

Orchard Community Primary School  
Parent Questionnaire  
June 2021

**62 (80 Pupils)**

Total Responses

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# Breakdown of School Years Groups

Answered: 80

Year Groups	Pupil Numbers	
Foundation - Green (Mrs T McGravie)	12.50%	10
Foundation - Red (Mr L Owen)	7.50%	6
Class 1 (Mrs I Parker & Mrs L Chapman)	17.50%	14
Class 2 (Miss T Wrench)	5.00%	4
Class 3 (Mr A Cooper)	8.75%	7
Class 4 (Mr J Patching & Miss H Webster)	12.50%	10
Class 5 (Mrs C Godsell)	12.50%	10
Class 6 (Mrs G Sheldon)	2.50%	2
Class 7 (Miss L Farrar)	5.00%	4
Class 8 (Miss C Brown)	11.25%	9
Class 9 (Mrs M Cotterill)	5.00%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>

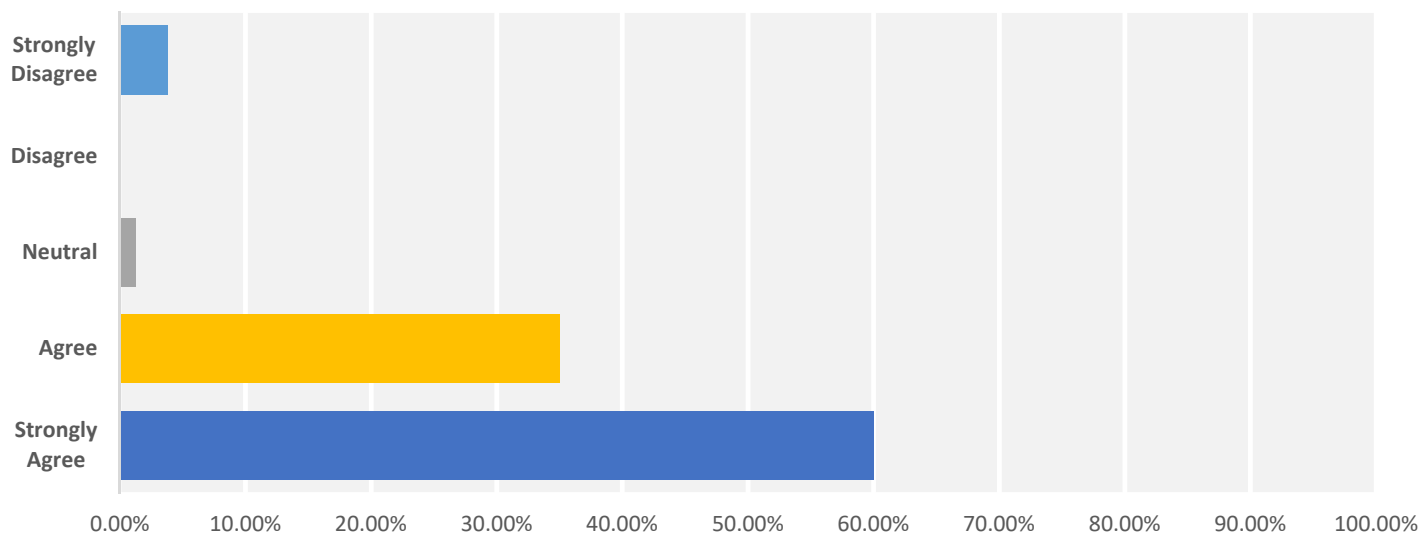


# Q1: My child is happy at this school.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	3.75% 3
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	1.25% 1
Agree	35.00% 28
Strongly Agree	60.00% 48
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>





# How could we improve?

Responses: 7

All

## Sample Responses

My children often mention silly/bad/occasionally violent behaviour from other children at break/lunch times that isn't dealt with appropriately by the supervisors.

my children are very satisfied with their school attendance

My child is always happy to go into school and is usually quite talkative about his day. He seems very stimulated by his teachers and the classroom and little facts he's learned often slip out in the evening! He seems to have good friendships and, from what he says, he is well supported in class if he's finding something difficult.

More feedback to parents

My child would benefit more with some extra one to one more often as she seem to learn better in small groups

Update of reminders for events the night before. Rather than the morning.

When covid allows maybe a wider selection of after school clubs, cooking, model making etc for children who are less sporty.

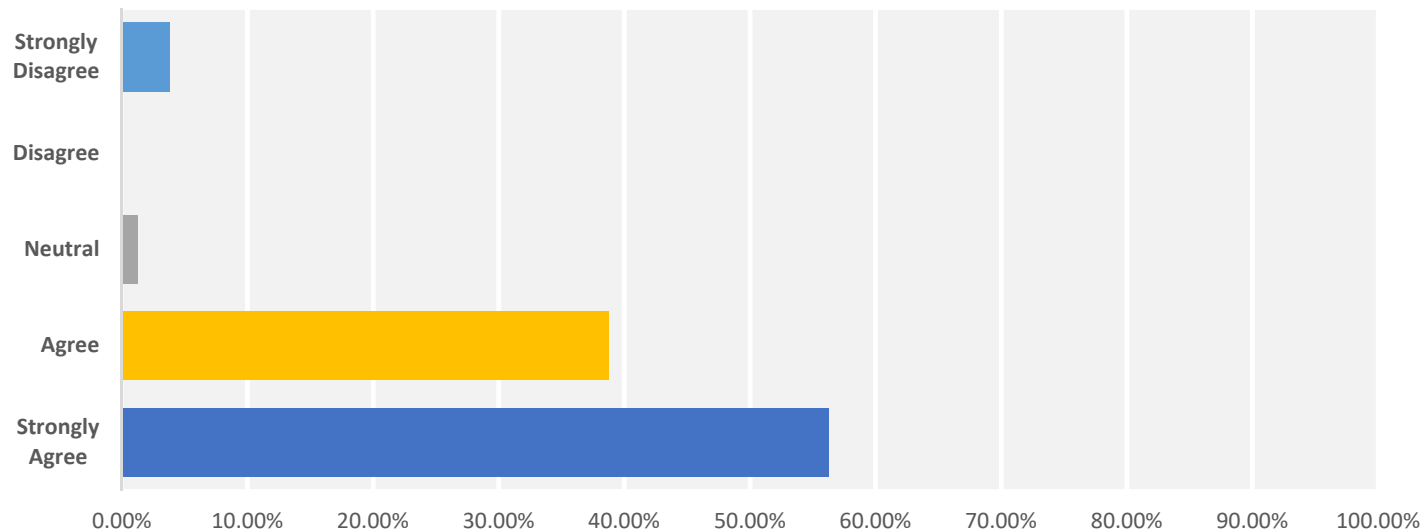


## Q2: My child feels safe at this school.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	3.75% 3
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	1.25% 1
Agree	38.75% 31
Strongly Agree	56.25% 45
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>





