

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY 2018-19

Comment from Parent/Carer	Response from the School
Teaching and learning – Excellent Communication has always been disappointing	Thank you. Communication is now via text, email, letter and twitter which has a link on school website also. Newsletters are now at least monthly. Class teachers are available for appointments after school if needed and the leadership team are easily accessible. Please contact me directly if you have any other suggestions to improve communication further. It might be worth checking you have given us your current contact details if you are still having issues.
T.... is happy, he is learning well and therefore I am very happy	Great news, thank you
I need to look at the website more. L.... joined in Year 3 and has come home happy every day!	The website is being developed at the moment to make it more user friendly. I am glad your child is happy!
Is homework looked at? Always comes home unmarked and no feedback. Miss Ralph – a massive asset to the school Mel V and Sarah – amazing and so helpful & friendly!	Previously older children have marked work. This has now changed and the adults take responsibility. Homework is often used to practice skills which are then used for feedback during the lessons. Speak to the class teacher for any specific concerns. The specific staff members will be pleased!
School website needs to be updated and layout needs to change	Agreed! This is being developed.
Too much homework and we need more time to do it. We shouldn't have to do it every weekend. Spellings have no impact on children's writing. Could we have it over two weeks? Do Year 1's have enough time for self-initiated and child led learning?	The Government has guidelines on how much homework is expected and we have high expectations of this being completed on a regular basis. Spellings are important because, although writing has changed with the digital age, being able to write efficiently with correct spelling, grammar and punctuation remains a critical part of being a literate writer. Our job as educators is to equip children for the future and this includes being able to spell correctly. Short sessions everyday are more efficient than a block and less time consuming. If Spellodrome is the issue, there are other ways of learning spellings. Please speak to the class teacher. Child initiated learning takes places during topic time to develop independence skills. We teach children to have enquiring minds and ask questions as part of our broad and balanced curriculum.
Thank you with the continued support with my children's emotional development and well-being.	Well-being and mental health are so important in the modern world. We have a big focus on PSHE and are implementing Thrive in school to support this.
H. doesn't enjoy spellodrome. H. has really enjoyed his time at Handcross. I feel he has had a great education and all of his teachers have been wonderful.	Please speak to the CT about other ways to learn to spell if Spellodrome is the issue. Perhaps short Spellodrome practice rather than a longer block would make it more enjoyable? I am glad H has had a good experience here.
We have always been pleased with the school (we're now in our eighth year!). Only reason we can't comment on the leadership is because it's too soon, but we are certainly pleased with what we have seen so far!	Hopefully the school leadership will continue to improve the school. This is not just down to the Headteacher but the Governing Body and Senior staff within in the school. We are striving to build on excellent practice and ensure the children leave Handcross with the best possible educational experience, as well as being happy, kind, well rounded individuals, who have the self-belief and the confidence to succeed in life.
Lovely staff and very friendly!	Thank you.

Our experience so far has been excellent, N... loves it here!	Great to hear.
Bullying should be taken more seriously and addressed a lot quicker.	As HT, I have been pro- active in tackling bullying over the last term. I have introduced Worry monsters, had safeguarding/ anti bullying assemblies, ensured staff are trained to spot concerns and have called for an audit of our practice from West Sussex advisors, who were complimentary about changes made.
Not as much of a focus on rewards, especially kindness? Only 5 leaves in half term so far!	There is a focus on academic rewards but I agree that a greater focus is needed on team building/kindness/golden rules. This will be implemented.
Winter Coats (especially if wet) need coat hooks rather than lockers – they are too small and coats stay wet in them.	Unfortunately, in a small school, space is at a premium and there is simply not the space for cloakrooms. If wet coats are an issue the teachers can air them in the classroom.
I am very pleased with the school and my child is happy here	Lovely to hear.
Another fantastic year. Thanks for all your hard work!!	Thank you.
Very happy and pleased. Appreciate all the effort.	The staff are pleased their efforts are recognised.
Apart from the parking issues	We are trying to tackle parking concerns in a number of ways, including asking for support from West Sussex, who are responsible for the road and the grass verge. Please see main newsletter.
My children are very happy here although struggle with the amount of homework expected.	If the homework is a particular concern, please speak to the class teacher. The teacher may need to differentiate the homework further to ensure it meets the children's needs, whilst supporting them to practise skills to enable mastery of the curriculum.
Very happy with S.... 's first term at school – Thank you	Thank you.
Homework is often worded incorrectly. Questions have been duplicated. Spellodrome - kids are bored, would like to take part in games that have been removed.	I will ask the Kst 1 and 2 leaders to supervise homework more closely to ensure children are not exposed to duplication. Live Spellodrome has some American spellings which is why this is not encouraged to avoid confusion. If your child would like some variety in spellings, please speak to the class teacher who may be able to suggest more suitable spelling games.
I noted the current year calendar was only available on the website as a link (not as a term dates page). This may have been updated now? Very happy with the school although feel a little out of the loop on the transition from Reception to Year 1	The year calendar is on our website as well as the West Sussex term dates. I will ensure that future transition is looked at carefully. Please speak to me if you need any further reassurance at this stage.
A large gate to allow more people through in to the classes at the back of the school.	We are seeking capital funding to improve gates but there is very little funding for such projects unfortunately.
All information gained from text and emails. I have recommended the school and the child is now here.	Great to hear about recommendations and that communication is working!
Keep up the good work!	Thank you
Still unclear about the plan for the mixed class when they reach Year 6	One class will leave to go to Secondary School and there will be two smaller classes left in Year 6. The class size will be too large to amalgamate unless a significant number of children leave!