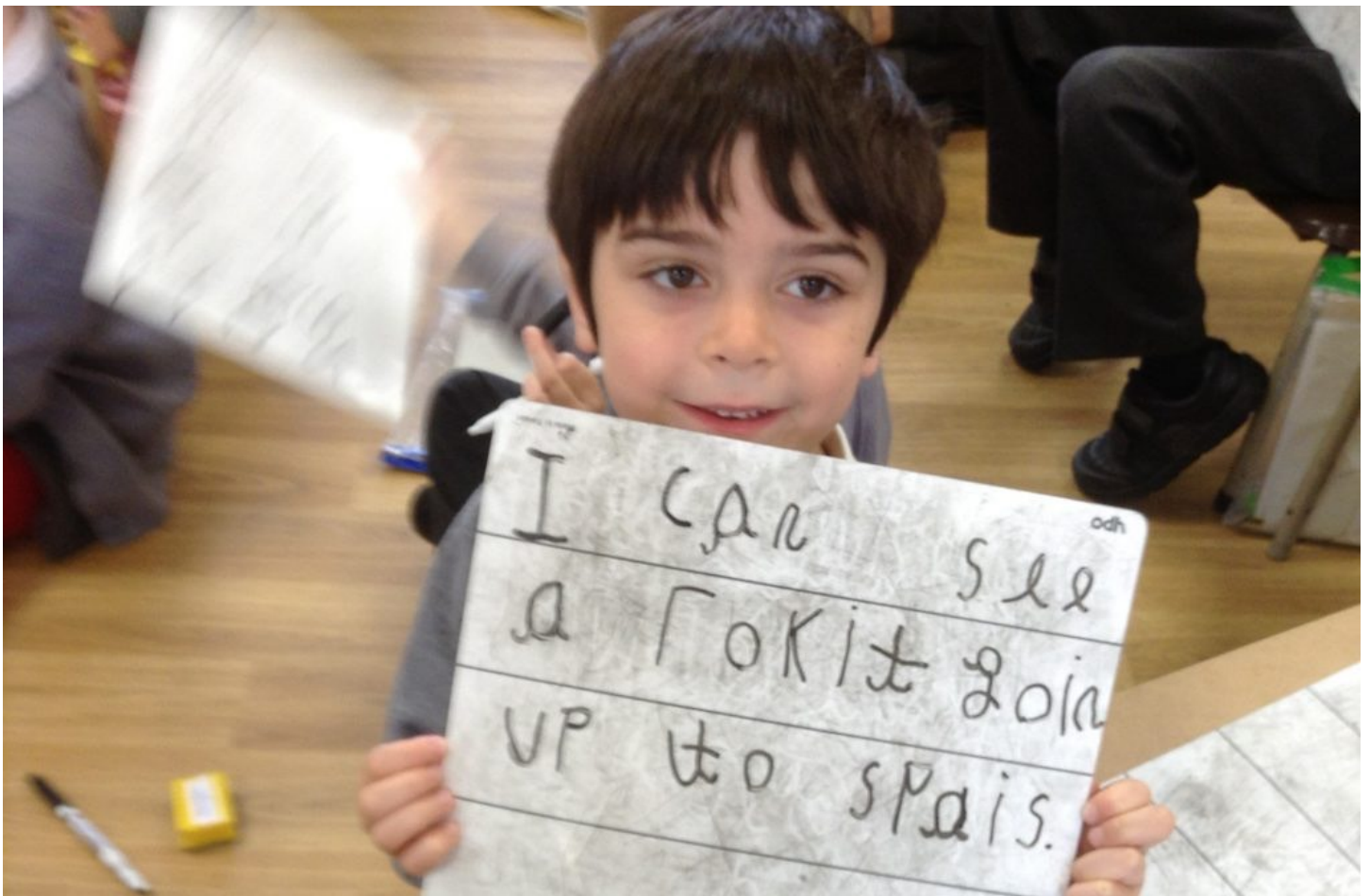
Parent of Reception child

"He is always happy to come to school. He really enjoys his time there and I'm not surprised as the staff are great and there is always so much going on."

Parents of Nursery child

"Thank you very much for an amazing school."

Parents of Nursery child



The Reception classes build upon the curriculum as established in the Nursery. By the end of this Reception year, your child should have achieved a wealth of 'Early Learning Goals', and be well prepared for the increasingly demanding curriculum of Key Stage 1. Children have on-going access to a wide range of imaginative outdoor spaces. Fresh air and the stimulation of senses and the enquiring mind are cornerstones of our vision for early years education.

