



Parents Questionnaire and Responses February 2025 (52/349 responses)

1) My child is happy at this school.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
65%	33%	2%		

We truly care about making sure every pupil is happy at school, and we always give our best for the children. It makes us so happy to hear that 98% of you agree!

2) My child feels safe at this school.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
64%	36%			

We work diligently to ensure that all children feel safe and comfortable at school. We strive to reassure children and encourage them to speak with a trusted adult when needed, so they always feel secure during their time in school. It is wonderful to see that 100% of you know this approach.

3) The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
50%	42%	6%		2%

We're excited about our friendly and restorative approach to managing children's behaviour in our school! Our focus is on celebrating the wonderful behaviour of our pupils. Teachers love to work together with parents to tackle any behaviour concerns that may arise. If our behaviour system doesn't quite fit the needs of children, we are here to help! We collaborate with parents to make any necessary adjustments.

Our senior leadership team (SLT) keeps a close eye on behaviour logs every week to. To encourage positive behaviour, we follow our behaviour curriculum that has been shared with you! From weekly awards, stickers, certificates, postcards to parents, and even Recognition Board rewards each week, we believe in noticing our children's' achievements. Plus, there is an exciting Value Inspired Day for every child each half term to look forward to! If you ever have questions or want to know more about our approach to behaviour, please check out 'The Behaviour Curriculum' on our school's website. We're always working to improve and adapt our policy to enhance our positive and supportive environment. We're all in this together, and we believe that staff and children working hand in hand helps create a fair and consistent atmosphere for everyone.

4) My child has been bullied (several times on purpose) and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

My child has never been bullied.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
79%		13%	4%		4%%

Thank you for your valuable feedback regarding our commitment to addressing bullying. We are pleased to report that 96% of you believe your child has either never experienced bullying or that we manage incidents effectively. For the 4% who are unsure, please refer to the definition of bullying in your child's planner.

This is a key topic in our PSHE and Well-being programs throughout the year. To enhance our efforts, we have trained peer supporters, as research shows that such programs can reduce bullying, improve behaviour, and develop important social skills. Our Rights Respecting Champions actively promote understanding of children's rights in the classroom. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors promote mental and emotional wellbeing. We hold 'Bully4U' theatre workshops and promote awareness of Bullying in class sessions for all age groups, which helped children better differentiate between bullying and unkind behaviour. Our 'Odd Socks Day 2025' was a fun celebration of individuality, and Anti-Bullying Week provided children with opportunities to discuss and explore bullying. We're glad to see that most families either support our approach or have not faced these issues. We define bullying at Blanford Mere as "several times on purpose," helping children differentiate between one-time incidents and ongoing problems that need addressing. We take all incidents seriously and respond quickly to prevent further issues. For more details, please visit our school website to review the anti-bullying policy.

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In February, we participated in 'Safer Internet Week', emphasising online safety in our lessons and assemblies. This initiative helps children to understand how to enjoy the internet safely.

While disagreements among peers can happen, we define bullying at Blanford Mere as "Several Times on Purpose" to clearly distinguish it from one-off incidents. We take all incidents seriously and address them promptly. Thank you for your continued support in creating a safe environment for our students.

At KS2, children learn about being 'SMART', the dangers of social media, and how to handle related issues in Computing, PSHE, and RRSA lessons. We also include e-safety and safeguarding information in our newsletters for parents.

5) The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
62%	29%	7%		2%

We're thrilled to know that you get such great updates on your child's progress. Our dedicated staff work really hard to support all our pupils in their learning journey, helping them grow from their starting points. Every day, we offer extra support for children who might be facing challenges in certain areas of the curriculum. If we ever have concerns about a child's progress, we make sure to communicate with parents not just during parent consultations, but whenever it's needed.

Here's a little glimpse of what we've been up to at school: At the beginning of the school year, we hosted 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, which gave you a chance to learn about the curriculum expectations for the year ahead. We also send out termly newsletters that highlight all the exciting topics your child will be exploring. For our Nursery and Reception families, Tapestry is a wonderful tool that allows you to see your child's learning progress, and we love that parents can share what they're learning at home too! In our newsletters, we regularly share photos of our students in action and include their voices to highlight their learning experiences here at school.

Plus, our school website has detailed curriculum content for each year group, which we hope you find useful!

6) When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

I have never raised a concern.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
36%	23%	34%	5%		2%

We truly appreciate the incredible feedback from our parents. Your concerns matter deeply to us, and we strive to address them as quickly and effectively as possible. It's heartening to see that most of you feel your issues have been heard and resolved. We take each concern seriously and are committed to finding solutions that work for you. If you ever have anything on your mind, please don't hesitate to reach out to us, that includes teachers, Miss Stanton and Mrs Crook. We're here to help.

