



Chenies School Parent Questionnaire Autumn 2015

These are the results from our recent parent survey. Thank you to the 37 parents who took the time to complete the survey.

As you know from the past, parents' comments are very much valued and we do take actions as a school to make improvements for the children's education. Mrs Gobby and I will be following this up with further information regarding what we do already in school to support these suggestions and what we intend to do in the future to improve them.

23 responses. Figures may not total 100% due to rounding.

Wellbeing	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly	Don't know
1 My child is happy at school.	39%	61%			
2 My child feels safe at school.	43%	57%			
3 My child has friends at school.	30%	65%	4%		
4 My child is well looked after at school.	48%	52%			
5 I feel welcome when I come into school.	52%	39%	9%		
6 The School has a good reputation.	30%	35%	9%		26%
7 The school buildings and site is well maintained and attractive	9%	61%	30%		
8 The school site is sufficiently secure.	4%	61%	26%		9%
9 The classrooms are clean, tidy and attractive and provide an effective working environment for my child.	22%	52%	22%		4%
10 My child enjoys hot dinners.	26%	48%	22%		4%
Curriculum	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly	Don't know
11 My child is making good progress.	26%	65%	9%		
12 I am kept well informed about my child's progress.	22%	65%	13%		
13 My child is taught well.	26%	57%			17%
14 My child receives a broad and balanced curriculum.	30%	57%	4%		9%
15 My child is developed spiritually, morally, socially and culturally through the school's ethos and curriculum.	26%	57%	9%		9%
16 My child has opportunities to learn outside of the traditional classroom	22%	61%	9%		9%
17 I am kept well informed about what my child is learning in school	17%	65%	17%		
18 I am given information about how I can support my child at home	22%	78%			
19 The school has high expectations for my child and ensures they reach their full potential.	26%	48%	9%		17%
20 I understand the Home Learning expectations for my child.	30%	43%	9%	17%	
21 I think Home Learning is appropriately set for my child.	30%	30%	17%	22%	

Behaviour	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly	Don't know
22 I think the school's system of rewarding and praising children is effective.	26%	61%	4%	9%	
23 I think the school's system of discipline is effective.	17%	52%	17%	9%	4%
24 The school's values and attitudes have a positive effect on my child	22%	70%			9%
25 I am confident that Chenies School deals with inappropriate behaviour effectively.	17%	43%	13%	9%	17%
26 The school treats my child fairly.	17%	70%			13%
27 My child is confident that should they have a problem, there is someone they can go to in school who will listen to them.	22%	48%	13%		17%
28 My child enjoys playtimes and lunchtimes.	39%	57%	4%		
29 The school promotes a healthy lifestyle for my child.	22%	65%	13%		
Communication	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly	Don't know
30 I think members of staff are approachable.	57%	30%	9%		
31 I think that the communication with staff changes in the school has been fair.	26%	43%		9%	17%
31 Parent consultation meetings provide me with the information I require about my child's progress and achievement.	17%	65%	13%		
32 The weekly Friday letter and newsletters provide me with clear information regarding current and future events.	48%	39%	9%		
33 I would like to hear regular updates by school governors through the Friday letter and newsletters.	30%	61%	4%		
33 The school website provides me with clear information regarding current and future events.	4%	70%	4%		17%
34 I understand the role of the School Governors.	9%	78%	4%		4%
35 I feel that I can approach the school if I have a concern	39%	39%	13%		4%
36 I believe my concerns would be dealt with by the school in an appropriate manner.	39%	48%	4%		4%
37 The school is led and managed well.	39%	39%	13%		4%
38 The school encourages parents to play an active part in school life	48%	48%			
39 The school plays an active role within the local community	30%	48%	9%		9%

What **one** thing do you like most about Chenies School for your child?

- Chenies is a very caring school, my daughter knows children from Sprites to year 6
- Family feel - it's a community in itself
- The children from different years mix and play together
- Mostly happy and feel safe
- Children know each other and play together younger children with older
- The school is small
- Small class size
- Child is very happy at school, at her age that's all that matters
- Sense of community within the school
- The warm, caring and supportive environment that is provided by the teachers and staff
- That my children are happy and well looked after
- The school provides individual care and attention which enables my child to grow in confidence
- Everything
- How friendly everyone is
- A caring and compassionate environment
- It is a happy school
- They are happy and feel secure
- Fantastic teachers and staff
- It is a very caring and kind school and the teachers and Headteachers are very approachable
- Chenies makes my child feel valued
- Small friendly environment

What **one** thing would make Chenies School better for your child?

