



Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School

Parent Questionnaires

The following page provides an overview of comments you provided last year.

As always, please feel free to discuss any concerns you have with Mrs Rees particularly if you would like an individual response. Discussion allows a deeper understanding of concerns and solutions are more likely to be effective.

Thank you once again everyone for your engagement.

Football Team

HUGE congratulations to our school football team who have won the small schools Chester Le Street football league. The team have worked really hard over the past two seasons and the dedication, teamwork and sportsmanship they have shown has been a credit to themselves and our school. What a fantastic achievement! Thank you Mr Glenton for the time you have dedicated outside of school to attend football matches (even in the pouring rain!).



Nursery Garden

To further improve our Nursery Garden, a water play area was installed during the Easter Break. As you can see, the children did not need any encouragement to play!



Parent Questionnaires completed 2017 - 2018

This is what you said and this is what we did during 2018 and 2019 academic year.

Another busy year has almost passed at Edmondsley. Governors and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure we provide the absolute best for everyone.

We **love** to hear what you appreciate and what you feel works well for your child in our school but we are obviously interested in your opinions of how we can improve aspects of school life too.

<u>This is what you said in July 2018</u>	<u>This is what we did from September 2018 to July 2019 (Obviously this is not JUST what we've been busy doing!)</u>
I think communication could be so much better! For example the website should have what's on for each class.	We have reviewed our website. Teachers now provide our Office Staff with photographs, Topic Webs and Homework information to upload on to our website each half term. A month ago, a Durham Local Authority employee from the Education Team, who completes Website checks, complimented us on our website and informed me that he frequently uses it as a model of good practice for other schools. http://www.edmondsley.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/
More <u>after school activities</u> or just an after school club would be a great help	This has been reviewed and although we felt that our offer had improved from the previous year, further clubs have been arranged throughout the year. Unfortunately we had to cancel one club due to poor attendance. We were delighted to be chosen as the host school for our Football Team matches.
Would of preferred a more in depth survey that included all aspects of the school.	Although the questionnaire is now online, please feel free to provide feedback on any aspect of our school through meeting with Mrs Rees, e-mail, or letter.
A school that a friends child goes to, sends texts to parents as to how their children are doing on a daily or weekly basis with regards to tests or if they have done really well. It would be nice if Edmondsley could incorporate this.	Staff are able to send Texts via our School Office to family members for exceptional behaviours. We have continued with our Celebration Assembly each week which celebrates many wonderful attributes your children have.
Students are set a lot of homework.	Homework was reviewed once again. Topic Homework has been tweaked to give greater control to family members, allowing them to complete as much as time allows. Office Staff upload Teachers' Topic Homework on to our school website as well as paper copies going home. Please view http://www.edmondsley.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/
Text message communication has improved, however I find that most informative texts I receive occur to confirm what I have already sought information/ clarity for from the office.	This is very useful to us. We would prefer you have information repeated rather than none at all or have late notice. Our Office Staff are happy to help family members to confirm information from newsletters/text messages. We do apologise if the first communications are not clear enough so that you have to phone for further clarification. As we have had far less people phone us, I hope this has been resolved.
More notice of events would be useful – especially dressing up events.	We hope that you have found this has improved this year. We also considered annual events such as Easter Egg competition and provided 2 weeks' notice which this year, was possible during school holiday time.
It is also frustrating that only one parent can receive the text message alerts.	Thank you for this. This was reviewed and more than one family member can receive text messages. Please contact our Office Staff if you would like another contact number listed on our Text

Car parking upon drop off and pick up is a problem! Others cars pass the school too quickly and speed restrictions need to be enforced? 20mph? Speed bumps etc etc??

Can the school not make car park in farmers field and have entrance path through school

We have been attempting to resolve this issue over a long period of time. Obviously, we do not want to reduce the number of children who can benefit from attending our school, so here some of the things we are able to control and have achieved with your support.

Breakfast Club is growing in popularity. This means family members drop their children off at 8:15, reducing the number of cars in the morning.

Staggered finish times and After School Clubs.

(Nursery 3pm. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 3:10pm and Years 3—6 3:20pm)

For family members who just have nursery children, these are collected and car parking spaces become available for family members who are just collecting children from Years 3—6. Children attending After School Clubs, reduces the number of cars picking children up at normal home time.

Walk to school initiatives/park and walk

We have embarked on 'Walk to School'/Bike to school initiatives which encourages family members to park a little way from the school and walk the rest of the way. I appreciate this is not always possible for some families but for those who have participated, it really helps.

Working with local businesses.

It was pleasing to hear that some family members have taken the offer of Congburn Coffee Shop and Garden Centre, to park in their car park and walk the 'short' distance to school. Not the farmers field next door, however, it is the best alternative and we are very lucky to have this facility. I wish to thank Congburn Garden Centre once again for this offer.

Liaison with PCSO

Our local PCSO visits school regularly and speeding and parking issues are discussed every visit. Unfortunately I do not have responsibility for speeding cars outside our school, however, I take these meetings with our PCSO seriously and this is communicated to him.