7) My child has SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability), and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

My child does not have SEND	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
85%	5%		8%	2%	

At Blanford Mere, we wholeheartedly embrace each child as a unique individual. We understand that every child has their own distinct needs and perspectives. We're incredibly grateful to learn that most of our parents feel we effectively support children with SEND by employing a diverse array of teaching and learning techniques tailored to their needs. To further enhance their learning experiences, we collaborate with outside agencies, ensuring that our SEND children receive a personalised curriculum designed just for them. Additionally, we are committed to nurturing all children's mental health and well-being through our Wellbeing program and Wellbeing Ambassadors. By implementing this initiative, we empower our children to build their own strategies for emotional well-being, fostering a supportive environment where they can thrive.

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8) The school has high expectations for my child.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
51%	43%	2%		4%

We received another positive response from parents. Our staff works tirelessly to set high expectations for all students, encouraging them to reach their full potential. Through our 'SHARED' values and vision, we aim for every child to have high expectations for themselves. Together, we strive for success and achieve great things!

9) My child does well at this school.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
45%	53%		2%	

Thank you for your feedback. We continuously strive to improve this area. Teaching and learning are at the center of our efforts, and it is encouraging to see that you all share our insights.

10) The school lets me know how my child is doing.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
42%	46%	12%		

We believe that collaboration is key to ensuring you are well-informed about your child's progress. Our staff proactively engages with parents whenever a child encounters challenges in the curriculum, creating opportunities to share effective strategies for additional support. We also organise termly parent consultations and provide a written report at the end of the year to keep you updated. If you're ever curious about your child's progress, we encourage you to reach out to your child's class teacher. They would be delighted to discuss your child's strengths and areas for growth, and together we can foster their development.

11) There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
44%	44%	8%		4%

We are committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum that benefits all students. This information is communicated through our curriculum newsletters at the beginning of each term and was also discussed at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in September. We appreciate your feedback and are glad to hear that you recognize the importance of the diverse range of subjects we offer!

12) My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
37%	50%	7%		6%

Last term, we had the opportunity to run a Year 5/6 Music Club, which culminated in a wonderful performance by the children at a church service. Additionally, our participation in sports and math competitions outside of school demonstrated our Children's enthusiasm and skills in various areas.

Looking ahead, we are excited for Year 6's upcoming residential trip at the end of next month, which will be a valuable experience for them.

We have been pleased with the children's positive reactions to the extra activities we have offered this year such as book club, puzzle club, girls football – to name a few, which highlights their willingness to engage in diverse opportunities.

Each class will also have the chance to embark on a school trip, and we are committed to providing whole-class music lessons and welcoming outside visitors to enhance our curriculum further. These real-life experiences are instrumental in enriching our students' learning and broadening their horizons.

The exemplary behaviour outside of school has reflected this growth, and we appreciate the encouraging feedback we've received from external providers. Together, we are building a well-rounded educational environment.

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13) The school supports my child's wider personal development.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
40%	40%	8%		12%

At Blanford Mere, we are passionate about crafting a vibrant curriculum that fuels children's growth and development! We celebrate every achievement during our thrilling classroom assemblies, and it's truly wonderful to see our staff engaging with the children about their exciting activities outside of school.

Our values are to empower each child for their next adventure, ensuring they seize every opportunity and reach their full potential in life! If your child is involved in any out-of-school activities and you'd love to see their achievements highlighted in our newsletter, don't hesitate to email info@blanford.dudley.sch.uk with the details. We can't wait to share their accomplishments!

14) I would recommend this school to another parent?

Yes	No
92%	8%

We want to say a huge thank you for your wonderful response! It really makes us feel proud and honoured to hear that you'd recommend us to others—your support means the world to us!

We've received some lovely feedback from parents through the questionnaires. Many of you have taken the time to thank us in various ways—whether in person, on this questionnaire, or via email—for all the support our school has provided for your child's learning. Our staff really appreciates your kind words, so thank you for sharing! Our dedicated team is working hard to make sure each child gets the best support possible. We've been thrilled to hear so many positive comments about how well we communicate with parents. It's clear that you feel connected and informed about what's happening at school through our text messages, emails, and 'The School Life app.'

If you're not receiving our updates, please let the school office know, and we'll make sure you're on the list! We genuinely listen to your feedback and take it to heart. We're excited to look at your suggestions for areas we can further improve.

Your thoughts are important to us, and we love hearing what you think! It's fantastic to see that so many parents believe we're providing a positive learning environment for your children. Thank you once again for taking the time, effort, and care to share your thoughts in this year's questionnaires. Your involvement makes a big difference!