

Year 9 Parental Views and Attitude Survey



YR CONSULTATION EVENING RESPONSES (5/2/13) – 77 RESPONSES

Communication	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The school communicates clearly with parents on general matters such as Science College status, forthcoming events etc	12	53	13	
The school website is a very useful source of information for parents	19	50	7	
The school communicates effectively when there are problems pertaining to my child	16	41	5	1
Parents find the school responds quickly to individual concerns	24	32	7	1
Issues concerning my child's welfare are dealt with effectively	20	37	5	
The school takes note of parental views	8	49	8	1

Assessment / Reporting	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I understand the target setting process for KS3 students	18	49	9	2
The annual profile gives parents a clear and accurate view of my child's progress	18	57		1
The annual profile explains, where appropriate, what my child has to do to improve further	10	51	13	
The interim assessments have been useful in demonstrating progress and effort	17	58	2	
I would like more information about my child's academic progress	22	34	16	
The school takes note of parental views	6	55	6	1

Consultation Evenings	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The timing of Consultation Evenings (4.30 – 7.30) suits most parents	30	54	3	
The Consultation Evenings are well placed in the academic year	21	55		1
The appointment system works efficiently	6	42	18	8
There is sufficient time to discuss progress with individual teachers	11	52	10	2
Any enquiries / problems raised at Consultation Evenings are dealt with efficiently	12	51	2	1

General Questions	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at this school	28	47	1		
My child feels safe at this school	26	51			
My child makes good progress at this school	18	57	4		
My child is well looked after at this school	22	52	1	1	
My child is taught well at this school	24	46	2		1
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	9	43	17	5	3
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	11	49	12	1	5
The school deals effectively with bullying	13	40	6	1	13

General Questions	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
This school is well led and managed	10	47	5		8
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	13	36	4	2	4
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	9	52	2		
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes 55 <input type="checkbox"/>		No 2 <input type="checkbox"/>		

COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS

- Put teachers in alphabetical order in the halls.
- Appointment system could be improved – rotation buzzer feasible?
- Hearing the teacher at the Parents Evening is very difficult – would individual booths help hearing them?
- Parents Evenings are very helpful and instructive. I feel better able to support both my child and the school through these conversations. I would like to see more homework.
- Information about the options would be better given out earlier – not after the parents evening.
- Profile form – measure of current achievement would be useful – not just on target.
- More regular communications with parents regarding issues rather than waiting for Parents Evening.
- There is absolutely no contact from classroom teachers or the school about progress – other than Parent's Evenings, bromcom and planners, do not reflect comments on reports.
- Disruptive children should be put in classes of their own, and dealt with by school and their parents.
- More stricter discipline in specific lessons needs addressing to aid and support those who wish to progress and not be distracted.
- I suggest that the school should take a stronger stance on Bullying to stamp it out. I think more should be emphasised on Bullying in Assemblies across the school.
- Totally disagree with the sets in Year 7 and for that reason not sure I would recommend the school.
- Would appreciate more homework as feel it has been a slow start to 2013. Only rec'd max 1 piece a week so far.
- My child has had very little homework this year and two emails that have been sent have not been answered.
- Homework can be lacking, requiring us as parents to set extra material from those study guides available on high street. The planner has so many blank pages, it ought to be an embarrassment to the school (yr 7-9). Please communicate sub levels of attainment, with regular explanations on what they mean.
- The school website needs updating. There were no events listed for February. The letter advertising on Y9 Option Eve had incorrect information (eg Tues 13th Feb).
- RE website – can't always find what I am looking for eg copies of letters, what to do to report on absence etc.
- Texting service excellent way of communicating and for information.
- I am pleased that the school is now using text messaging as I find it useful to have these messages.
- The mychildatschool is an excellent resource, however I don't feel it is used properly. At first homework and behaviour were recorded however, over time I have found homework not recorded in cases and very very little behaviour comments added.
- I do not agree that parents should contribute to trips which are organised as part of the school curriculum – such as field trips. Although a voluntary contribution is requested, pressure to contribute is put on by the wording of the letter which states trips can't go ahead otherwise. If these trips are part of the learning process I feel school should pay. I'm more than happy to pay for recreational trips e.g. theatre / music etc.
- The online payment system is a good idea.
- The school provision of music, drama / concert and plays are excellent and a great opportunity to show the children's talents and progress.

- I have asked, on many occasions, that you included more choice of foreign languages for your students. I have very surprised that a school of this size can only offer French and German to pupils. This, I feel, is very limiting and unimaginative. As Spanish is the third most spoken language in the world, why is this not offered? I believe it is a very important language in the world of business and commerce. Mandarin would be a useful option, but I appreciate that it is difficult to get teachers in this subject. As the world moves on and situations change, I feel that the school does not respond to new ideas and give students the chance to study more pertinent subjects.
- This school has enabled my child to gain tremendous confidence and a sense of achievement. I would recommend Helsby High.
- I am very pleased with the Excellent Progress my child is making.
- Never had any issues or concerns.
- I was very pleased with a prompt and thorough response I received with a recent problem.
- I have seen an outstanding improvement on my daughter's self-esteem, efforts and self-belief since January 2001 when she joined Helsby High. My daughter feels listened to, we feel the teachers and Head of Year have a good communication amongst them, they obviously care and show a lot of interest on my daughter and her potential always prepare to do anything necessary to help her well-being and future academic abilities. I am very impressed and happy – thank you.