# How we could improve?

Responses: 2

All

## Sample Responses

See previous answer... my children are reporting some other children (boys) are violent towards them at playtimes

my children are very satisfied with their school attendance

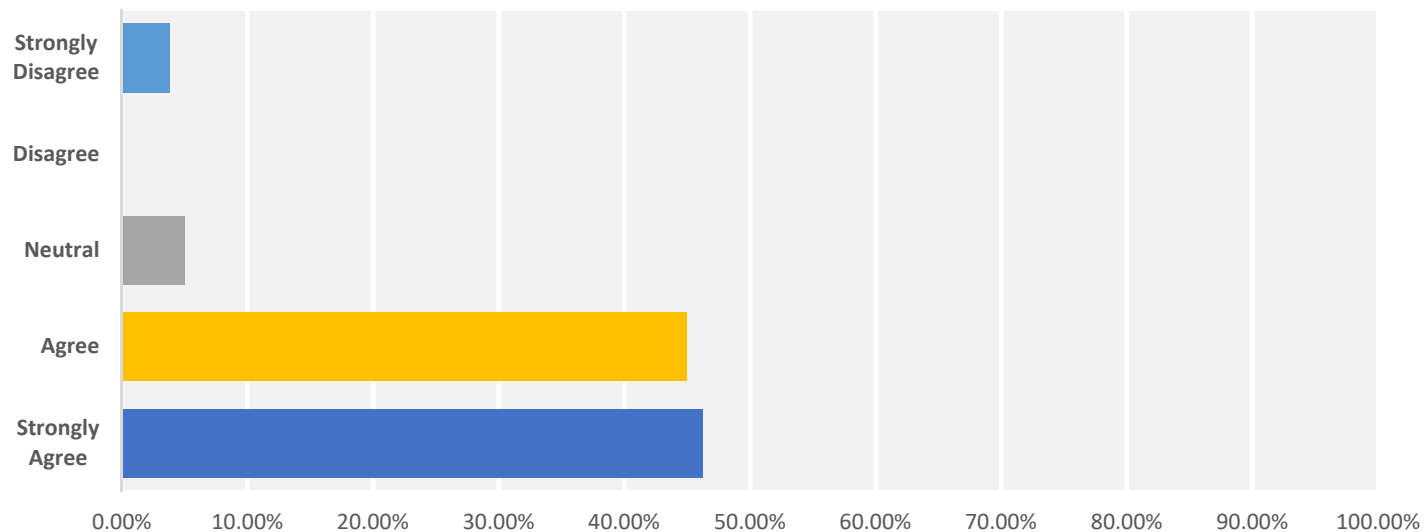


### Q3: The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	3.75% 3
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	5.00% 4
Agree	45.00% 36
Strongly Agree	46.25% 37
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>





# How we could improve?

Responses: 7

All

## Sample Responses

School is superb for this. I've honestly never seen a child in or around misbehave.

See previous answers

definitely cares about children

As my child (as far as I'm aware!) has never moved onto amber/yellow or red it would be nice to somehow reward those children who are always good? (Maybe you already do but I just don't know about it).

Certain aspects of behaviour aren't always apparent in school but can be seen on walks home. These still need addressing at times when it affects others

Punishing whole classes or groups for a few students behaviour shouldn't be acceptable practice.

There will always be some issues surrounding behaviour as children grow and learn from their behaviour but I believe Orchard deal swiftly and fairly with problems when they arise.



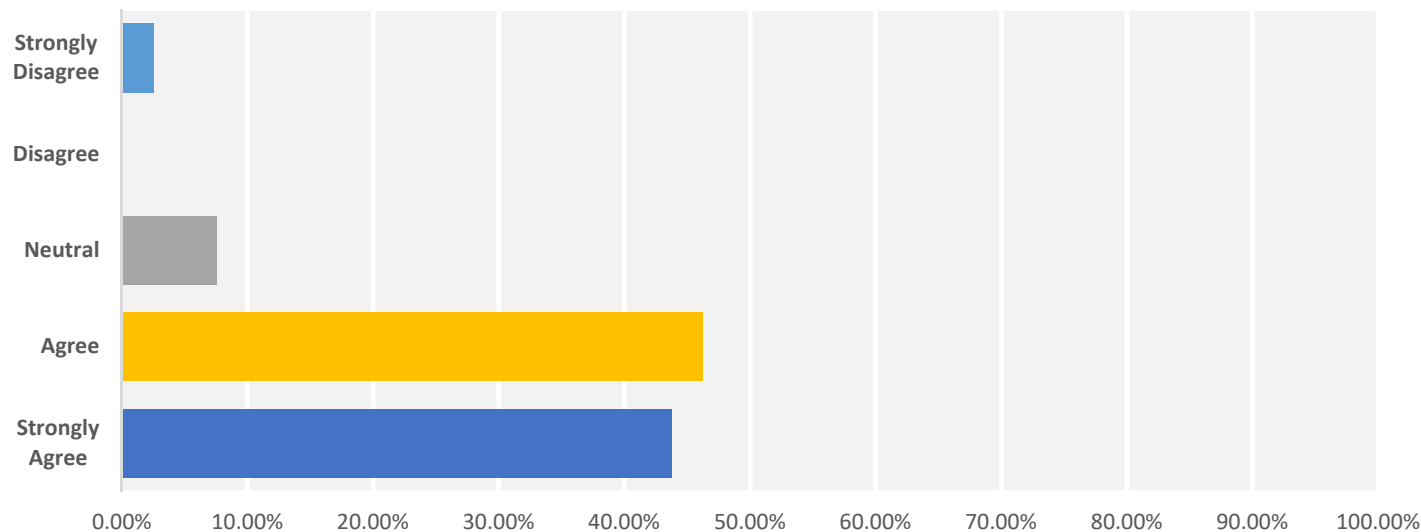


# Q4: The school encourages my child to succeed to the best of their ability.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	2.50% 2
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	7.50% 6
Agree	46.25% 37
Strongly Agree	43.75% 35
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>





# How we could improve?

Responses: 7

All

## Sample Responses

Hard to comment without being at the school

As far as I'm aware. It would be nice to have more opportunities to see our child's work (I'm not sure if at parents evenings you normally would have put out books for parents to look at or not and I know these past two years have been abnormal but it would be great to actually see more of the work our child does in class).

