

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE HEAD TEACHER

This questionnaire is for the head teacher.

It asks about the school ethos, physical environment of the school, the facilities available and the school's catchment area.

We would be grateful if you could answer all questions, but if there are any you feel are inappropriate please put a line through them.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP

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SECTION A: YOUR PERCEPTION OF THE SCHOOL

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statements below about your school

A1. Expectations and standards:

	•	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
a)	The school gives high priority to raising pupils' standards of achievement	1	2	3	4
b)	The teachers have high expectations of the pupils' standards of achievement	1	2	3	4
c)	The school sets educational goals that are appropriate for each pupil's ability to achieve	1	2	3	4
d)	The standards set for pupils at this school are not high enough	1	2	3	4
e)	All teachers set homework every week for their classes	1	2	3	4
f)	All teachers mark and return homework promptly	1	2	3	4
g)	All teachers start their classes on time	1	2	3	4
h)	The teachers spend all of the time in lessons teaching or on learning activities for pupils	1	2	3	4
i)	Teacher absenteeism is low at this school	1	2	3	4
j)	Poor performance by teachers is not tolerated in this school	1	2	3	4
k)	All teachers expect high standards of behaviour in class from their pupils	1	2	3	4
1)	All pupils are required to come to lessons on time	1	2	3	4

A2. Staff unity on school values and practices:

		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
a)	Teachers at this school believe that all pupils can achieve regardless of their social background	1	2	3	4
b)	Teachers at this school are all committed to the school's aims and values	1	2	3	4
c)	Teachers follow the same set of rules about pupil behaviour	1	2	3	4
d)	There is general agreement amongst the teachers about what are effective teaching approaches	1	2	3	4
e)	There is unity between teachers and the headteacher on the school's aims and value and how these are implemente through teaching and learning		2	3	4
f)	Teachers and the headteacher agree on how teachers and pupils should behave towards each other	1	2	3	4
g)	There is a lot of disagreement between staff	1	2	3	4
h)	There are some staff who do not support the headteacher's aims and policies for the school	1 ol	2	3	4
A3.	Teacher-pupil reactions in th	ne school:			
a)	Teachers are only interested in the pupils who do well in tests and examinations	1	2	3	4
b)	Teachers show respect towards pupils	1	2	3	4

A3.		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
c)	Pupils show respect towards teachers and other staff	1	2	3	4
d)	Teachers and pupils get on well in this school	1	2	3	4
e)	Teachers take care to ensure that their teaching is appropriate for pupils with special educational needs	1	2	3	4
f)	Pupils' views are listened to and taken seriously	1	2	3	4
g)	Pupils organise activities for themselves	1	2	3	4
A4.	Pupil performance monitor	ing and rewa	ards in the sch	ool:	
a)	A pupil who works hard or makes good progress is noticed and praised	1	2	3	4
b)	The school has a system for rewarding pupils who work hard and/or make good progreven if they do not get high standards	l ess	2	3	4
c)	The school regularly monitor pupils' actual attainments against those expected given their prior attainment or ability	1	2	3	4
d)	Pupils who are under- achieving are identified and attempts made to motivate the	1 em	2	3	4
A5.	Home-school relationships:				
a)	The school frequently communicates its expectations of pupils to parents and governors	1	2	3	4

A5.		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
b)	Parents are regularly informed about the progress and achievements at school of their child	1	2	3	4
c)	If a pupil seriously infringes school rules parents will be informed immediately	1	2	3	4
d)	There is a high level of parental support for their child's learning at school	1	2	3	4
e)	Dealing with parental complaints and lack of co- operation from parents takes up a lot of teacher and school management time	1	2	3	4
f)	Parents give a lot of support to the work of the school	1	2	3	4
g)	Conditions in the pupils' home environment adversely affect their learning	1	2	3	4
A6.	Pupil attitudes to learning:				
a)	Most pupils at this school want to do well in tests and exams	1	2	3	4
b)	Pupils who get good marks or work hard are teased by the other pupils	1	2	3	4
c)	Most pupils at this school are interested in learning	1	2	3	4
d)	Many pupils don't do as well as they could because they are afraid that other pupils won't like them as much	1	2	3	4
e)	There is good extra-curricular provision in this school	1	2	3	4

