



Defford-cum-Besford
Church of England
First School

Parental survey October 2022

A survey was shared with parents of Defford-cum-Besford Church of England First School for 3 weeks during October 2022. Below is a summary of the findings.

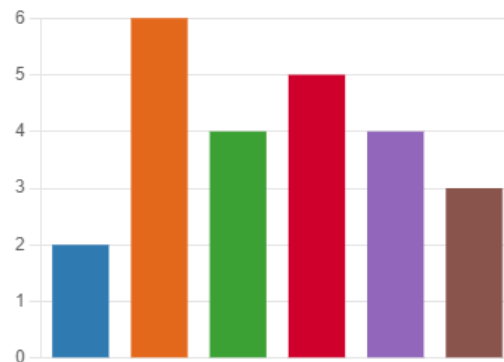
Some parents did choose to include their names, but these will not be included in this summary.

In total, the survey was completed 18 times.

1. What year groups are your children in? (0 point)

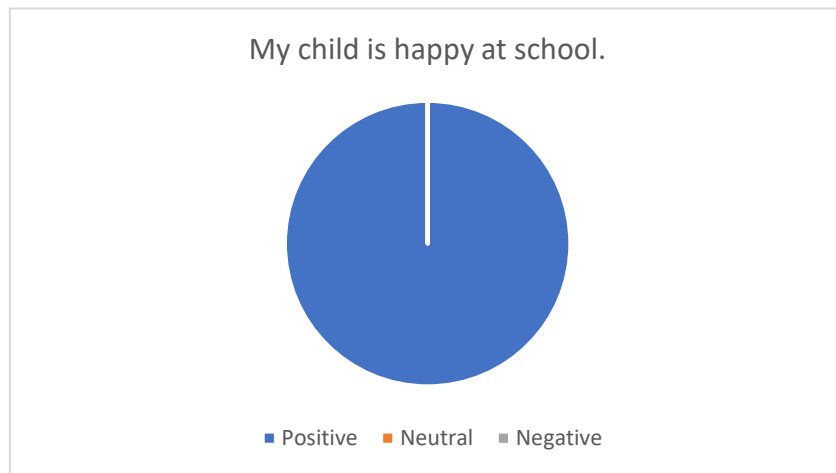
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Pre-school	2
Reception	6
Year 1	4
Year 2	5
Year 3	4
Year 4	3

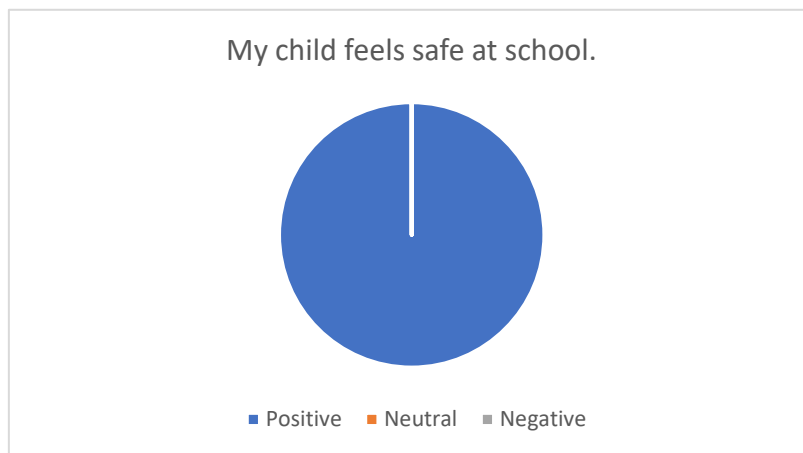


For this summary, the results have been reduced to positive (1), neutral (2) and negative (3) responses. Questions were posed as statements and parents were asked if they agreed with them. In most cases, a neutral response was "I do not know" the answer to the question.

