



Brighstone C.E. Aided Primary School

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Pupil Survey July 2022 - Results

Dear children,

We would like to thank those of you who contributed your feedback in our pupil survey at the end of the last academic year. At Brighstone, we feel it is important to gather pupil views, because we believe in the importance of pupil voice. We listen to you to help to identify what we are doing well, what ideas you have for further improvements and how we can provide further support for you. We usually carry this out through pupil conferencing or through a paper survey, so thank you for filling in this electronic version.

We were delighted to see so many positive comments, and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the team at Brighstone, and to you, for your continued support, hard work and enthusiasm.

The results from the questions are below, along with our responses, which I hope reassures you and provides answers to any questions you may have. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

(1 child = 1.78%)

1. What year group are you in?

This information is withheld so no children can be inadvertently identified.

2. I enjoy school

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	All the time		21.43%	12
2	Most of the time		46.43%	26
3	Some of the time		26.79%	15
4	Almost never		5.36%	3
5	Never		0.00%	0





Some of your comments:

- I like playing with my friends.
- Sometimes I don't like playing and sometimes I like doing some work. I like being with my friends. I like that we play nice things and we don't get too rough.
- I love all lessons.
- My favourite lesson is science because we learn fun things.
- School is quite fun especially when I'm with my friends.
- I like school because I can see my friends every day and I can enjoy learning.
- Because I have friends and I love the lessons.
- Friends are nice but not always. Love the lessons.
- Some of the time, because it can get a little boring but I like everything else :)
- School is very fun but it's sometimes too hard.
- Having fun at Brighstone primary school.

Our response:

I am pleased that most of you enjoy school all, most or some of the time. While we aim to make sure that all lessons are engaging, it is sometimes the case that not everyone is interested in what is being taught in particular lessons. We would love some feedback on how we can help you enjoy more of the lessons! Also, if you are feeling unhappy at any time, please let a member of staff know so they can help you.

3. Teachers help me to do my best and give me work that challenges me and makes me think

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	In every lesson		30.36%	17
2	In most lessons		44.64%	25
3	In some lessons		19.64%	11
4	In very few lessons		5.36%	3
5	In none of my lessons		0.00%	0

Some of your comments:

- Sometimes it's a little bit too easy for me. I can do more things and I know what things I can mostly do. But sometimes I don't.
- She challenges me to work and when I get stuck she helps me.
- Every time after work she always challenges me.
- The teacher could be somewhere else and focusing on someone else and you could be stuck and you could waste time by putting your hand up.
- They help me when I'm stuck and encourage me to carry on.
- It is fun learning something new.





Our response:

Thank you for your positive feedback. We aim to ensure that learning meets the needs of all of you in each class, through support and challenge, while also making sure that the curriculum is covered.

Over the past few years, we have been focusing on the 5 Bs (and we now have a sixth B!):

- Brain - what do you already know that could help you?
- Board - what is on the board or any displays, or word mats, that could help you?
- Book – look in your book, or another book, to find something that could help you. You could also use your 'Have-a-go' book.
- Buddy – could you ask someone sitting next to you to give you a clue or some guidance?
- Bravery – be brave and give it a go! (This is our new B!)
- Boss (e.g. any adult in the room) - this is last in the list because we encourage you to try all of the other strategies before asking an adult for help. This helps to build your independence.

4. I enjoy learning at Brighstone Primary School

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	All the time		50.00%	28
2	Most of the time		33.93%	19
3	Some of the time		12.50%	7
4	Almost never		3.57%	2
5	Never		0.00%	0





Some of your comments:

- Because it's fun and exciting and I sometimes learn new things.
- This is a great school and I love it.
- Because all of the teachers help and are kind.
- It has been an amazing year.
- Because it's a really fun school and most lessons are helpful.
- Most of the time because it gets tricky but when I try I believe in myself.
- It's fun, it's just that it's a bit hard.
- I hate RE and love art.

Our response:

I am pleased that there are so many positive comments about this question. We always aim to ensure that all lessons are enjoyable. Everyone has their favourite lessons and those lessons that you might not enjoy as much. I am sorry that one of you hates RE. We know that RE is important because we learn about and explore different faiths, and we aim to make sure that this is done in a fun and engaging way. We will have a look at how we can further develop this.