- Better meals
- HLP - homework should be traditional and focused on individual targets. There should be weekly Math and English homework and HLP should only be for the remaining subjects
- Confidence building for them individually
- Split the classes back into year groups and have 30 per year group - no combined groups
- Having more things to do at playtimes - e.g. use the back playground
- Before and after school clubs
- All the toilets are not really great and I do worry about security at playtime as it's easy to access from the road - perhaps that's where PTA money should go
- A before and after school club
- To encourage and stretch their learning further
- There are areas of the school in need of resources, both in the class and in the playground
- Would be great if the school had Halal meals
- Good quality before and after school clubs and homework clubs
- HLP - it would be better to receive one bit of homework each week so that it can be related to the theme subject or any other
- Better discipline and management of poor behaviour
- Electronic gates outside, so during class time no stranger can come in. (They have to press the electric button to get into school)
- Better communications - some emails I have sent to the school haven't been responded to - but now the teachers have email addresses I'm sure this will rectify the problem.
- Of course the school has Victorian charm but some modernisation would make the school a brighter and better learning environment
- New girls' toilet would be great
- I think homework could be better. I don't feel there is enough enthusiasm to do the HLP tasks as homework doesn't get marked
- I can't think of anything
- More frequent information regarding child's progress and support
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Any other comments

- On the whole we love Chenies and are very pleased with the progress our girls make. Both were identified at parents evening as lacking in confidence - advice from school about how to improve this would be helpful. Re discipline, I think that for some children minutes are insufficient
- Replace HLP with weekly Maths and English sheets that are marked each week - more motivational and beneficial to the children and help parents understand where child needs to be. Replace end of week minutes with daily punishments on the day the incident happens. Homework club with access to Maths Whizz and a teacher who can provide help
- The school has too many parents being members of staff. If you need to go into the office after school, there are too many PTA parents in there to speak to a teacher or office staff confidentially. It would be nice to see teachers mark the medal maths when the children spend a lot of time doing it
- We LOVE Chenies and would recommend it to other parents
- Chenies is a fantastic little school! My son loves attending and is progressing well. Thank you to all the teachers and staff and management team for all your hard work and commitment to the children in your care
- Please could we have a security light outside the school for evening actions. It's dangerous and unsettling when it's so dark
- I am pleased the school will be receiving much needed refurbishment of the toilets in KS1 which will benefit the whole school. It is a shame this has taken so long. I would like to think the school would receive regular maintenance of the school and buildings. The school needs outside lighting, the darkness causes issues when families visit the school as a danger in visibility and recently cars were broken into on parents' evening. Lighting would discourage crime and provide a safe environment

- Small school and very lovely staff
- Parking is dreadful, in the morning driving out of Chenies past the Red Phoenix is nearly impossible with cars parked on both sides of the road. Also unless you have time to get to school 20 minutes early you end up parking by the garden centre. I know I can park in the Bedford Arms but both directions are dangerous to walk with young, excited children. Can't pickups be staggered; Sprites go at 3 (who don't have siblings) or something?
- Homework needs to be mandatory NOT optional, especially in years 5 and 6. Why not choose one option - English, Maths, Theme, PE, ICT or Art and ask for it to be submitted in 1 week. Failure to do so should result in a loss of star time or lunchtime detentions. Maybe work with other local schools such as Little Chalfont. Each teacher visits a corresponding school to observe and learn/gain ideas. They are significantly stricter on discipline and homework than Chenies. PGL only for year 6 maybe combine with another school
- It would be nice to have a photo of all the Governors, what their roles are and when they meet. The parents have no idea what they do and how hard they work and it's not all their fault! Before school club, we would only use it occasionally but I think it is a good idea. The maximum we would pay is £3 per child - would this include breakfast? Probably not
- I feel so lucky for my daughter to attend Chenies. She is very happy at the school and I can see that she is gaining great British manners. Thank you
- We would rather have traditional homework (Maths and English every week rather than every half term).