Work could be much more challenging at times

This past year my children have thrived in their current classes. Their current teachers are phenomenal, but, last year I feel my daughter could have been helped more.

Some extra one to one or more small group activities

Sometimes it feels that Tick boxes are in place as oppose to children working at their ability. It would be nice for understanding of where and why your child is placed in certain groups.

My son tells me children who may not always get top marks are all celebrated for trying their best and perseverance.

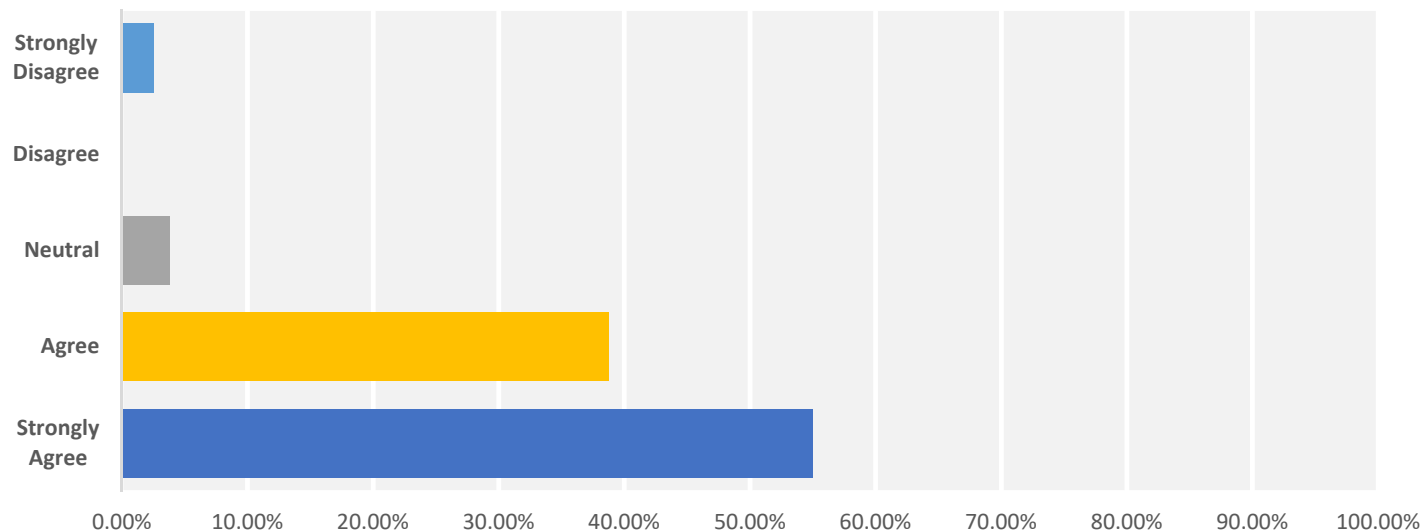


# Q5: Orchard provides a stimulating and enriched learning environment.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	2.50% 2
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	3.75% 3
Agree	38.75% 31
Strongly Agree	55.00% 44
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>



# What works well, what could be improved?



Responses: 12

All

## Sample Responses

Hard to say as my daughter is only 4

The topics are enjoyed by my son and all seem to link well to the curriculum.

My child particularly enjoys the learning opportunities provided outside in the playground and the wooded area in addition to in the classroom.

stop putting children in classes above their age group because you don't have room

Mrs Shields has introduced lots of things in this area

My child tells us lots about what he does at school and has been particularly inspired by the topics this year. He is LOVING learning about explorers and even introduced us to a new explorer we'd never heard of called Ibn Battuta! I love the updates on what the class as a whole have been up to on class dojo and receiving photos of our child in Nothing

Teaching is up to date, diverse and working inside and outside gives the children focus.

Inspiration days, topic based learning, outdoor space

Fab that my child has been offer a Nuffield program to help her with her speech abs ur enforcing all the activists that the speach abs language people are saying can praise you all enough maybe keep the program going on a bit longer as it seems to be working

It would be nice to have a bigger library for children to borrow books alongside their reading books. The outdoor areas are being improved all the time.

Online platforms such as class dojo useful.

