



Atwood Primary School

Questionnaire special 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our questionnaire special - giving feedback on what parents and carers told us in our recent parent survey. Thanks to all who took the time to complete the questionnaire - we had over 50 responses and although that number doesn't represent all our families, we take the view that 'no news is good news' and hope that our availability on the playground in the mornings ensures that you know that we are approachable and our 'open door' policy is a lived experience.

The first thing to note is that parents and carers were overwhelmingly positive about our school with very few negative responses. In fact, 100% of respondents would recommend this school to another parent. Further, 98% of people responded positively to the question 'My children are happy and enjoy being at this school', with 100% stating that they felt sure their child is safe at this school. 100% of respondents said they felt welcome at the school and 100% of you feel that children from different backgrounds get on well together. We are working hard to make our school better for your children and we know from speaking to many of you that, like us, you are proud of the schools and approve of our work. We are pleased that you recognise that all our staff are working hard to make sure that your child fulfils their potential; 100% of you think that your children are well taught at our school. We really appreciate your feedback and read every comment and suggestion in order to improve things still further.



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- There were a pleasing number of 100% positive responses on the questionnaire this year.
- Our thematic curriculum, home learning challenges, opportunities for pupils to take on responsibilities and our 'great teachers' were singled out for individual praise;
- You appreciate our extended school offer with 100% of you who use these services being pleased or considering it high quality provision.
- As is always the case, there were some mixed feelings about homework. Only 70% responded positively to the question 'The teachers think about the homework they set and give about the right quantity'. Our approach to homework is set out in our homework policy and is based on research and considerations for staff and pupil wellbeing.
- Regarding communication, although 96% responded positively to the question about how well the school keeps them informed there were some comments in the longer answers, with some singling this area out for praise, whilst others suggested improvements.
- Many of you commented positively about the wide variety of trips, clubs and experiences on offer. You also enjoy the increased opportunities, such as Reading Café and class assemblies, to come in to school to see the children's work. Museum Day is also a very popular event.
- A number of you wanted to thank all members of our staff team, from our site staff to our support staff. A special mention also to our office staff for always welcoming people to the school. Thank you.

What you asked us to improve	What we have done or will do
Awareness of the Academy Council members.	The lowest score in the survey related to whether people know who our Academy Council members are and what they do. We will make sure that this page on the website is kept up to date as well as putting some photos up in school.
Communication - particularly of dates	We aim to give as much notice as possible and dates that involve parental attendance, such as sports days and parent evenings, were sent out at the beginning of the year. The weekly newsletter has a list of upcoming dates and is updated regularly. Any changes that have to be made are communicated via Studybugs as early as possible.
Playtime activities	We have trained 'Play leaders' to offer games for younger children and the music and dance sessions are proving popular. We have recently invested in some skipping ropes which has led to a resurgence in skipping at playtimes. We are currently looking at options for some benches to provide some quieter activities such as drawing, Lego or boardgames.
After school club	Some people commented that the food at After School club lacks variety. We have recently recruited a dedicated cook and a new Extended Schools Manager to enhance both the quality and variety of food options available. We are pleased to share that we are in the final stages of preparation to implement these changes and look forward to introducing this improved provision very soon.
After school activity clubs	Many people commented positively on the wide variety of clubs available but there were also a couple of comments relating to the booking process. Over the years, the Trust has trialed a number of ways to try and ensure everyone can get in to the clubs they want. However, we appreciate that some families have experienced disappointment when particular high demand clubs have reached capacity. Unfortunately some clubs are significantly more popular than others and face higher demand when bookings open. We prefer to offer a wide range of clubs instead of a popular club repeated across the week so that children can follow different interests and try new things. We also only have a limited number of providers for certain clubs. This term, we had to cancel three clubs that were offered because of low take up and we still have opportunities in some clubs if people still want a space. Our offer is reviewed every term in response to what children like.

After many years where school funding has not increased in real terms, and being geographically in one of the lowest funded London boroughs, it is getting harder and harder to meet everyone's expectations. Every year we have to try to maintain standards with less and less money available. That's why it means a lot to us when we read messages of support on the questionnaire. Many parents congratulated the school on the work that we are doing, with 'friendly staff', 'inclusivity' and the school community being popular responses. **We really appreciate your support and will continue to listen to your views and look for ways that we can improve further.**