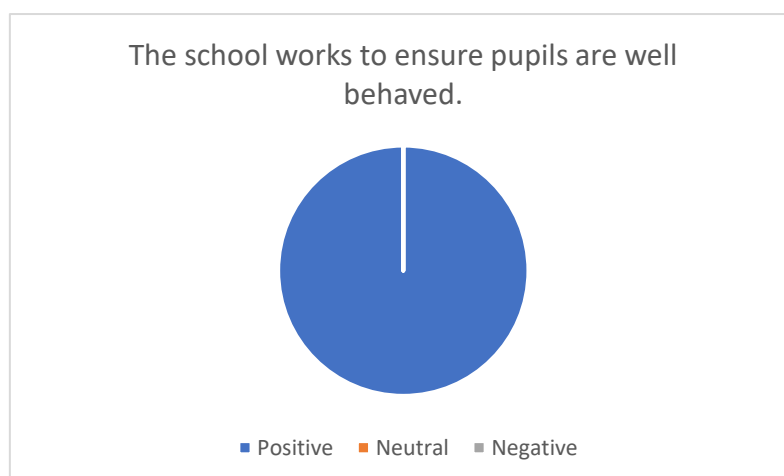
2. My child is happy at school.



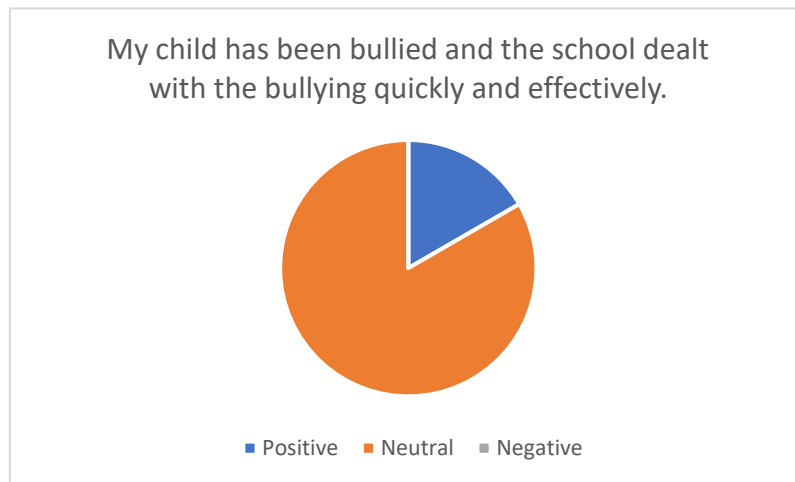
3. My child feels safe at school.



4. The school works hard to ensure pupils are well behaved.



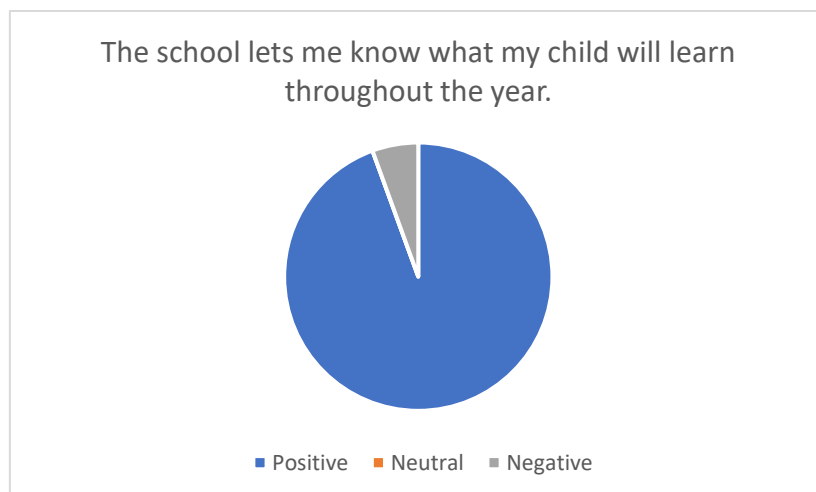
5. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.