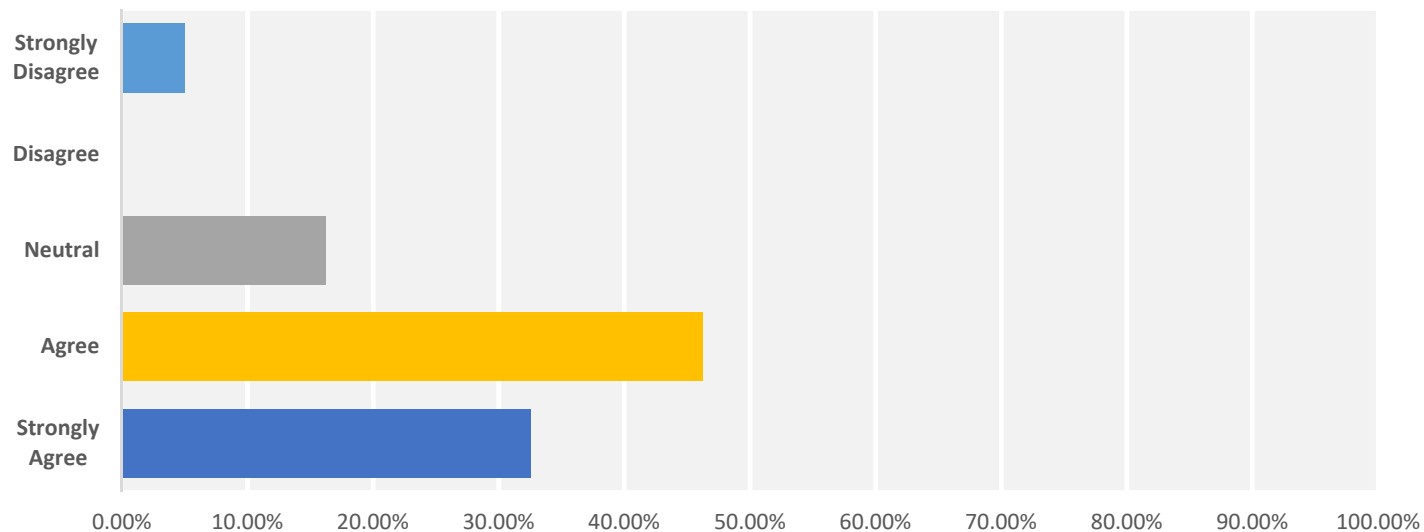


## Q6: The school has high expectations for my child.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	5.00% 4
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	16.25% 13
Agree	46.25% 37
Strongly Agree	32.50% 26
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>





# How we could improve?

Responses: 4

All

## Sample Responses

Again, hard to comment

I think the school have individual expectations for every child as every child is different. Which is positive!

I think so but I'm not sure he is reaching his full potential as I don't know what work he's producing in class. Our child is curious and, I would say, a capable child but I know he can get distracted easily and is a slow worker so I'm not sure if he's really showing what he can do. It would be nice to know this and what school and ourselves can do to bring out This isn't consistent amongst teachers

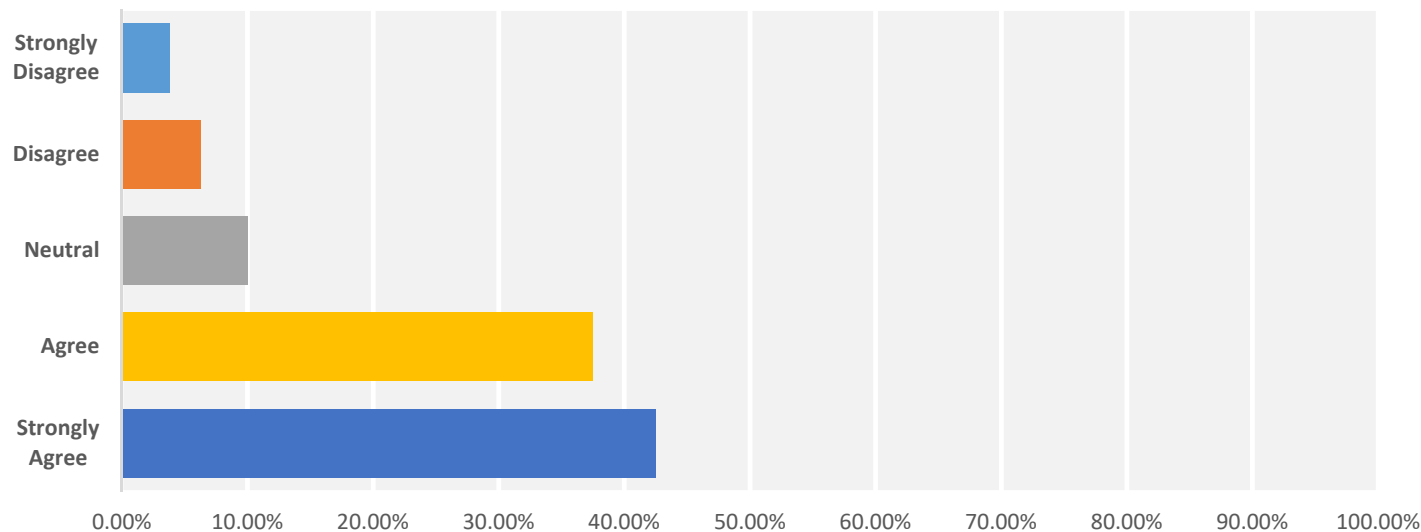


## Q7: The school has responded appropriately to any concerns/queries I have raised.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	3.75% 3
Disagree	6.25% 5
Neutral	10.00% 8
Agree	37.50% 30
Strongly Agree	42.50% 34
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>





# How we could improve?

Responses: 6

All

## Sample Responses

Great communication Thankyou

Mrs Shields has improved this area

Any queries always dealt with in a professional and timely manner.

The school should respond to all calls and emails by parents

You all have been a great help encouraging her with her speech and language im so please

Mrs Shields listens carefully and acts swiftly on any concerns or queries I have raised, usually within the hour.