Childcare

Little People Nursery - on our Junior site - provides child care all year round from 0-4, and their 'Fun Club' provision provides before and after school care for school age children as well as holiday provision. Telephone 0113 2566495 (private nursery) or 0113 2559233 (Fun Club) or visit

www.littlepeoplenurseries.co.uk for more details. Mrs Walton, the North building administrator, and our Children's Centre staff, also have details of excellent local child-minders. Little People or childminders can provide 'wrap around' services at the start and the end of the day.

For all childcare options locally, see: <http://familyinformation.leeds.gov.uk/Pages/default.aspx>

"Parents and carers are also very happy with the school's work. Many commented extremely positively on the contribution the school makes to the local community and the way in which everyone is valued.

One parent said that the school 'embraces the diversity and different cultures in the community'"

OFSTED 2018



Key Stages 1 and 2

We are a split site school on one campus.

The North building consists of the Foundation Stage and four Infant Key Stage 1 classes. The South building is made up of eight Junior Key Stage 2 classes. We take 60 children into each cohort, split into two classes of thirty.

The North building has very large classrooms, its own hall and dining room, plus plenty of different playground spaces. There is a conservation area and sensory garden. The infant part of the school also hosts the Farsley/Calverley Children's Centre.

The infant school day officially runs from 9.00am - 3.15pm, although doors open at about 8.50am.

“Teaching in the school is consistently good, with some teaching being outstanding. “

OFSTED 2018

“Your curriculum offers a wide range of learning experiences for pupils and as a result is vibrant, rich and engaging.”

OFSTED 2018

“A fantastic, fun, broad and engaging curriculum that has stimulated and provided great learning experiences! Wish I had been in year one! “

Parent of Y1 girl



The main Key Stage 2 classrooms are large and well resourced. There is a principal school hall, a 'studio' space used for music and cooking lessons, a 'Farm' classroom and large greenhouse. We have a large pastoral space and courtyard.

The junior school day runs from 8.45am-3.20pm.

Academic standards at the end of Key Stage 2 are good (see Academic Standards).

"Choosing Farfield as primary school is the best decision we made."

Year 6 parent 2021 after 7 years

"Fantastic school. All staff are child focused and want the child to reach their full potential."

Leaders in Learning with IT

Farfield is keen to make best use of IT to enhance teaching and learning, and to provide our children with crucial skills for the future. Junior children have their own 1:1 Chromebooks for use in school and at home.

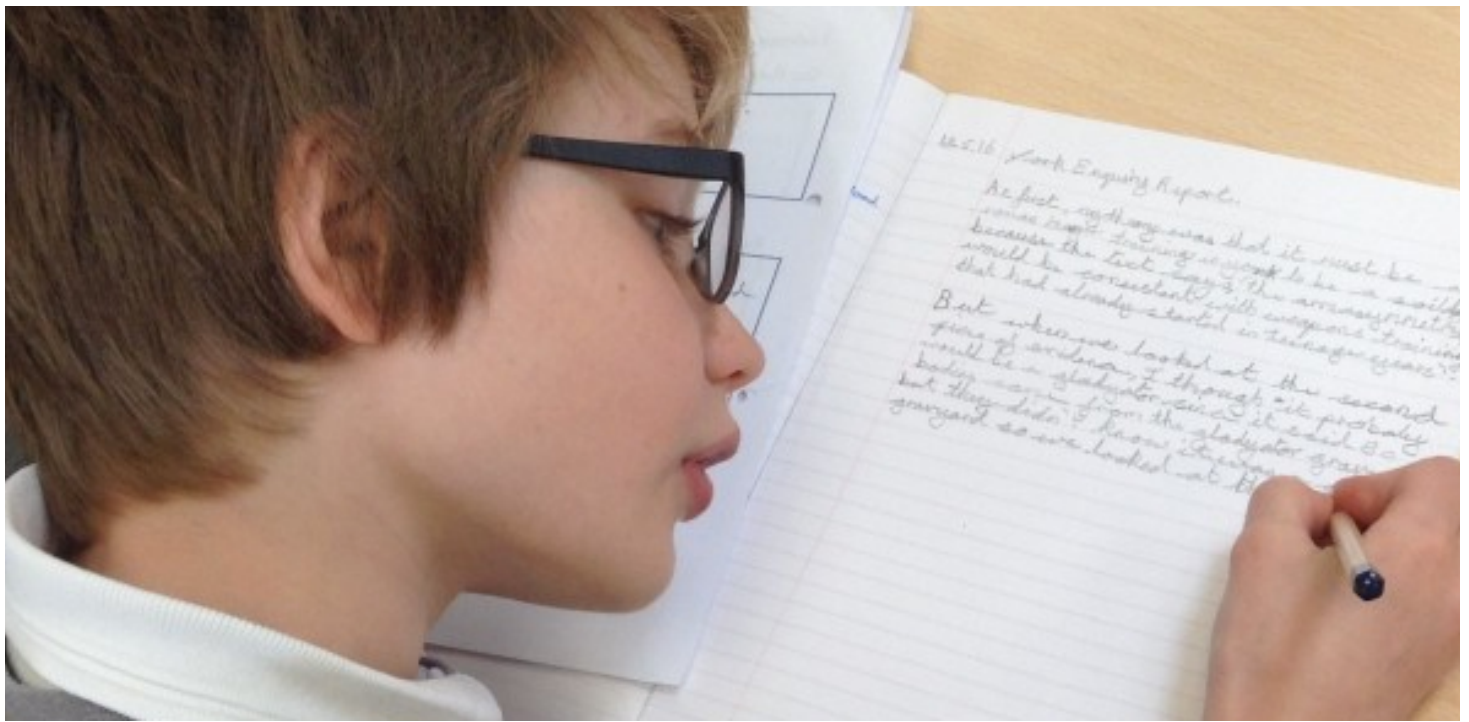
Our remote teaching and learning during Lockdowns was comprehensive, prompt and effective.