5. Teachers and other adults listen to what I have to say in lessons

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		37.50%	21
2	Agree		41.07%	23
3	Neither agree or disagree		19.64%	11
4	Disagree		1.79%	1
5	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0





Some of your comments:

- They don't normally pick me and I normally have very important questions but sometimes I have to wait for a long time.
- She listens to me when I say something.
- Because the teacher makes everyone go silent while others are talking.
- They always listen in case something is wrong. They have a kind heart for others.
- If I put my hand up they don't answer me.

Our response:

Every teacher aims to ensure that you all have the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas throughout the lesson. Sometimes, due to time constraints, we can only listen to a few responses each time, even though I know that you are desperate to share them! We sometimes also use the name pot so the children asked for their responses are chosen at random. We will also try to bring in more strategies to ensure that more children get the opportunity to share their thoughts and responses. I am pleased that you have noticed that we ensure every child listens to each other when they are talking; this reflects our value of 'respect'.

6. There is an adult in school who I can talk to if something is worrying me

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		54.55%	30
2	Agree		38.18%	21
3	Neither agree nor disagree		5.45%	3
4	Disagree		1.82%	1
5	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0






Some of your comments:

- Because every teacher can be a teacher I can tell.
- You could talk to any teacher in the school about your worries.
- We can always talk to Mrs Jones.
- Any teacher.
- Because any adult is happy to help people in whatever they need help in.
- Mrs Jones always talks to us to make us feel better and tells us things to make us smile. She always wants to cheer us up :)
- It is always nice to know someone is there.
- Because I don't want anyone to know.

Our response:

It is pleasing to know that, even though Mrs Jones is always there for you to talk to, you also feel that you can talk to any adult in school. It is important to talk about any worries that you may have so we can help you with them.

7. The behaviour of other children in my class is good

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	All of the time		3.57%	2
2	Most of the time		57.14%	32
3	Some of the time		33.93%	19
4	Almost never		3.57%	2
5	Never		1.79%	1





Some of your comments:

- Yes they are. Sometimes they are helpful.
- For the people that I play with, almost never. The people that I play with are very rough and don't play sensible choices on things.
- People are shouting out and distracting others.
- Because most people are fun.
- Some of the time because people mess around.
- It makes me feel worried when someone in my class gets told off.

Our response:

I am sorry to hear that some children have been messing around in lessons and distracting others. We have a clear Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy, and it is our job to ensure that our high expectations are adhered to all the time. We will endeavour to make this a focus this year so you are not distracted in your learning.

8. The behaviour of other children around school is good

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	All of the time		3.57%	2
2	Most of the time		62.50%	35
3	Some of the time		26.79%	15
4	Almost never		7.14%	4
5	Never		0.00%	0



Some of your comments:

- They are all nice people and loving.
- It is sometimes good because they are kind.
- People can be rude sometimes.
- Some of the time because some people are silly.
- Some children are a bit manic.





Our response:

I am pleased that there are some positive behaviours in school, and that people show kind and loving behaviours. However, rudeness and silliness is not acceptable and we will address this.

9. Do you think bullying is a problem at Brighstone Primary School?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	I haven't seen it happen		48.21%	27
2	It happens and adults are really good at resolving it		21.43%	12

9. Do you think bullying is a problem at Brighstone Primary School?

3	It happens and adults are good at resolving it		8.93%	5
4	It happens and adults are not good at resolving it		3.57%	2
5	It happens and adults do nothing about it		5.36%	3
6	I don't know		12.50%	7






Some of your comments:

- Never. But I have seen hurting each other, but no bullying.
- Bullying is never at Brighstone.
- I have not seen it happen so I don't know.
- It rarely happens.
- I think it would be bad but I think they could solve it themselves.
- No I don't see any.
- There has been a bit of leaving out.

Our response:

Thank you for your positive comments. I am sorry that one of you has seen children hurting each other; when adults see this happening or if they are made aware of it, they sort it out immediately. I am pleased that most of you haven't experienced or seen bullying. We know that sometimes children are unkind to each other, and this can sometimes be seen as bullying. Neither is acceptable, and we will do further work on treating each other with respect. We will also do some work on what bullying is (STOP = Several Times On Purpose), and then you can let us know when you see or experience it so we can sort that, and any unkind behaviour, every time.

10. I feel safe when I am at school

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	All the time		60.00%	33
2	Most of the time		27.27%	15
3	Some of the time		9.09%	5
4	Almost never * (add a comment as to what makes you feel unsafe)		1.82%	1
5	Never * (add a comment as to what makes you feel unsafe)		1.82%	1



Some of your comments:

- Because when you cry they comfort you.
- Because the doors / gates are locked.
- Sometimes there are fire alarms going off.