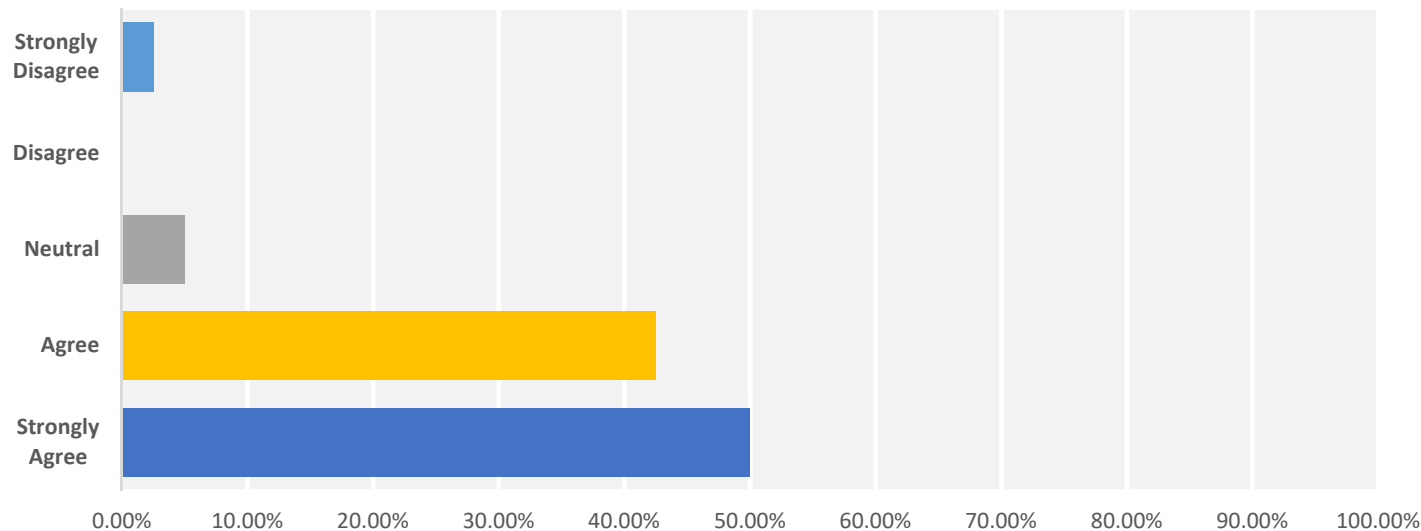


# Q8: The school keeps me well-informed about the work that my child is doing in class through termly overviews, website information, Class Dojo posts, newsletters etc.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	2.50% 2
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	5.00% 4
Agree	42.50% 34
Strongly Agree	50.00% 40
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>



# What works well, what could be improved?



Responses: 9

All

## Sample Responses

Lots of communication via different platforms so nothing is missed

I don't know what work my child is doing on a weekly basis, its only when the newsletter comes out I find out

I would say we are kept up to date with what the class are doing as a whole very well and have a good understanding of what they are learning in lessons at the present time. We absolutely love receiving photos and videos of our child in class.

But only due to class dojo. What is a termly overview

It's nice to see what they are doing on Dojo.

Maybe a weekly update just to show a bit that they have been doing

Communication is excellent from school. Dojo is especially useful to see what is happening during the day and also for being able to speak to teachers

Class dojo posts with photographs of learning taking place

Would like some more picture of what been happening as i struggle sometime to get out of what she's been doing but I see a photo etc and she then open up ans talks about that day , also maybe a weekly time table would help too so I know what she's got plan that day too

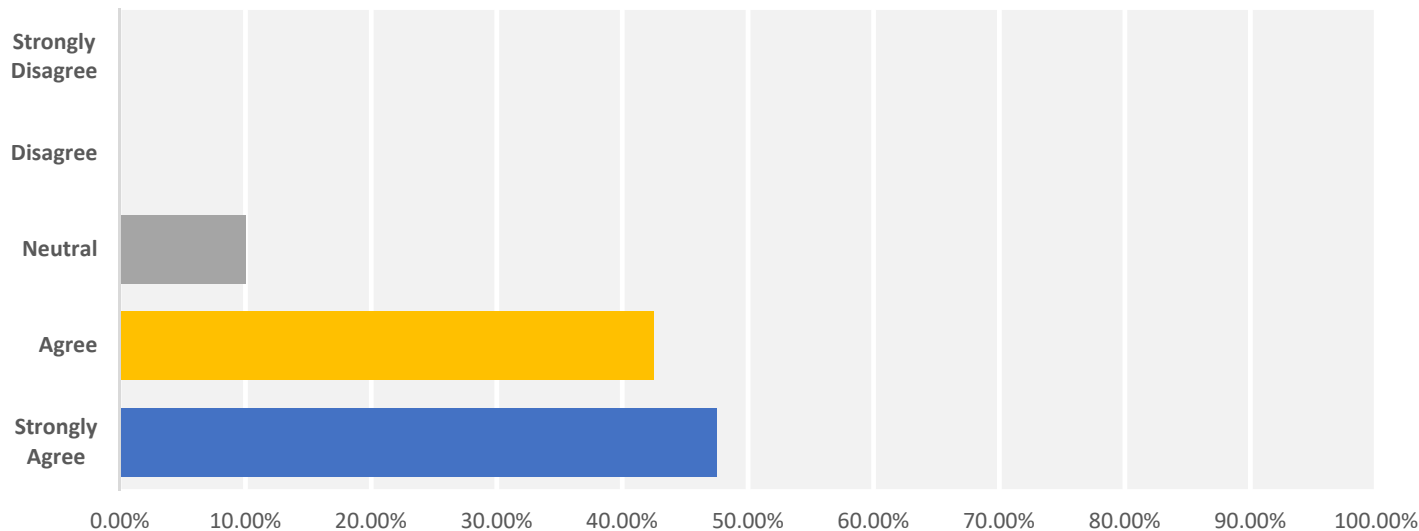
**Q9: I receive sufficient information about how to support my child at home e.g. through information on the website, homework menus, remote learning provision, information discussed at parent consultations.**



Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	10.00% 8
Agree	42.50% 34
Strongly Agree	47.50% 38
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>



# What works well, what could be improved?



Responses: 8

All

## Sample Responses

Generally comms. back home are superb.

Greta support through lockdown as well

I like the homework menu. I forget to complete the reading diary! Maybe an online one would work but I think it's more my memory than the format!

Having class dojo is amazing to be able to reach teachers who are very prompt in replying.

The information on the website is very informative and kept up to date and provides an excellent overview of the class work. It is also easy to navigate.

When I've asked for extra support around an area where my child needs to improve, this has been given.

Remote learning during lockdown was fantastic.

If I am unsure of anything I can directly contact my son's teacher who gets back to me quickly.