"I only wish all pupils in all schools could have had the same positive experience of remote learning as (my child)."

Y6 parent 2021

"The provision of home schooling and access to Chrome books ... during the last 18 months has been excellent."

Y4 parent 2021



Academic Standards

We have good academic standards; our children generally achieve well and our data is typically around national averages in terms of attainment and progress.

Due to COVID, there haven't been statutory tests since 2019. [See website for further details.](#)



"Our child is very happy at Farfield and has made excellent academic progress."

Y3 parent

"My child has loved his time in Year 2 and academic progress has been very visible."

Parent of Y2 boy

"Our daughter is thriving at Farfield and we are delighted with her progress and the school."

Parent of Y4 girl

"(My child) was very behind when starting year 1 as she is the youngest in the class but with all the extra help and encouragement I'm so impressed with how far she has come."

Parent of Y1 girl

"We feel very lucky that both of our children have got to experience this school and the rich curriculum it offers."

Parents 2021





PE and Sport

Farsley Farfield is a very strong sporting school. We provide a broad curriculum for all children both through PE lessons during school time and our wide variety of sporting activities out of school hours. Sports clubs include cricket, football, cycling, dance and athletics. We take part in many sporting competitions and run four football teams. Our curriculum for outdoor and adventurous activity is outstanding!

In 2016, we were awarded a city-wide prize for innovation in PE and in 2017 we were the national Healthy School of the Year!

Our school grounds are second-to-none locally: we have huge fields, two artificial cricket wickets (and nets), four mini-tennis courts and plenty of space for cycling. We have strong relationships with local sports clubs.





If your child enjoys sports and physical activity, they will enjoy Farfield.

In Key Stage 2, our minibuses allow us to regularly use local specialist sports facilities such as Gym Magic, Rawdon Tennis Club and The Depot Climbing Wall.

We also have two residentials in the Dales including mountain biking, caving, canoeing, climbing, abseiling and gorge-walking.



**“Outstanding.”
LCC Health and
Safety Team
assessments of
Farfield Residentials**



The Great Outdoors



The school's huge grounds are magnificent, and a literal breath of fresh air in these days of concrete and congestion. We have a huge number of trees, areas of long grass, sports pitches, a conservation area with a pond and a range of habitats. We have plenty of space for dens and an inexhaustible supply of sticks!

Infants have a fort, 'tyre park' and climbing frame. We have an exciting 'tree house' close to the Junior yard, outdoor gym and willow tunnel.

Whenever possible, children get onto the grass at playtime, thus promoting a healthy, active lifestyle. Some children may, occasionally, come home a little muddy – wellies are essential!





Farfield Farm

Our school's award-winning farm project is an outstanding element of the school's provision - it really is unique and a very special part of the school's offer. We have large areas of fruit and vegetable planting, including a large orchard, two huge polytunnels, an accessible garden and raised beds. We also have chickens and bee hives.

Every child spends time on the farm, joining in with seasonal work such as sowing, planting, weeding, watering and harvesting. Some families have 'Community Garden' plots as part of the farm project.

Children receive regular Food and Cooking lessons as part of our drive to 'Be Healthy'.