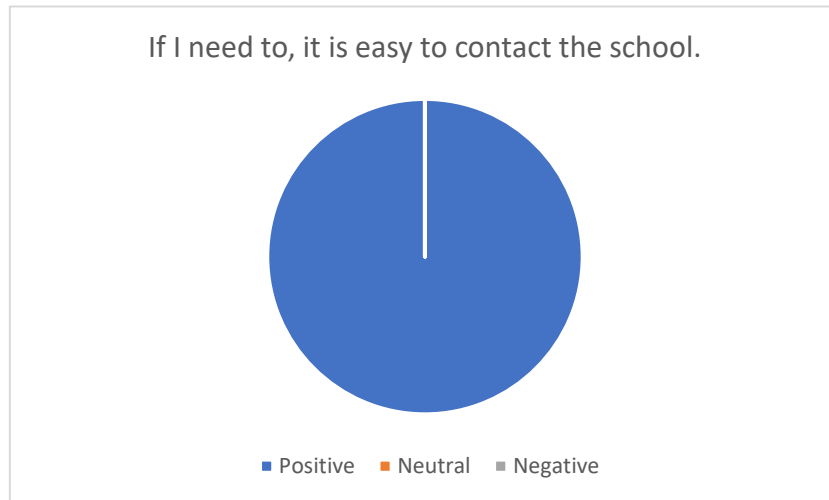
6. If you wish to, please leave a comment about the happiness, safety and behaviour of your child at school.

2 comments were made. One about their child finding how behaviour is managed at break and lunchtimes challenging. The other to say that their child learns lots and likes the trips out.

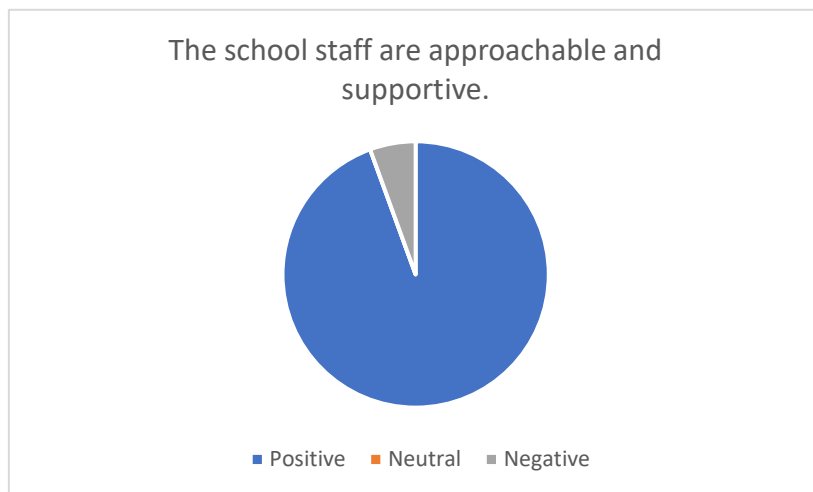
7. The school lets me know what my child will learn throughout the year.



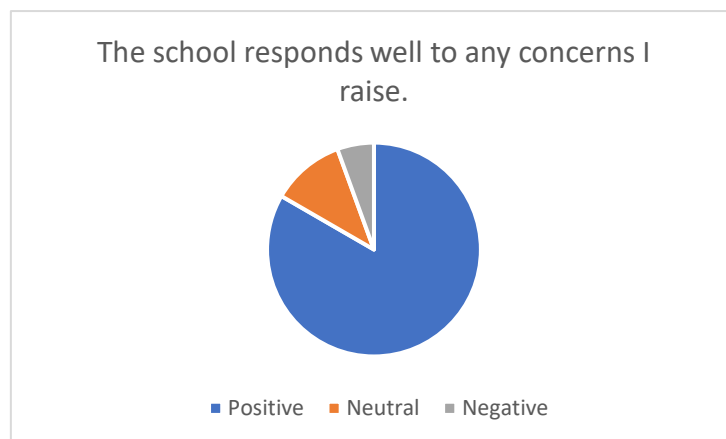
8. If I need to, it is easy to contact the school.



