

Princetown School
Parents Survey Summer 2023

Summer Term 2023	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Conclusion	Overall Judgement
1. My child enjoys attending school.	83%	17%			Majority agree	100% agree
2. My child is making good progress at school.	83%	17%			Majority agree	100% agree
3. Behaviour in the school is good.	83%	17%			Majority agree	100% agree
4. My child gets the right amount of work at home to do.	83%	17%			Majority agree	100% agree
5. The teaching is good.	96%	4%			Majority agree	100% agree
6. I/we are comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem.	91%	9%			Majority agree	100% agree
7. The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his or her best.	96%	4%			Majority agree	100% agree
8. The school works closely with parents.	78%	22%			Majority agree	100% agree
9. The school is well led and managed.	87%	13%			Majority agree	100% agree
10. The school is helping my child become mature and responsible.	83%	17%			Majority agree	100% agree
11. The school provides interesting activities outside of lessons.	91%	9%			Majority agree	100% agree
12. I/we am kept well informed about how my child is getting on:						
a) Through reports	74%	22%			Mostly agree	94% agree
b) Through parent's evenings	87%	13%			Majority agree	100% agree
c) Through the availability of staff after school	87%	13%			Majority agree	100% agree
13. I/we find the school website helpful for finding out current information.	61%	35%	4%		Mostly agree	96% agree
14. My child is safe at school.	96%	4%			Majority agree	100% agree
15. There is a good range of learning trips or visits during school hours.	87%	13%			Majority agree	100% agree
16. I/we are satisfied with our choice of school.	96%	4%			Majority agree	100% agree
17. The school governors are available and accessible for parents.	57%	39%	4%		Mostly agree	96% agree
18. The school office offers advice and support to parents.	83%	17%			Majority agree	100% agree
19. The school office is able to help with any queries I have.	96%	4%			Majority agree	100% agree

20. Please comment on what the school does well –

Catering to our child's individual needs.

Trips away, staff are lovely, my child loves going to school and tells me all about her day.

The children love coming here, they feel so involved, it's amazing. The school does amazing trips, and they are very educational, also fun. The school does loads outside of school to get the village involved it's an amazing school.

The school are fantastic at communication with the parents, always helpful and trying to push our child. The teachers always look happy are positive and happy to offer advice.

We think over the years we have been in Princetown where some local children didn't go to the school. The school has moved forward and becomes stronger and stronger. Especially over these past 5 years. Now people move to the area because of how good the school is.

Friendly, approachable, teachers care. Works closely with parents. Class Dojo works well. The social evenings/fairs are good. Having a school dog! School office is very helpful. Great teachers.

The school is always willing to help parents during school time and outside of school time too. They adapt to my children needs really well.

Love the school, very well led, all problems dealt with in a fair manner. Would recommend the school to friends.

Helping my children's confidence grow.

Very approachable and supportive. Treating the children as individuals and spotting potential issues and working with my child to ensure she is getting the most out of school. Ensuring the children look out for each other, supporting the children to create a safe and caring environment (e.g. no bullying)

Lovely school, works wonders with the kids seeing more improvement in my child every day. Best school choice, thank you.

Lots of trips.

The school has turned into a lovely community, the children overall get on well and this really shows when you visit the school. The staff and the students have a good rapport which again when you visit the school it shines through. Liaison between the school and myself/most parents is good. I know if there is a problem or issue, I can just pick up the phone, message on Dojo and a response is almost instant.

The staff are friendly. The children are lovely.

The school has helped my son achieve a lot in a short space of time. The time they have for each student to achieve their best is amazing.

Activities out of the classroom e.g. forest school, swimming, giving them a chance to learn new skills. Updates on Class Dojo. Always nice to see how the children get on at a school. Friendly and supportive.

Everything 😊

Always helpful, amazing staff and brilliant trips.

21. Please comment on how the school could improve –

Gate opening for 5 minutes is not long enough if you're having a slight delay getting out the house, 10 minutes would be better, our child feels he's naughty if he has to go through the office.

A bit more communication, I love seeing what they have been up to, but it has slowed down a bit.

I don't know, it's the best school my children have been at, helpful, involve everyone. Just amazing the children love it here.

We can't see how the school can improve. Under the dedicated leadership of Miss Byrom and Mrs Speare the school just seems to go from strength to strength. Always coming up with novel ideas for school trips or sports, chocolate bingo or sports day, craft fairs, and genuinely use the school for the good of the community (more than the community centre), which goes to show the dedication of the staff.

The outside of the school could be tidied up to give a better impression of how fantastic the school is. Setting up a way parents can buy things at the school.

Keeping the reception/waiting area clear so private conversations can be had first thing without having to come into school for privacy.

It is often cold. My children tell me that they have to wear their coats (we always wear lots of layers).

Registration Certificate Report – we'd like to get a good attendance, but when a child is ill and seen a doctor, that shouldn't impact on warning letters as its out of everyone control. Wanting to avoid children catching bugs.

Nothing, as they do an amazing job now!

Head of School response:

I am extremely grateful to everyone who filled out a survey. All your comments are lovely to read – thank you!
I am so proud of the way the school has moved forward over the past few years and it is wonderful to work with such brilliant staff, children and families. We will continue to do what we do to make it the best school for your children.

Improvements:

The government has written new legislation about the length of the school day which means the gate must be shut at 8:45. We understand that sometimes things happen before school but mostly all children get here on time which is great!

We will continue to ensure pictures of the children during the day get uploaded to Dojo so you can see all the wonderful things they get up to.

The gardening club are working hard to improve the grounds of the school and make the front look better. This will continue.

We encourage parents to book appointments to see teachers after school. If a private conversation is needed with the head of school, please ask to meet in the office and we can invite you in to ensure your conversation is private.

Our heating is on for longer due to the temperature here in Princetown but unfortunately the building can get quite cold in the winter. We always endeavour to make it a comfortable temperature for everyone.