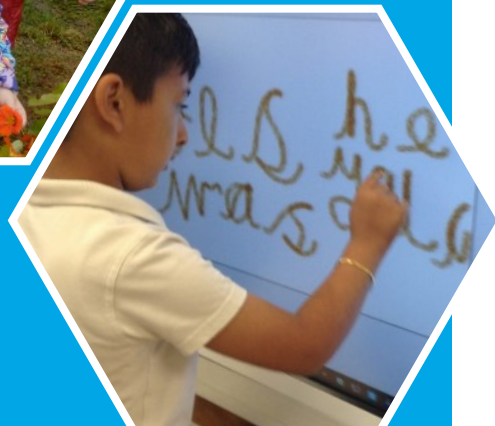


Admission to School

Attendance at our school can usually begin in Nursery when your child is three. When over-subscribed, the school adopts the same admission criteria for Nursery as Leeds Children's Services uses for older children: siblings and proximity (children with acute special needs, 'Children Looked After' and those referred to us directly through Social Care have priority beyond this).

Places in full time Reception classes (from age 4) are allocated by Leeds City Council. Details can be found here: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school>.

The Reception 'application window' is November 1st 2021 to January 15th 2022 for a place in September 2022. Don't miss this deadline and make sure that your nearest school is somewhere on your list of preferences.



Our Learning Hive

Our 'Farfield Learning Hive' pulls together key aspects of a child's personal development in our school and forms the basis of many assemblies, rewards and sanctions.



"(My daughter) has had an amazing time between Nursery and Year 6 and has excelled academically. She has enjoyed every minute of being a Farfield child."

Parent 2021



Special Attention

Every child is special, and every child is welcomed to our school. We aim to meet any child's special needs or disability wherever possible, and we have resources such as large care suites and platform lifts in order to help us to include as many children as practicable. We have a good local reputation for inclusion and a lot of experience and expertise around SEND.

Our staff identify children for whom established educational provision and intervention programmes are insufficient to secure appropriate progress. Where additional support is required, we will devise individual education plans or individual behaviour plans and provide extra resources and interventions. If a child's special needs or disability are very significant, it may be possible to access further resources from Leeds or Bradford city councils. Regular contact is made with appropriate support services to help us with diagnostic assessments and educational programmes of work.

Our work with children with SEND is led by Mrs Lucy Swindlehurst who can be contacted on

lucy.swindlehurst@farsleyfarfield.org.uk

More information about our provision for SEND, and Leeds' 'Local Offer', can be [accessed on our website](#).

"Staff, especially the SENCO and our son's TAs, really care about how he progresses and how to keep moving forward. I'm certain he wouldn't be where he is today, doing so well, without their support.

His future is brighter because of their care and support."

KS2 parent

"Staff make every effort to know my child and find the best ways to meet his needs. I am so happy with their efforts, I really couldn't have asked for more."

**Parent of child with SEND
quoted by Ofsted 2018**



98% of children are happy at this school

97% of parents would recommend this school to others

OFSTED Parent View 2018 based on 147 responses

"There is a clear culture of safeguarding throughout the school."

OFSTED

Partnership with Parents

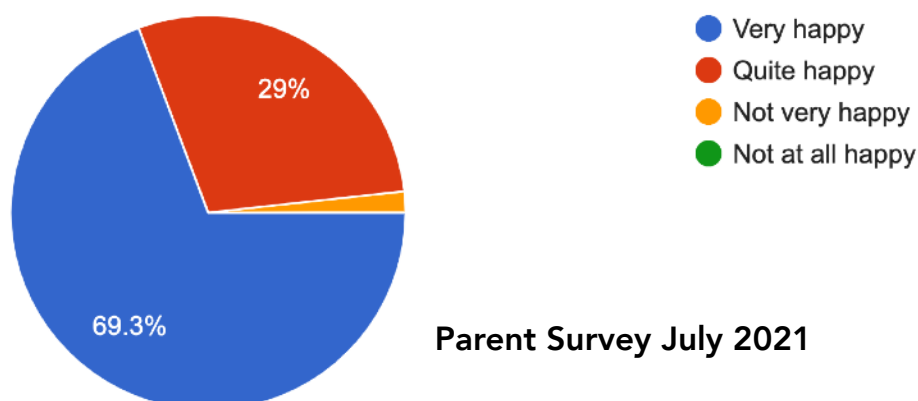
Any teacher will be glad to meet with parents throughout the year although an appointment may sometimes be necessary for mutual convenience. There are two formal consultation evenings - usually in the autumn and spring terms - a brief mid-year report in March and an end of year report in July. If you have any concerns, please don't wait until a consultation evening - contact us as soon as possible.

Parents can expect weekly updates from class teachers via email and you may get a personalised email when your child has a special moment...

We encourage parents to help in school both in and out of the classroom in a variety of ways. Any help, whether it is single gesture or a regular occurrence, is valued highly by the staff as there is always something to do in our busy school! Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

Q6. Generally, how happy has your child been in school this year?

231 responses



Parent Survey July 2021



Key Contacts



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