A6.		Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
f)	There are very few pupils at this school whose behaviour in class prevents other pupils from learning	1	2	3	4
g)	Most pupils behave well in class	1	2	3	4
h)	There is not much bullying or name-calling of each other by pupils	1	2	3	4
A7.	Teacher involvement in the	school:			
a)	Teachers participate on a regular basis in the development of school policie	1	2	3	4
b)	Teachers at this school are often involved in activities that improve pupils' enjoyment of school	1	2	3	4
c)	Teachers are encouraged by the head teacher to be involved in school improvement activities	1ent	2	3	4
d)	Teachers are actively involved in creating school development or improvement plans	1	2	3	4
e)	The head teacher takes most of the decisions with little staff consultation	1	2	3	4
A8.	What proportion of parents att	end parent	ts' evenings:		
	Almost all About two the Almost all 2	nirds	About half	Much less tha	n half

SECTION B: THE ENVIRONMENT

B1. How much traffic is there on the road where your school is situated?							
		heav	y traffic (lorries and buses often use it)	1			
		mod	erate traffic (mostly cars)	2			
		light	traffic	3			
		very	little traffic	4			
B2.	How	noisy	is your school environment usually?				
	a)	Nois	e from outside the school (tick all that app	oly):			
		(i)	Continuous loud noise (e.g. heavy traffic machinery, etc.)	2, 1			
		(ii)	Intermittent loud noise (e.g. rush-hour tr plane taking off)	affic, 1			
		(iii)	Continuous moderate noise	1			
		(iv)	Intermittent moderate noise	1			
		(v)	Usually quiet	1			
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	b)		e from within the school perimeter (e.g. p				
		(i)	Noise of other classes through the walls o	f most classrooms:			
			can hear clearly and is a problem	1			
			can hear clearly but not a problem	2			
			can hear but not clearly	3			
			hardly ever hear	4			

B 2.	D)	(11)	Noise of people moving around the so	chool (e.g. along corridors)
			can hear clearly and is a problem	1
			can hear clearly but not a problem	2
			can hear but not clearly	3
			hardly ever hear	4
	c)	Is the	ere double glazing in the outside windo	ows?
			yes throughout the school	1
			yes on some windows	2
			no not at all	3
В3.	How	is yo	ur school heated?	
		cent	ral boiler with radiators in classrooms	1
		stora	age heaters	2
		gas o	convector heater(s) in each classroom	3
		hot-a	air outlets (fan-driven)	4
		othe: (plea	r ase tick and describe)	5
B4.	If the	ere is	a central boiler how is it fuelled?	
	gas	1	oil 2 other 3	please describe

The school building(s):

B5.	Is th	e school generally in g	ood rep	oair?				
	Yes,	very good 1	Yes,	, quite good	2	No, not	very good	3
	No,	many problems 4						
B6.	Do y	you feel there is overcro	owding	; :				
				Yes serious		es Casional	No	
	a)	For the staff:		1	2		3	
	b)	For the pupils:		1	2		3	
	If <u>ye</u>	es, to either of the abov	e,					
	c)	Is this affecting the q	uality (of education	that you a	re providin	ıg?	
		Yes, a great deal 1		Yes, some	etimes 2		No 3	
	d)	Are there aspects of a because of lack of sp		ol curriculum	n that you a	are having	to restrict or	omit
		Yes 1		No ₂				
	e)	Do you feel that over	crowdi	ing is affecti	ng the mor	ale of you	r staff?	
		Yes, a great deal 1		Yes, mode	erately 2	N	0 3	
B7.	Do y	you have good toilet an	d wash	ıbasin facilit	ies for:			
	a)	Your staff:	Yes	1	No	2		
	b)	The pupils:	Yes	1	No	2		