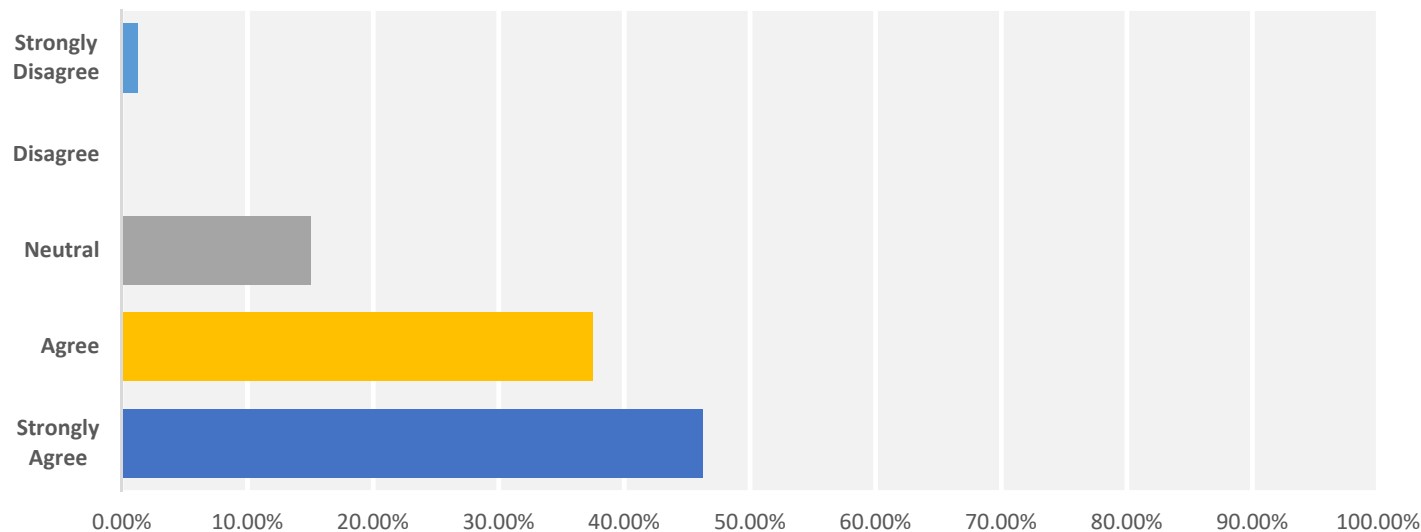


# Q10: The homework menus provide an appropriate level of homework and personal choice.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	1.25% 1
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	15.00% 12
Agree	37.50% 30
Strongly Agree	46.25% 37
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>





# How we could improve?

Responses: 10

All

## Sample Responses

Love the homework menus!

We don't yet have a homework menu so have left this neutral

Only in foundation

I really like the menus, they mean we can do fun homework together instead of making homework an onerous task.

I'm not sure what these are?

The homework menus are great and provide a wide variety of interesting and fun activities to try.

How well matched are the tasks to their ability. Sometimes the tasks are ridiculously easy and pointless and other tasks are beyond their understanding. The impression created is that they are just printed off from twinkl or something like that without thought to their development

They can feel a little overwhelming when presented as a pick and choose matrix for some children.

Having a choice is good - quite a lot of work expected. Some activities require a great amount of adult input but accept that there are choices that can be undertaken independently.

Would like a few more at home with her topic really got her engaging

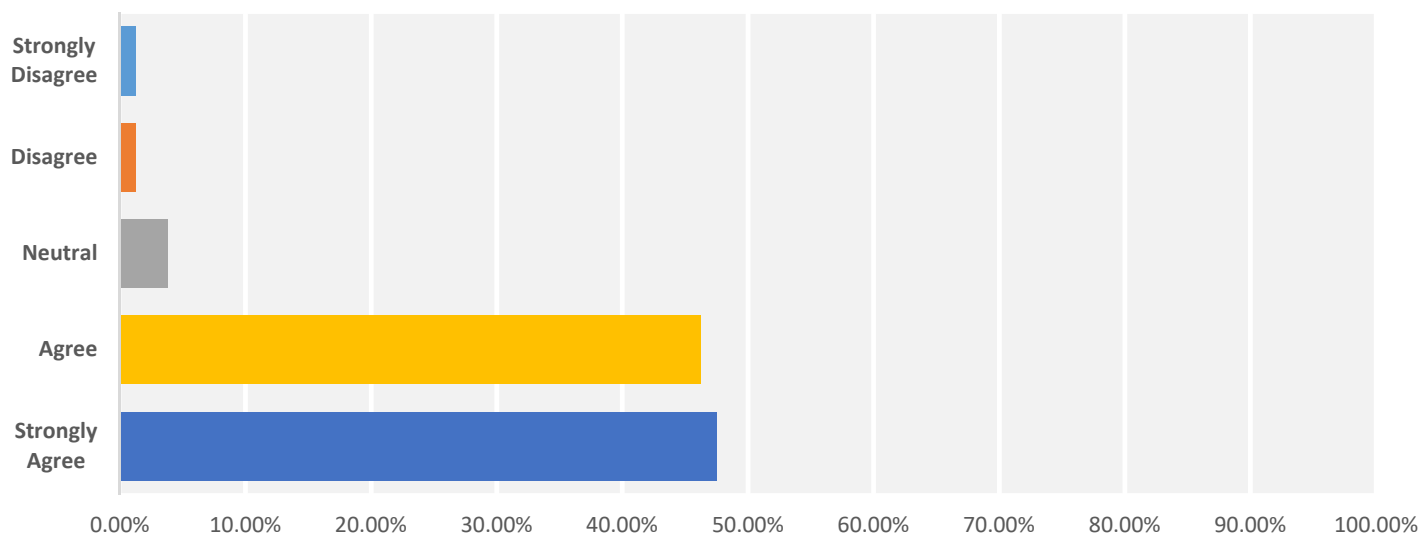


## Q11: My child is doing well at this school.

Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	1.25% 1
Disagree	1.25% 1
Neutral	3.75% 3
Agree	46.25% 37
Strongly Agree	47.50% 38
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>





# How we could improve?

Responses: 5

All

## Sample Responses

Just continue as you are!

We feel as if he's doing well at school but it is difficult to know for sure as we haven't had any recent updates about his individual progress. I would hope he is at least achieving age related expectations but if not, I think it would be a good idea to have school informing us where he's falling behind so we can help at home too and hopefully put in Yes in general. Work in class 6 is not always of a high enough standard

My child has done so well this year even though it was closed for a few months so well done to all.

We moved our son to Orchard and it is without a doubt the best decision we have made regarding his education. his educational levels , enjoyment and confidence have all lifted being in such a positive driven environment.



