

Parent Survey March 2017

Parent Comments

*Positive Comments about the School*

*We are very happy with everything!*

*Great teachers and a very good school for my children. Excellent.*

*I just love everything about this school. All the staff are lovely and supportive.*

*Love the fact that the school puts a lot of emphasis on fun while learning and that KS1 children have some down time, particularly at the end of term, egg hunts, Christmas panto and the very occasional DVD.*

*We think Cobham is a great school. Our child is doing well and that's all that matters to us!*

*Love the school. Love the staff. Love Mrs Saunders. No negatives whatsoever!*

*As long as my child comes home happy and is progressing well. I am happy!*

*My child is thriving and getting access to great teaching and new experiences.*

*Cobham is fabulous. I can't thank the head and staff enough for encouraging my child's progress/ I thank my lucky stars every day that we got Cobham as our child's school.*

*School is absolutely fantastic. School reports are much better this year – much more personal and very much appreciated.*

*Happy friendly place. She is making good friends!*

*Excellent school*

*Still feel very lucky to be at the school. My children are very happy here and so am I.*

*My child has bloomed at this school. The whole staff love and are invested in the children and it shows. The children therefore invest in the school, themselves and each other. It is a joy to watch.*

*I really love this school and feel privileged and proud that our child attends Cobham. I always feel happy when I drop him off at school and that he is well looked after and cared for as well as receiving a great education. I am very grateful for all that you do. Thank you.*

*My child loves coming to school and we feel that he is very well looked after and taught to a high standard.*

*The school is fantastic and I am so pleased my children come here!*

*Very good school. Good choice!*

*I feel confident that both my individual children's needs are being met allowing them to fulfil their potential.*

*My son has always been happy at the school. There are many additional extras such as pantomimes, workshops etc. which really enhance the children's learning.*

*We have 2 very different children at Cobham and yet you can clearly see they work with each and every child to maximise their progress and ensure their happiness, so that they are having a positive and enriching learning experience. I cannot rate this school any more highly!*

*My children are happy, supported and well cared for!*

*I think the school is great and that the teacher has made my child shine this year. He has really enjoyed his year at school. Thank you so much!*

*Encouraging and challenging. My daughters are supported when needed and allowed to fly when they want/can. Great atmosphere in the school. My girls love coming to school. Homework is targeted and useful. Great feedback to homework and learning journal is an effective tool to communicate with teachers. So much work is done. An amazing school which we love dearly!*

*Still feel so lucky for my children to have got a place at this school. I love the school's caring and successful ethos!*

*Amazing school. I feel very lucky to have my children here.*

*Excellent teaching! Great pastoral care! Great relationship between my girls and their teachers. Lots of rewards recognising children's efforts. Great communication from teachers about events and progress.*

*Brilliant school! Superb teachers! Strong headteacher!*

*Such a lovely place for our children to grow and learn. Teaching is fab! We will miss it!*

*A small school with a friendly family feel! The benefits are that every pupil is known rather than just one number in many.*

*Amazing team of teachers and headteacher! Couldn't be happier!*

*Newsletters are great! Big range of after school clubs. Very pleased with our child's progress socially and academically. Head is very supportive and happy to give you time. Good having 4 staff in classroom.*

*Fun activities – special events.*

*We are very pleased with the teaching and progress that our daughter is making. The small size of the school makes it a very special environment for learning.*

*My child has really flown this year thanks to great teaching.*

*Caters for the individual needs of a child.*

*Cobham is an amazing school. My child wants to come to school everyday which is down to the amazing staff that make his learning fun!*

*Thankful that my children are here. I have been in this school for around 10 years and have been grateful that my children have the opportunity to come here. Love the school.*

*Fantastic nurturing attitude! Our children feel cared for particularly our son who doesn't always find learning easy. Teachers recognise his anxiety and let him shine through with support.*

*My daughter couldn't have asked for a better start to her education-thank you all so much!*

*School is brilliant- could have asked for more!*

*Brilliant school! Superb teacher! Strong headteacher!*

*We love Cobham school. The teachers are brilliant and so is the head!*

*Great caring atmosphere, the children are all happy 😊*

*Thrilled with Cobham. Feel very lucky to have my children here. Will miss you all.*

*We are very happy with school. All the teachers are very good and easy to approach if you have any issues. I think this school has everything that your child needs!*

*Wonderful, amazing school in all areas!*

*Energetic, interesting, disciplined, structured and focussed on high standards of behaviour.*