9. The school staff are approachable and supportive.



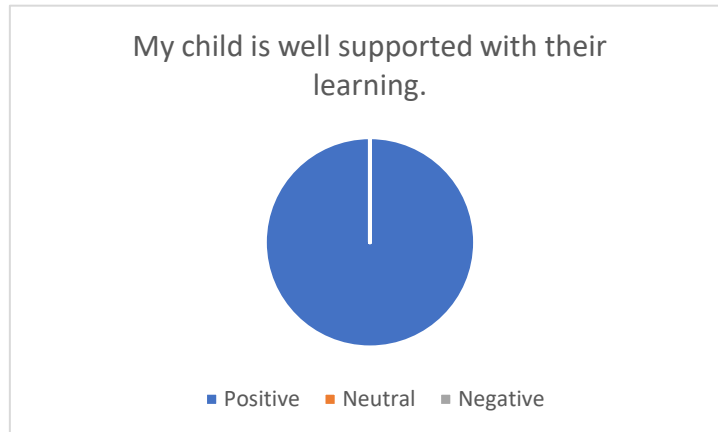
10. The school responds well to any concerns I raise.



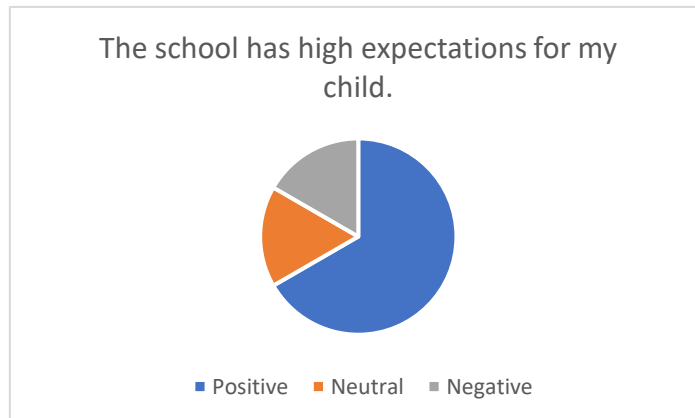
11. If you wish to, please leave a comment about communication at school.

Two comments were made. One saying they do not feel comfortable approaching staff and the other saying it is easy to phone and speak to staff.

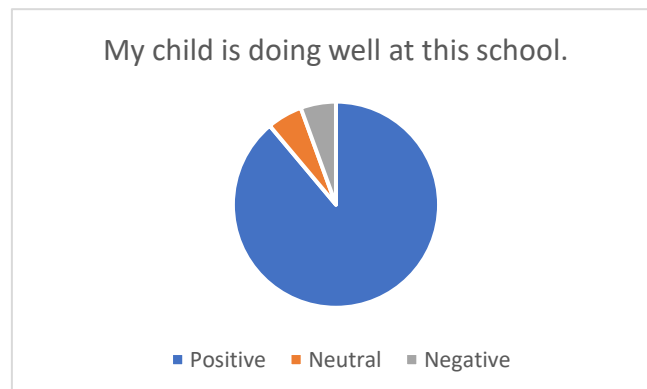
12. My child is well supported with their learning.



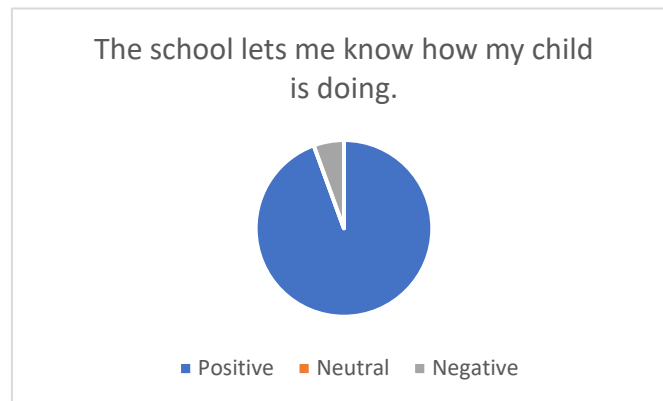
13. The school has high expectations for my child.