B8.	Do you have a hall that can be used for the whole school at one time, e.g. for assemblies, plays, Christmas carols, parent/teacher events?								
		Yes $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$ No $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix}$ \rightarrow If $\underline{\mathbf{no}}$, go to B9 below							
	If <u>ye</u>	<u>ves</u> ,							
	a)	Are the floors: carpeted $\frac{1}{1}$ wooden $\frac{1}{2}$ oth	er 3 ease describe)						
	b)	Is there curtaining or noise absorption tiles to stop echoing? (7	Fick all that apply)						
		(i) Yes, curtains 1							
		(ii) Yes, tiles on walls or ceiling 1							
		(iii) Yes, other noise absorption materials 1							
		(iv) No, nothing							
B9.	Is the	the outdoor play area for the children:							
	a)	Large enough? Yes 1	To 2						
	b)	Situated so that it can be easily Yes surveyed by adults?	No 2						
	c)	Does it have grass as well Yes as hard surface?	No 2						
B10.	a)	Where are the written SATS tests to be administered this year	?						
		in the child's normal classroom							
		in the school hall							
		elsewhere (please describe) 3							
	b)	Would you say that this was a quiet environment in which the concentrate?	children could						
		no, very noisy 1 fairly quiet 3							
		no, quite noisy 2 very quiet 4							

SECTION C: ABOUT THE SCHOOL

C1.	Wha	t is the age ra	ange of chi	ldren in your so	chool?			
			years	months		years	mont	hs
		from	•		to	•		
C2.	Is the	e school: (ple	ease tick <u>on</u>	<u>e</u> only)				
		community	school		1			
		voluntary a	ided school	I	2			
		voluntary co	ontrolled so	chool	3			
		foundation	school		4			
		foundation	special sch	ool	5			
		community	special sch	nool	6			
		non-mainta	ined specia	l school	7			
		independen	t school		8			
C3.	Pleas	se give the us	sual time th	e sessions star	t and finish ((use 24-hou	ır clock) fo	r Year 6.
		_		Starts			Ends	
	(a)	Morning		•			• [
	(b)	Afternoon		•			•	
C4.	a)	How many		e there on the s	school regist	er?		
	b)	How many	have been	excluded from	school durir	ng this scho	ool year?	
			for a fixe	ed term		per	manently	

C4.	c)	How many are ent	itled to	o free scho	ol meals?				child	lren	
	d)	How many pupils	have s	tatements t	for special edu	ıcatioı	nal ne	eds?			
C5.	Wha	t is your admission	policy	? (please t	tick all that ap	ply)					
	a)	Waiting list (no po	olicy)						1		
	b)	Priority for childre	en with	special ne	eeds				1		
	c)	Priority for children in catchment area									
	d)	Priority for children with siblings in the school									
	e)	Parent request for particular type of teaching the school offers									
	f)	Other (please desc	cribe) .			• • • • • • • •			1		
			•••••								
C6.	do yo	coximately for what ou feel you have gro nired by his/her hom	ounds f	or concern	because the c	child's	deve	lopme		_	
		100%	1								
		75-99%	2								
		50-74%	3								
		25-49%	4								
		10-24%	5								
		less than 10%	6								

C7. How many of the children in your provision do you believe have the following disadvantaged home circumstances?

		None	Few	Many	Most	Don't know		
a)	Overcrowding	1	2	3	4	5		
b)	Poor housing	1	2	3	4	5		
c)	Poverty	1	2	3	4	5		
d)	Marital difficulties	1	2	3	4	5		
e)	Poor parent-child relations	1	2	3	4	5		
f)	Child on 'at risk' register	1	2	3	4	5		
g)	Family ill-health	1	2	3	4	5		
h)	Other (please tick and describe)	1	2	3	4	5		
	How many children in your school are from homes where English is not the first language?							
	children							
a)	How many children with Sp Needs) are included in class			ls (Addition	al Education	nal		
	children							

C8.

