

Parent Questionnaire Results 2016



Annual Parent Questionnaire Outcomes July 2016

We changed the format 2 years ago to mirror the Ofsted parent view questionnaire. This was to ensure that a comparison can be made year on year. All of the questions equate to the previous year so comparisons can be drawn. We had 108 returns in total, reflecting 54% of our pupils.

	2015 Strongly agree/ agree	2016 Strongly agree/ agree
My child enjoys coming to school	98%	99.1% 1 response neither agreed nor disagreed
My child is safe at school	100%	100%
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	96%	98.2% 1 response neither agreed nor disagreed 1 response disagreed
My child is taught well at school	99%	100%
My child is making good progress	98%	98.2% 2 responses neither agreed nor disagreed
My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best	98%	99.1% 1 response neither agreed nor disagreed
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities	97%	92% 7 responses neither agreed nor disagreed 2 responses disagreed
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	96%	96.4% 3 responses neither agreed nor disagreed 1 responses disagreed

The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning	90%	92% 7 responses neither agreed nor disagreed 2 responses disagreed
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	96%	100%
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	91%	93.7% 7 responses neither agreed nor disagreed
There is a good standard of behaviour at Jerry Clay Academy	92%	98.2% 2 responses neither agreed nor disagreed
The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively	83% 20 responses were N/A to them	89.2% 12 responses were N/A to them
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	97%	97% 3 responses neither agreed nor disagreed
I think the school is well led and managed	96%	99.1% 1 response neither agreed nor disagreed
My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle	98%	96.4% 4 responses neither agreed nor disagreed
My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds	97%	97% 3 responses neither agreed nor disagreed
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	91%	93.7% 7 responses neither agreed nor disagreed
I would recommend Jerry Clay Academy to another family	99%	100%

We are very proud of the overwhelming support from parents.

It is clear that year on year improvements to our school are recognised and valued. We will be evaluating this further with our Governors, staff and the Junior Leadership Team and looking at ways that we can continue to improve.

We would like to share the comments from our parents taken from our 2015-2016 annual parent questionnaire. They make us all feel very proud!

Comments to action and take note/ action:

The academy as a whole:

“I think the school is showing significant progress this year. I think the performing arts show this year reflected that”

“We believe that JCA has given my child such a positive view of education. It has given her the best start in which she has thrived”.

“Jerry Clay Academy is an excellent school. Our boys are both very happy and love school. All staff are friendly and hardworking”.

“We are very happy with Jerry Clay, it is a lovely school”

“The whole ethos throughout the school is positive. Learning is enriched in many different ways and every child benefits. The staff are extremely enthusiastic and this is evident in the children”.

“I really do feel that the school has improved from when my son attended”

“Very pleased we chose JCA as a school for my child. She enjoys going and is developing very quickly”.

“I am very happy with the school and feel that my daughter has benefitted from being a part of the school”.

“All the staff are very welcoming and I would certainly recommend Jerry Clay to other parents”.

“The school has many positive aspects, which we really appreciate so thank you”.

“Jerry Clay is a lovely school and has continued to improve with Mrs. Swinburne – I feel some of the measures and activities put in place have really benefitted the children”.

“I think all of the children have a good foundation to build on by attending Jerry Clay”

“We are proud to tell people that our daughter attends such a fantastic school. Each and every member of staff are a credit to Jerry Clay Academy, each year it seems to get better in every aspect. The garden is so beautiful, such a wonderful and relaxing place to learn, hats off to everyone involved”.

“I am very proud of my child’s achievements at Jerry Clay Academy. There have been so many improvements to what was already a good school and we feel very privileged that our child attends”.

“Every time we have been invited to attend the school the high standards and the passion for learning is clear to see, as is the enthusiasm of the teachers and all the staff”.

“The school looks fantastic, the outdoor learning areas are amazing. Everyone, teachers, children and staff should be very proud of themselves, thank you”.

“We feel very happy with the quality of teaching and nurture Jerry Clay offers to all children”

“We are really pleased with the school”

“We are extremely happy that our child goes to JCA. We couldn't be happier with the education, teachers and positive attitude towards everything”

“We are delighted with the school and staff. It is going from strength to strength”

I can honestly say the school has been better than I expected (and my expectations are high!!). Special mention needs to be made of the difference since Mrs. S has taken over as Head as I believe the school has been led to a whole new level of performance and leadership and very pleasing to see from a Parent who wishes to see his children challenged and developed to their best, THANK YOU and keep going”

Starting school

“A huge thank you to all the Reception team who have been fabulous in helping my child to settle into school life and have helped her confidence grow. She has really enjoyed Reception and I am sure she will continue to enjoy her time at Jerry Clay Academy”

“My husband and I have been so happy with the care and education our child has received in his first year of school. He absolutely loves school and has made lots of friends in Reception and other years! We couldn't ask for anymore in terms of his early year's education so far!”

My children and I love the school it is small friendly and perfect. Best decision I have ever made.

