

Smithy Bridge Foundation School

Governors' Questionnaire to Parents October 2014

FEEDBACK

Thank you to the 196 families who took the time to complete this questionnaire. As you will see, it appears that the majority of parents feel positively about SBS.

We asked 10 questions:	1 Poor	2 Below average	3 Average	4 Good	5 Excellent
How successful do you feel SBS is at meeting your child's needs?	1	0	4	46	145
How well would you rate your child's progress?	1	3	13	73	104
How successful do you feel SBS is at ensuring your child is settled and happy?	2	2	8	47	136
How successful is SBS at helping your child become an active citizen of the future?	1	1	13	52	127
How fit for purpose do you feel the school buildings are?	1	3	14	59	107
How well do you rate the standard of behaviour in school?	1	1	8	67	117
How well do you feel the school is led and managed?	1	3	10	54	124
How successful is the school at keeping you informed?	2	2	16	50	122
How well do you understand the role of the Governing Body?*	8	24	50	51	58
How would you rate the standard of school dinners?	4	7	33	47	88

We also asked for your comments and opinions on the following 5 issues: Those comments marked by an * have been discussed at a recent Governors' meeting

What are the advantages of sending your child to SBS?

Parents' responses	Best school: local; good results; good ethos; good Ofsted	Good teaching Good care	Child learns & develops/makes progress	Child enjoys school/is settled	Sporting & Extra-curricular activities	Approachable	Good behaviour	Safe environment
	98	28	26	20	10	5	3	2

What do you think the school does well?

Parents' responses	Help children reach their potential	Extra-curricular; Sports Band Visits	Everything	Information & communication	Helpful & friendly atmosphere	Inclusion & behaviour	Community links	Phonics1
	55	38	25	21	17	9	7	1

What do you think school could improve on?

Parents' responses	Nothing	*Communication (both more & less) Info re homework & progress It is felt that this can always be improved, but every effort is being made to communicate with parents effectively via letter, email, text, web-site, Newsletter etc	*More/longer Activities; Extra tuition; Playground games. School Council have recently purchased £200 of playground equipment	*School dinners The possibility of displaying more information on the web-site was discussed	*Celebrating traditions. Parents to Achievement assembly Assemblies to which parents are invited are 'special' events for the pupils and in order to maintain that status it was felt they should not become a weekly event	*Listen to/tackle bullies Our anti-bullying policy is on the web-site and we would urge anyone with a concern to speak to their child's class teacher without delay.	*The cost of: activities; Music; Trips. We decided that small payments which could be overlooked should come into school as cash rather than be paid through wise-pay	*The role of Governors We are trying to make ourselves more 'conspicuous' by posting on the web-site, issuing a questionnaire, and being on hand at Parents' Evenings.
	41	24	16	7	4	3	2	1

Would you recommend SBS to another parent?

Parents' responses	Yes	Not sure	As 2 nd choice	No
	176	2	1	0

Is there anything you would like to mention to the Governing Body?

Parents' responses	No	How good the school is	*Not sure what Governing Body does See above	*School menus See above	*Car parking We are aware that this is an issue (as with most schools) Staff struggle to park too, despite extra spaces being made in the staff car park. Any suggestions should be forwarded to Mrs George	*Fund raising Would this be a question for FOSBA?	*Parent drop-in phone-in We decided to see what take-up we had at Parents' Evenings before acting on this suggestion
	40	6	2	2	1	1	1

Representatives of the Governing Body will be available on March 31st should you wish to talk to them about these results, or any other aspect of school governance.

See also the Governors' page on the school website: www.sbs.rochdale.sch.uk