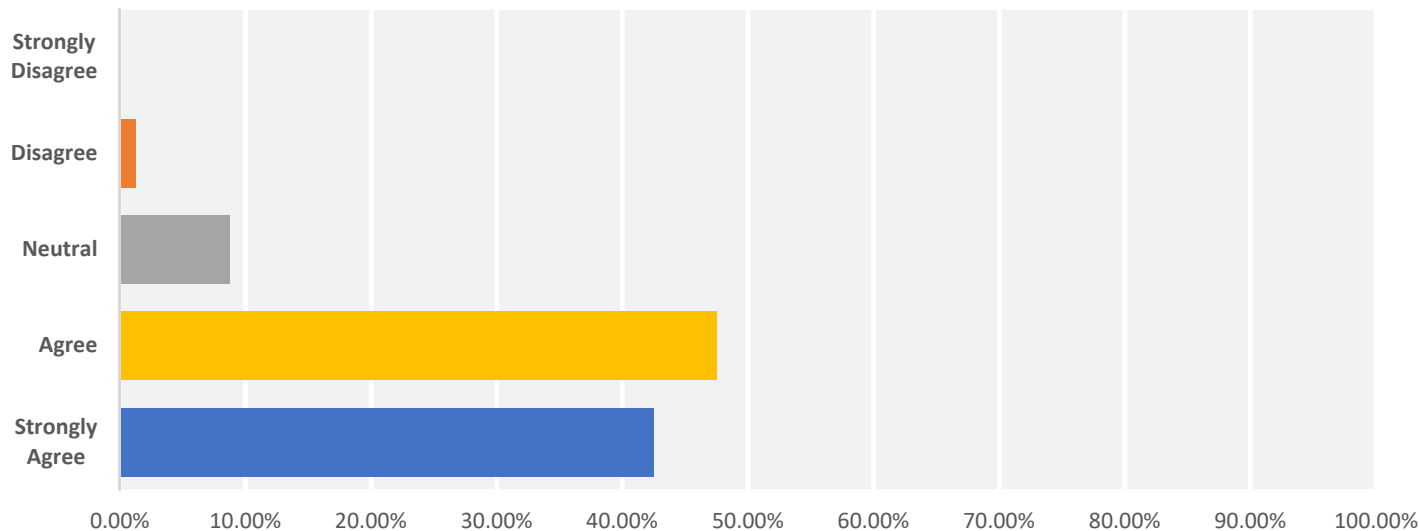
**Q12: Whilst COVID has prevented face to face meetings, I have still felt informed about my child/ren's progress during the term/year through progress check reports, parents consultations, messages via Dojo for example.**



Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Disagree	1.25% 1
Neutral	8.75% 7
Agree	47.50% 38
Strongly Agree	42.50% 34
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>



# What works well, what could be improved?



Responses: 11

All

## Sample Responses

Great leadership and communication throughout the pandemic. Thank you.

Mr Owen and Mrs McGravie have been very approachable and supportive and gone the extra mile to keep us informed.

Through this pandemic I cannot fault any teacher or the school as a whole!

The 2nd lockdown was a lot better organised using google classrooms with feedback

I think the progress checks are great and the parent consultations were useful although I felt I knew more about where he was at that time as I'd been homeschooling him but that's through no fault of school and only due to the covid situation.

Could do with more updates as to how they are doing post lockdown

Progress isn't always discussed.

Video calls instead of telephone appointments might have been a nicer touch. The comms this year (Jan lockdown) by far surpassed last years understandably.

Under such testing circumstances Orchard have been amazing. Keeping parents up to date with government guidelines, and keeping our children working hard via a mix of online, zoom and Google classrooms

When I have sent messages on dojo they have been responded to quickly. During lockdown I felt that I was very well supported by the class teacher and knew that if my child was struggling with any activities they would provide further guidance.

Dojo and Google classroom worked really well. The teaching staff coped amazingly well and produced online learning and school to home communications as if they had trained for this pandemic. Unprecedented times and all Orchard staff rose to the occasion and surpassed every expectation.

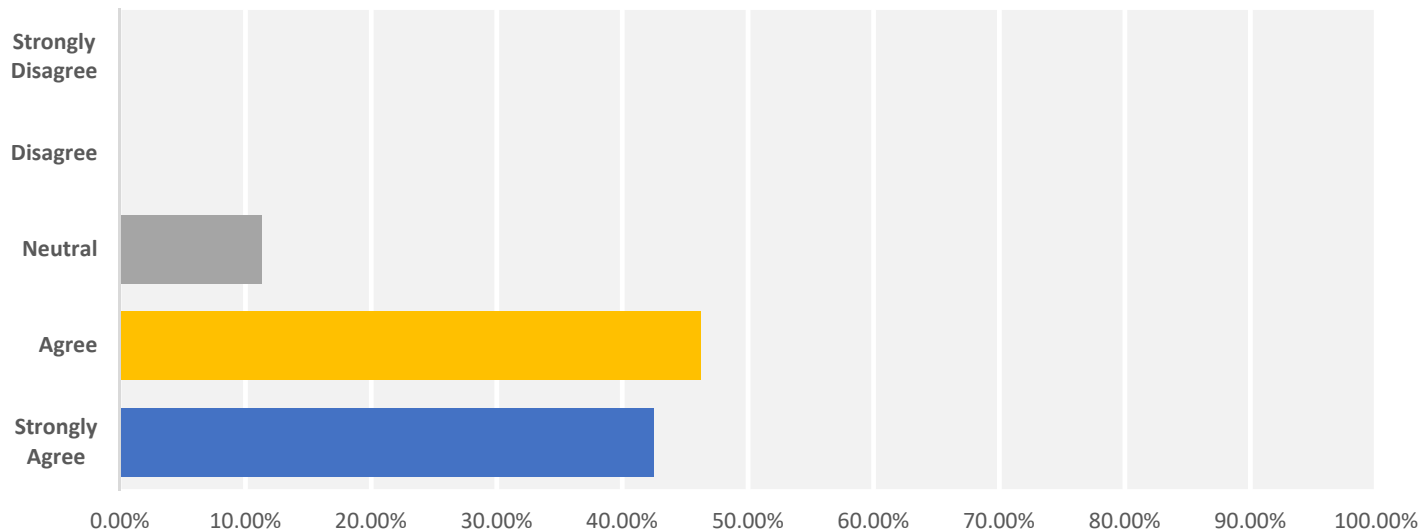
**Q13: Although the pandemic has impacted on extra-curricular activities and visits/visitors, the school nevertheless supports my child's wider personal development e.g. through the offer of clubs, nurture groups, character education, Inspirations Days, tea**