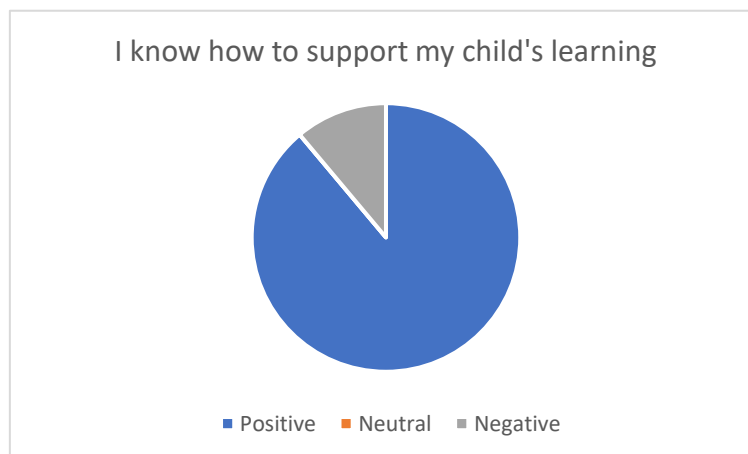
14. My child is doing well at this school.



15. The school lets me know how my child is doing.



16. I know how to support my child's learning.



17. What more would you like from school to allow you to support your child's learning at home?

5 comments were made. This was a mix with a parent saying they feel lots comes home already and a couple asking for more resources and clarity on what is being expected of parents.

18. If you wish to, please leave a comment about teaching and learning at school.

3 comments were made. One was to say that teaching and learning is very good. One saying communication is a little harder with Birch and Oak than with Willow due to how the children are dropped off and collected. One saying they do not know how their child is doing at school and that they are never told how they are doing. *Please note parents evening took place during the period of this survey being open.*

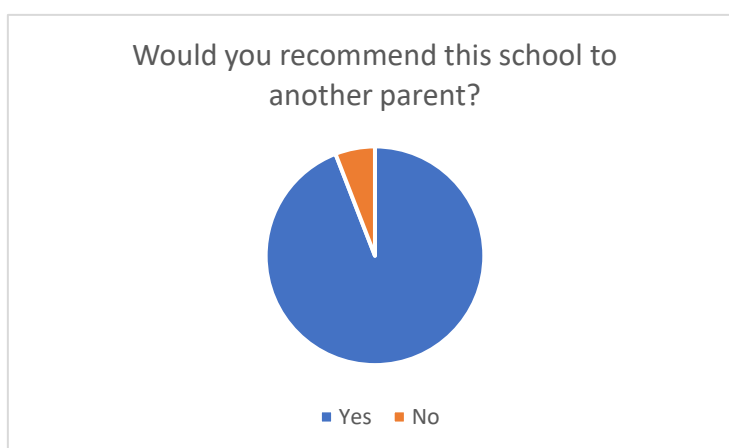
19. What are the strengths of the school?

15 comments were made. Many parents commented on the small size of the school being a strength. Friendly, inclusive, lovely staff, supportive of both parents and children, approachable and engaging were all commented on.

20. What could the school do to improve?

6 comments were made. One parent found different routines tricky to manage with PE days and Forest School days. One asked for face-to-face parents evenings. One asked for more opportunities for parents to come into assembly and more clubs. One asked for staff to be more approachable as they felt staff favoured some parents over others.

21. Would you recommend this school to another parent?



22. Is there anything else you would like to say about the school?

4 comments were made. One commented on what a great school it is and there wish for a swift change to a Primary. One said they felt their relationship with school has deteriorated in the past year. One said that one of the children has recently moved out into Year 5 and they wish they could have stayed. The fourth answered "no".