## Areas for development

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarding the homework comment, it is very hard to get our child to sit down and do it and sometimes feels like a great weight over us at the weekend. She is only 6 after all.</li> <li>• I feel that the homework set is far too time consuming.</li> <li>• Weekend homework-I feel it would be better given as English and Maths instead of projects, research and drawing. This is too time consuming and not great if your child can't draw!</li> <li>• Weekend homework projects are a bit too much. Would be Ok once a month but every week is very time consuming every weekend.</li> <li>• Sometimes not enough space on homework sheet to write answer.</li> </ul>	<p>Due to these comments homework has been discussed at a recent staff meeting and from September every class will have homework given out on a Monday which will be due in the following Monday so that children and families can choose to complete it as and when it suits the family circumstances/engagements and life. Less projects during the course of the year is also a promise too!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library - could an email come to parents telling us which day is our child's class.</li> </ul>	<p>Absolutely! We will send out a timetable for you as soon as possible!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think that of the school reports are fantastic then parent's evening should be optional. Its wonderful to meet the teacher, but I am not sure its needed if there are no issues. We always know that your door is open if we need to discuss any problems.</li> </ul>	<p>They are not compulsory for you to attend. If you are happy, then we are thrilled! If we chase you to make an appointment, it is only incase you have missed the communication, so do feel free to say that you do not need to attend.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bug Club as an app!</li> </ul>	<p>We are looking into this!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast club/after school club. More musical activities including clubs!</li> <li>• After school club continuity and variety.</li> <li>• More after school/before school club support would be amazing!</li> <li>• It would be useful if an after school club ran through out the year-no just 6 or 12 weeks at a time!</li> <li>• More Sports for girl and more inter school competitions.</li> </ul>	<p>We are limited for space and cooking facilities and would have to utilise the hall, but before school this space is used for our sensory circuit support for children. Having a permanent before and after school club would undoubtedly encroach upon the other range of after school clubs that we provide.</p> <p>We do have KS1 and KS2 Choir clubs as well as opportunities within the school day to learn the piano and guitar (see Mrs Styles for information), but we will take on board more musical clubs for next academic year!</p> <p>The children through their school council ask for the variety of clubs that are on offer and we do our very best to ensure that everything requested, does happen. The variety ensures that there is something of interest for everyone at some point</p>

	<p>throughout the year! Not all children love the sporting side of clubs and ICT, DT, Cooking, Gardening, Sewing complement all the sporting clubs!</p> <p>There is no single club for boys! All girls are welcome to attend any club. At the next after school club survey which takes place in June, we will ensure that the girls are more vocal in their wishes-although they usually are very vocal in their wishes!</p> <p>Inter Sports Competitions- I'll get on this for next year! Love the idea! We do have football matches, netball matches and tournaments and a kwik cricket festival during the year but these are mostly for the older children, so I'll look in to some competitions for all!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School dinners still need improvement.</li> <li>• School dinners- all else very good!</li> </ul>	<p>Our school dinners have a high uptake compared to many school locally and they are a great hot meal to have. If you can let me know more detail regarding these concerns, then please do so and I can forward them on to TCS!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like to be able to buy a copy /dvd of nativity so that grandparents can enjoy the children's performance.</li> </ul>	<p>We will look into this for next December!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rather disappointed that there was no consultation regarding the changes of the holiday –the weather in Oct/Nov is not conducive to having 2 weeks off and also other schools in the same borough to not coincide making childcare and family holidays difficult to arrange.</li> <li>• I feel that parents should have been consulted about holiday changes.</li> </ul>	<p>Comments have been taken on board, however the emails received in response to my request demonstrated that the changes were in fact 65%/35% in favour of the decision-Governors were consulted and parent governors are part of the full governing body; so their views were part of the decision making process as well. Let's see how it goes for this year as it is not necessarily a permanent decision!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has improved in the last few months but more notice on events that maybe taking place where parents need to take time off. Sports day, plays etc.</li> <li>• Communication is very good! Sometimes some things are reminded about a lot, others less frequent. Sometimes, timings, details a little late notice!</li> </ul>	<p>We do try very hard to give you as much notice as possible and for next year, where we can, we will send you as many dates in September as we can for the whole year! We feel like we over remind you far too often and still people do not seem to know!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been some great examples of forgiveness when my child made mistakes. However on some</li> </ul>	<p>All children make mistakes and we always endeavour to handle every situation fairly.</p>

<p>occasions she's almost been considered guilty until proven innocent and it may have been fairer to be innocent until proven guilty. Old reputations die hard – but we are now showing great success despite these hiccups.</p>	<p>But we appreciate the comment and the reminder.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reading scheme for when children become free readers. Accelerated Reader is often used in secondary school and I wonder if this could be used at Cobham. Given a free choice completely. I think it is hard for pupils to choose appropriately and this hinders their potential progress in reading.</li> </ul>	<p>We will look in to this, however this has a massive financial implication and we have never been more strapped for cash than we will be in the next 3 years.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to see a few more collaborative /artistic projects (like the animals/benches) Eg Hunami Week! Blossom Festival and celebrate and learn about other cultures-Japan (Create something together!</li> </ul>	<p>Love this idea and we will perhaps have an Art Week next year where this can happen! Love it!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyway of getting photos and learning journey at the end of the year?</li> </ul>	<p>You will be given your child's learning journey at the end of the year and Mr Burns is on the case of how you can use the photos sent via SEESAW as well!</p>

New SEESAW APP- do you like it?

*Seesaw is very useful especially for working parents.*

*The more content uploaded the better as it's hard to get out of our child what he does in school!*

*Very useful tool to see pictures and videos.*

*Love it! Great to see little pictures of my child's day!*

*I love seeing photos and videos of child that I wouldn't get to see!*

*Lovely to see what our daughter gets up to at school and makes us as parents feel closer to her education and the school. Thanks.*

*Lovely to see what they are doing some days.*

*It is fabulous to see what our children are up to during the day!*

*It is a fantastic form of communication.*

*Lovely to see what they are up to on a daily basis!*

*Love this app. Great to see what the children have been doing!*

*It is very good! We love being able to see what the children are up to in their school day!*

*It is a great conversation starter and our child is proud for us to see his activity/work!*

*So lovely to see your child's work in their school environment.*

*It is fantastic. My child does not tell me what he has done at school so it helps to show me what he has been learning.*

*My daughter is proud as she adds work that she wants to share. Helps with dinnertime discussions.*

*Brilliant. The teacher puts great information and pictures of the learning on there! Very good!*

*Such a valuable insight into school life and learning and promotes discussion at home!*

*Great way for teachers to keep parents informed!*

*It is OK. Could have more on it.*