Answered: 80

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
Disagree	0.00% 0
Neutral	11.25% 9
Agree	46.25% 37
Strongly Agree	42.50% 34
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>



# What works well, what could be improved?



Responses: 5

All

## Sample Responses

I really appreciate the efforts of staff to continue to provide activities such as mindfulness, yoga, dancing on Friday afternoons, time in the orchard, the Halloween themed day, school nativity, supporting Children in Need etc. (just a few examples). This has filled a big gap for the children when they've been limited in what they could do outside of Only when at school, disappointed about no after school clubs for year 6

I think the schools normal offering is superb. The inspiration days are always captivating and, well, inspiring and my child always comes home full of enthusiasm. I'm impressed that you've already offered an after school club and a film night, both of which my child has thoroughly enjoyed. The PFA is also outstanding and your partnership is highly Inspiration days are great. I like the focus on character traits and values which prepare children for future life experiences. I am hoping that children can now get the opportunity to go on residential trips in the coming year.

Although my son hasn't been able to go on trips and the school has been unable to have external people into school I feel he hasn't missed out as the school have been providing great lessons with dress up days etc.

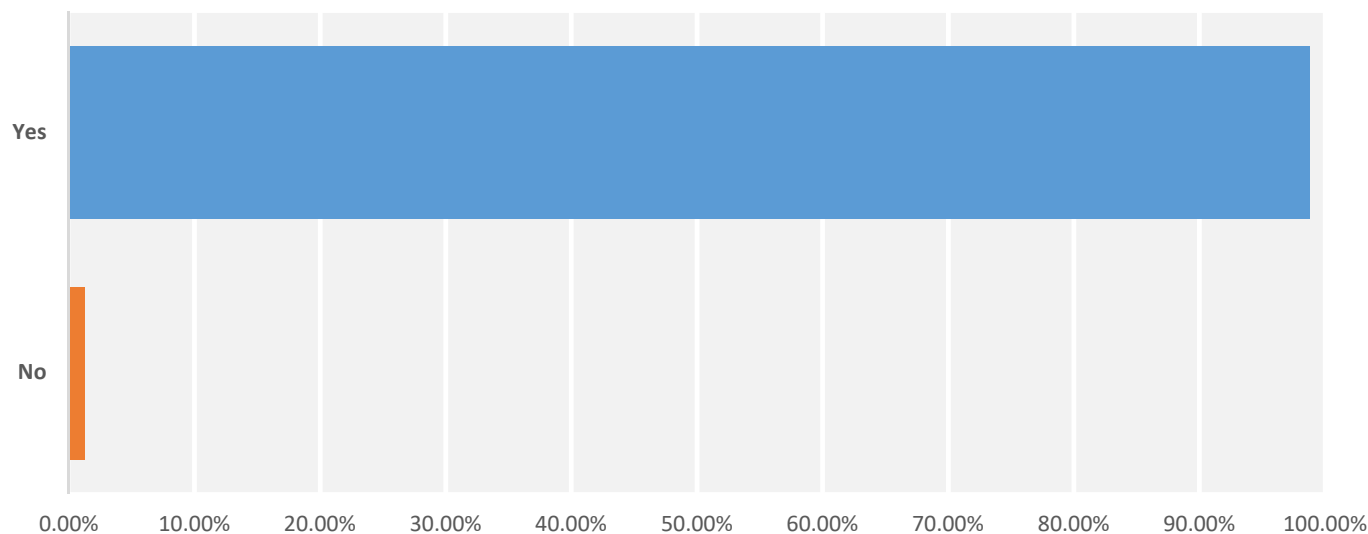


## Q14: I would recommend Orchard to another parent.

Answered: 79

All

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	98.73% 78
No	1.27% 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>



# you would like to make about our school?



Responses: 30

All

## Sample Responses

The school has been amazing at bringing Freddie out of his shell, he was quite shy at first but his confidence has grown so much, this has made me more confident knowing that I picked the right place for him and that he's going to continue to grow throughout the years he spends here! Thank you

Thank you for all your hard work during the pandemic. Thank you Mr Cooper and Mrs Champlin for being so student centred in your approach to support my sons needs. Trying to understand the why to his behaviour and always seeing the little boy first. Supporting his transitions during all the bubble changes and always trying to make him feel

We are very happy with Orchard school, and our children are thriving. Thank you!

I believe the school is doing very well and I'm confident that the staff have the kids best interests at the forefront of their minds.

Far too many text messages with information not relating to my child, in particular, messages at the weekend concerning school dinners and wrapping around care.

The precision planning, enthusiasm and communication from school has been and remains excellent, especially during these unprecedented times. The resources for home learning when schools were closed was fantastic and in the latest lockdown, the videos on Dojo were extremely helpful and well received.

Thank you to all the staff for your professionalism and commitment over this past year. Despite facing challenges due to the pandemic you have gone above and beyond to make it a GREAT school year!

I feel that Orchard is a very approachable, well connected and organised school where pupils and parents are treated with respect. It's easy to contact the school, any issues how ever minor are dealt with quickly, responded to promptly. The school are a brilliant support network for pupil and parent . My children enjoy there school days, never come Why don't you have a school football team? (mixed gender)

Front office staff have slightly improved but still room for improvement

My impression is that the school has developed an exciting, immersive curriculum that inspires and stimulates my child to love learning. He enjoys school and I believe he is growing in confidence.

Keep doing what you are doing as you are great

Shouting at students for being ill isnt empathetic, sensitive or caring, and infront of other students isnt the greatest way of dealing with it, causing our boys to now be hesitant and scared to come in, even if it's just a sore throat.

We are so grateful that Emmie was welcomed into Orchard Primary this year. She is so happy we are bursting with pride. She loves her school, her friends and her teachers. She enjoys school and that is all we have ever wanted for her.

No

Orchard is a fun school