C9.

C9.	b)		children with SEN/AEN who spend some time in special units/classes d in classes in your school?			
			children			
	c)	How many	children on the SEN/A	AEN Register are:		
			N	lo. of children		
		(i)	Stage 1			
		(ii)	Stage 2			
		(iii)	Stage 3			
		(iv)	Statemented			
	d)	How many Service?	children are regularly	visited/supported by the	e SEN/AEN Support	
		(i)	Educational psycholog		vo. or children	
		(ii)	Peripatetic teacher of	the deaf		
		(iii)	Peripatetic teacher of	the visually impaired		
		(iv)	Behaviour support tea	m		
		(v)	Learning support team	1		

SECTION D: THE TEACHING STAFF

D1.	How many of the following teaching staff do you have (including the head teacher)?					
			Male	Female		
	a)	Full-time teachers				
	b)	Part-time teachers				
	c)	Teaching assistants (paid)				
	d)	Other adult assistants (unpaid	d):			
		i) parents				
		ii) volunteers				
D2.		t is the overall complement of takers etc.)? • Full-t	<u>paid</u> classroom staf ime equivalents	f (i.e. not including secretaries		
D3.	For h	now many sessions in the last 3	3 months has tempor	rary staff cover been used?		
		none 1				
		1-5				
		6-10				
		11-15 4				
		16 or more 5				

D4. How often are there staff meetings to discuss the following?

	Weekly or more frequently	Fort- nightly	Monthly \bigvee	Quarterly \(\frac{1}{\psi} \)	Less than four a year	Never \bigvee
a) Staff issues	1	2	3	4	5	6
b) Administration	1	2	3	4	5	6
c) Social issues relating to children's background	1	2	3	4	5	6
d) Children with special need	ds 1	2	3	4	5	6
e) Teaching policy	1	2	3	4	5	6
f) Curriculum	1	2	3	4	5	6
g) Education issues	1	2	3	4	5	6
h) Other (please tick and describe)	1	2	3	4	5	6

D5. Are the staff who coordinate the teaching of the following subjects specialists in the subject?

		Yes	No
a)	Maths	1	2
b)	Literacy/English	1	2
c)	Science	1	2
d)	ICT/computing	1	2
e)	Design & technology	1	2

D6.	-	head	4	1
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a) How long have you been head teacher (or acting head) at this school?

< 1 year	1
1-2 years	2
3-9 years	3
10 or more years	4

b) Are you:

Male	1	Female	2

c) How long have you been a head teacher altogether?

< 1 year	1
1-2 years	2
3-9 years	3
10 or more years	4







SECTION E: SCHOOL MEALS

E1.	a)	Does your school have a tuck shop?		
		Yes 1 No 2		
	b)	If <u>yes</u> , please tick the types of foods and dr	rinks availa	ıble:
			Yes	No
		(i) Sweets/chocolate	1	2
		(ii) Fruit	1	2
		(iii) Crisps/savoury snacks	1	2
		(iv) Drinks	1	2
		(v) Other (please describe)	1	2
E2.	Doe	es your school have a water fountain?		
		Yes 1 No 2		
E3.	At b	oreak times:		
	a)	Are the children allowed to eat?		
		Yes 1 No 2		
	b)	If <u>yes</u> , are they allowed to eat:		
		any food they like		
		certain types of food only $2 \longrightarrow p^2$	lease list ty	/pes:
		food from tuck shop only 3		

E4. At break times:

	a)	Are the children allowed a drink?
		Yes 1 No 2
	b)	If yes, is it:
		water only 1
		milk or water only 2
		any drinks, but with certain restrictions e.g. not fizzy 3
		any drinks, no restrictions 4
E5.	At lu	nch time
	For	hildren with packed lunches:
	a)	Are the children allowed a drink with their packed lunch?
		Yes 1 No 2
	b)	If <u>yes</u> , is it: Yes No
		(i) Water <u>only</u> 2
		(ii) Drinks brought from home with certain restrictions e.g. not fizzy drinks (please tick & describe)
		(iii) Any drinks brought from home 1 2
		(iv) Drinks available in school other than water (please describe) 2