Our response:

It is pleasing to note that the majority of you feel safe all or most of the time. Our gates and doors help with this, as well as our positive classroom ethos so you can feel safe to share your thoughts. We have to hold a fire drill (practice) regularly so we know what to do in case of a real fire, but unfortunately we can't tell you that these are going to take place before they happen. However, because of our regular practices, you are all excellent at following the procedures to leave the building safely!

11. My school helps me to look after my physical health (for example, healthy eating and fitness)

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		44.64%	25
2	Agree		39.29%	22

11. My school helps me to look after my physical health (for example, healthy eating and fitness)

3	Neither agree nor disagree		12.50%	7
4	Disagree		0.00%	0
5	Strongly disagree		3.57%	2

Some of your comments:

- Because they give me things that are good for my teeth. Because I like it and I never don't try it.
- P.E. is fun and they give us healthy things when we order school dinners.
- They keep me fit and healthy.
- School helps me learn and the food is very nice except from every Wednesday (my opinion) and we have school to help me know about the island.
- They don't really make us have healthy food when we have packed lunch.
- School stresses me out.





Our response:

Thank you for your positive comments. I am pleased that you like trying the healthy food at lunchtime; it is good to try new things! There is always a good choice of options provided by the catering company Chartwells to cater for all tastes.

We have also noticed that some packed lunches don't contain healthy options, so we are going to encourage this as part of our new drive to be a healthy school.

I am sorry to see that school stresses you out. If you have any worries or anxieties, please let your parents know, or any member of staff, so we can help you.

12. My school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health and wellbeing

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		52.73%	29
2	Agree		27.27%	15
3	Neither agree nor disagree		18.18%	10
4	Disagree		0.00%	0
5	Strongly disagree		1.82%	1





Some of your comments:

- Because they're helping me with my tick chart.
- Because we have lessons about it.

Our response:

We have been having a big focus on emotional and mental health and wellbeing (our HIVE day also had a big focus on this, and you did some amazing work around this on the day), so we are glad that the majority of you have recognised this.

13. My school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		46.43%	26
2	Agree		39.29%	22
3	Neither agree nor disagree		12.50%	7
4	Disagree		1.79%	1
5	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0

Some of your comments:

- Because all lessons help me.
- I like working together.

13. My school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities

- They sometimes let us do work independently.

Our response:

We are pleased that you recognise that we try to encourage independence. This is done in a range of ways, including encouraging you to carry your own bag to and from school, trying to complete your work independently, and taking on classroom responsibilities and monitoring jobs. We even had our Y6 SLT (Small Leadership Team) who had to apply for their preferred roles!

As one of you wrote, it is also important that you get the opportunity to work together, because this helps to develop collaboration, listening and respect.

14. My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree	62.50%	35
2	Agree	30.36%	17
3	Neither agree nor disagree	5.36%	3
4	Disagree	1.79%	1
5	Strongly disagree	0.00%	0

Some of your comments:

- Because otherwise you get sent to the headteacher.
- Seeing someone be unkind to me by pushing me to the ground.

Our response:

It is good to see that such a high percentage of you think that we encourage you to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally. This forms part of our school values. We don't have a very diverse school, so it is even more important that we learn about different backgrounds, including different faiths/religions and different countries. Knowledge then leads to understanding and respect.

I am sorry that someone was unkind to you and pushed you to the ground; I hope that this was sorted out at the time.

15. I would recommend Brighstone Primary School to someone moving to the area

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	73.21%	41
2	Maybe	21.43%	12
3	No	5.36%	3

Some of your comments:

- Brighstone is an amazing school and there are no bullies.
- We are very fun in class and there are no bullies so it would be very good for people to join our class.
- Because it's really fun and everyone supports each other.
- Because some lessons are easy and they don't challenge you enough.
- Yes because everyone is so kind here and so loving.
- Everyone is welcoming.
- I'd show them around my class because it's happy.

Our response:

It is great to see that the majority of you would recommend Brighstone Primary School to others, due to its welcoming, fun, kind and loving community. We are very proud of our little school!

One of you said that you don't have enough challenge, and we will definitely address this.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions that aren't addressed in this letter, then please do not hesitate to let us know. We are also looking for ways to further improve and we would love to hear your ideas!

Once again, we would like to extend our thanks to you for giving up your time to fill out the pupil survey and providing us with feedback. It is very much appreciated, and we look forward to hearing more of your ideas to enable us all to provide the best learning opportunities, both academically and pastorally, for you hear at Brighstone.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and all the staff in the Brighstone Team