Involvement of Parents/ Carers:

“We feel that the involvement of parents and carers is now fabulous. Being involved in the school on such a regular basis makes us feel part of our child's education”

“My child has achieved excellent SATS results and she is very well prepared for the next step in her education”

“Parents are kept well-informed and invited into school on a regular basis”

“The parent tutorial that JCA provided in Maths was much needed and was key to the support I provided my child at home”

“The many activities and events that promote parental engagement, we have particularly welcomed”

“Communication between home and school has been fantastic. We recognize that this would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of all at the school so thank you all very much”

“Communication to parents is outstanding and much appreciated. All events are well organized and parents/carers are invited into school on various occasions to gain insight into what their child is doing at school and this also makes us feel involved”

Behaviour & safety

“My daughter had an issue in class with another child and this was dealt with so swiftly by the Class Teacher. There is now no issue and my daughter is not worried because it was dealt with so well”.

Leadership & Management:

“The changes seen since the arrival of Mrs. Swinburne has been incredible, thank you”

“I think since the change of Headteachers and Mrs. Swinburne been appointed, JCA has continued to gain strength and I am proud to say that my daughter attends JCA”.

“Being part of the Junior Leadership team has given my child different kinds of skills and confidence to what he already had and the skills he has learnt will help in secondary school”

“This school has gone from coasting to fantastic under strong leadership”.

“The school is well-managed and we feel that she is very safe whilst she is at school”.

“Under the leadership of Mrs. Swinburne, we really do feel that Jerry Clay Academy has improved hugely. The school has benefitted from a massive injection of enthusiasm, energy and vision which has cascaded down through all staff and children”

“Our thanks go to Mrs. Swinburne for doing an outstanding job of leading the school and to all the teachers for their hard work”

Attainment & progress:

“Both our children are very happy at school and their noticeable progress this year is very pleasing, especially with the new, challenging curriculum”.

“My daughter has shown a dramatic improvement in all aspects of her learning whilst in Year 2 and this can be evidenced in her end of year report”.

“My child has gone from strength to strength this year. A big thank you to his teacher and teaching assistant who have pushed and nurtured my child”.

“Mrs. Smith has led the children through the SATS in Year 2 very smoothly. My child didn't even know he was sitting them!”

Curriculum:

“I feel my children are happy and content at school and are pushed to the best of their ability with fantastic support”.

“The focus on Creative Arts provide a good balance to the core study and the children have had a good range of experiences”.

“The curriculum is broad and balanced so that children are engaged in their learning”.

“My child has really blossomed this year under a wide and varied curriculum”

“The huge smile and the confidence she exuded at the Joseph & Creative Arts performances said it all!”

“We feel particularly pleased with the positive attitude towards the arts (music in particular for my child) which was lacking from Jerry Clay when my child started the school. Thank you to all staff”

“Many more creative, challenging and diverse opportunities are provided for all the children, both within the academy and in the wider community. It is lovely to see children developing as individuals and within partnerships”.

“Our child has made so much progress this year. We hope that this will continue, as we are sure it will with the excellent environment and the focus on life skills at JCA”

Extra-curricular provision:

“The range of after school clubs is fantastic”.

“JCA have continued to excel in providing a vast range of activities and the ‘after school’ activities in a wide variety of subjects was much loved by my daughter and myself, as a working parent”

Recommending Jerry Clay Academy to others:

“We think ourselves very lucky to be living in the JCA catchment!”

After school club

“May I have the opportunity to thank and congratulate you for the success of the ‘Breakfast’ and ‘After school club’ this year. My daughter insists on been there at 7.30am on the dot and complains if we collect her early. She loves it, which makes the guilt of being a working mum more easily to accept, thank you so much”.

Action points:

“Stretching more able children before they lose their interest in education through what they deem to be boredom. They see children going out for extra help if not ‘average’ but above ‘average’ children seem not to be challenged enough”.

From reading this, we believe that an important action step for us is to ensure that you are more fully informed about the interventions/ support your child is receiving. We are going to review as a Governing Body/ Leadership team how this could be implemented for the new academic year.

We take this comment very seriously and would like to confirm that all children are challenged within our academy. Intervention groups take place for all children, as and when needed. Teachers meet with the Headteacher/ Senior Leader every half term (or more regular if needed) to adapt intervention plans. Help and support is given to all children. Within our system, there is no room for children standing still. If we see that a child is standing still, intervention would be implemented if needed. With our newly developed mastery curriculum all children are stretched and challenged at an appropriate level. Mixed groupings are also part of this as we believe that ability groups can affect children self-fulfilling prophecy. We live by the motto ‘striving to be the best we can be’ and this is something we firmly believe.

“We noticed a contrast between Reception & Year 1 communications about how to add value at home to what was being taught in school”

We certainly note this and this should not be the case. As a leadership team we will monitor this during the next academic year to ensure the same level of communication exists for all classes.

“I feel Jerry Clay could benefit from a clearly marked crossing area for pedestrians. This would make crossing the road safer and drivers would have a clear indication of where to stop to let the public cross”.

We completely agree with you and this is something that we are constantly working with the council on. There is a designated crossing area, however we are protesting that this needs to be even clearer. We will keep you all informed as this progresses.

“Slight concern over school dinners and the last sitting not always having enough time for pudding when it is paid for”.

This should not be the case and is something that we will be monitoring closely. We ensure that all children have equal access to timings in the dinner hall. We will liaise with our lunch time team to ensure that this improves.