E6.	What happens to food left over from packed lunches?				
		put back in lunch box and taken home put in the bin at school either of the above 3			
E7.	Do t	he children swap foods with each other?			
		yes 1			
		no, this is discouraged 2			
		don't know 9			
E8.	For	children who eat school lunch:			
	Is th	ere a written Nutritional Policy for planning meals in your school?			
		Yes 1 No 2 Don't know 9			
If ye	<u>es</u> ,				
	a)	Who is responsible for carrying out the policy?			
		catering staff in this school			
		catering person in charge of several schools 2			
		head teacher 3			
		other (please specify) 4			
	b)	Please could you attach a copy of the policy if possible. Please include information on portion sizes if available and a copy of some menus used.			
		For office use			

E8.	c)	Are	the children allowed a drink w	with their school	l meal?
			Yes 1 No	2	
	If <u>ye</u>	s , is it	:	\$ 7	N
				Yes	No
		(i)	Water <u>only</u>	1	2
		(ii)	Drinks brought from home with certain restrictions e.g. not fizzy drinks (please tick & describe)	1	2
		(iii)	Any drinks brought from ho	me 1	2
		(iv)	Drinks available in school other than water (please tick & describe)	1	2
	d)	Are	the children allowed second h	elpings?	
			Yes 1 No	2	Sometimes 3
	e)	If a c	child leaves his/her food regul	arly, is there an	y policy to deal with this?
			Yes 1 No	2	
	If <u>ye</u>	<u>s</u> ,		Yes N	lo.
		(i)	Parents are informed	1 2	
		(ii)	Other (please state)	1 2	

SECTION F: PARENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

F1.	Does	your	school have a Parents' Association?				
		Yes	1 No 2 → If <u>no</u> , go to I	F2 on page 23			
If <u>ye</u>	<u>s</u> ,						
	a)	Wha	t activities are they involved in?	Yes	No		
		(i)	Social events to raise funds for essential items e.g. books, computers, sports kits	1	2		
		(ii)	Social events not primarily for fund raising	1	2		
		(iii)	Providing parent volunteers to help class teachers e.g. hear children read, help as class assistants	1	2		
		(iv)	Providing parent volunteers to help with out-of -school activities e.g. costumes for plays, school trips	1	2		
		(v)	Selling school uniforms (new and/or ASNU to raise funds.	1	2		
		(vi)	Other (please describe)	1	2		
	b)		many parent volunteers have been helping teached lyear?	ers in class time	during this		
	c)		coximately how much money does the Parents' As ol each year?	ssociation raise	for the		
		£					

F2.	What proportion of parents on average would you estimate tend to come to parents'
	evenings when pupils' progress is being discussed?

<20%	1	20-49%	2	50-74%	3	75-89%	4	90-100%	5
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F3. How often, on average, are you involved with complaints from parents or disputes with them?

nearly every day	1	
2-3 times/week	2	
once a week	3	
once a month	4	
once a term	5	
never/hardly ever	6	



G1. This questionnaire was completed by: (tick all that apply)												
	a)	Head teacher	1									
	b)	Other (please describe)	1									
				•••••	•••••			•••••		•••••		
				Г	day	m	onth	year				
G2.	Date	of completion of	this question	nnaire	:				2	0	0	
	THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP											
Spa	Space for any comments you might like to make. Please note, for confidentiality reasons we											
	will not be able to reply to these.											
Please remember that we would like a copy of your Nutritional Policy (if appropriate) and some recent sample menus.												
When completed please return the questionnaire to:												
	Chilo Instit											
	Tel:	0117 928 8487										
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