Liaison with Durham Local Authority

Durham Local Authority Highways Department were contacted at the beginning of the year and at other times, particularly when we were informed that we would not have a School Crossing Patrol in place. Thank you to those parents who have passed on comments recently regarding this. All have been passed on to the appropriate people.

As the road is a main route for emergency services, I have been told that speed bumps can not be installed. I don't believe the 30mph speed restriction is adhered to at the moment. This causes many issues and is made worse when family members park in between 'No parking' signs, blocking the visibility when guests in our school are leaving via car.

Since our return from the Easter break, I have had community members approach me, complaining about family members blocking drives. Please can the very small minority of people who are parking outside of people's houses be aware of community member driveways.

Thank you everyone for your support in these tricky circumstances. As you can hopefully see above, that as a school and the vast majority of family members of children attending the school, are doing all we can to ensure the safety for all.

Your views regarding this current academic year will be gathered using an online questionnaire. Closing date Wednesday 8th May. Please visit to share your views. As always, contact the school office if you would prefer a paper version. This link will also be provided to you via text.

<https://durham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/edmondsley-parent-survey-2019>

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MAY		
Year 2 SATs (Further information was provided by Mrs Anderson)	Throughout the month of May.	
Year 6 SATs week (Further information provided by Mr Mander)	Week beginning 13 th May.	Free breakfast club to all Year 6 children. Enter school via the main entrance at 8:15.
Year 6 Residential Visit – Parents’ organisation meeting with Mr Mander.	Wednesday 22 nd May 3:20pm	An important meeting for Year 6 parents to attend. Please contact our School Office if you can not attend as the information is very important.
JUNE		
Summer Half Term Week beginning 27 th May		
Smile please ...Class Photographs	Wednesday 5 th June	Please enter school as normal. Individual photographs have been taken this year. This is Class Photographs.
New Reception Class (2020) Parents’ information evening	Wednesday 5 th June 3:45.	
Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests begin this week	Week beginning 10 th June	
Dukeshouse Wood Year 6 Residential.	Wednesday 12 th June Thursday 13 th June Friday 14 th June	
Biker’s Bacon Butty Breakfast. Fathers and Grandfathers are welcome to bike to school with their sons and daughters and have breakfast together in our school hall.	Monday 17 th June	8:15 – 8:50 Please reserve a bacon butty via Parent Pay closer to the time. A text will be sent.
Summer Fair	Friday 28 th June	3:30 – 4:30
JULY		
End of Year Reports to parents this week.	Monday 1 st July	
Whole School Art Exhibition	Monday 1 st July Tuesday 2 nd July	Monday 1st July—3pm – 4pm Tuesday 2nd July—8:15—8:50 and 3pm—4pm
<u>We currently have only been informed of Transition Dates for two Secondary Schools, once other dates are provided we will send reminder texts to parents.</u>		
Framwellgate Moor Year 6 pupils Transition Day	Wednesday 3 rd July	
Hermitage Academy Year 6 pupils Transition Days	Thursday 4 th July Friday 5 th July	
Children move to new year groups throughout school. (Children to enter school as usual and will leave by the usual exit at the usual time).	Friday 5 th July	9:30
Parents’ Evening (for parents wishing to have further clarification of detailed end of year reports)	Monday 8 th July Tuesday 9 th July	Appointment times will be provided closer to the time.
Guitar and Ukulele Performance (For parents of children who play instruments)	Thursday 11 th July	2:45
Sports Day Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Friday 12 th July (am)	9:00 – 10:30
Sports Day Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.	Friday 12 th July (pm)	2pm – 3pm
Foundation Stage Graduation Assembly (Reception family members invited only)	Monday 15 th July	2:30 – 3:10
Whole School Picnic (family members invited, weather permitting)	Thursday 18 th July	12:00 – 1:00
Summer Production performed in school hall.	Tuesday 16 th July	2pm – 3pm
Summer Production performed at Hermitage Academy (To Be Confirmed)	Wednesday 17 th July	Evening performance TBC Tickets for performance will be available via Parent Pay closer to the time.
Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly in our school hall.	Friday 19 th July	2pm
Last Teaching Day	Friday 19 th July 2019	No after school club
First Teaching Day	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	

Walk on Wednesday

We would like to thank all the parents and children who have supported our Walk on Wednesdays initiative by walking to school and parking and striding (by using the car park at Congburn Garden Centre) on a Wednesday. Children have been awarded badges for April and the class with the highest percentage of active journeys were awarded the April certificate for their efforts. Well done Rabbit Class!

Butterfly	72%
Hedgehogs	55%
Squirrels	70%
Rabbits	85%
Deers	69%
Stags	63%

Let's Celebrate!

Who has kept our **School Promise** exceptionally well this week?

Polite and Caring, that's what we are.

Best Break time Buddy Award was achieved by Isabella

Respect and Kindness, takes us far.

Edmondsley's Environmentalist Award was achieved by Tom, Rebecca and Gregory

Open and Honest, we don't tell lies

Playful Pupil Award was achieved by Olivia, Poppy and Megan

Manners are important, everyone tries.

Etiquette Award was achieved by Harry and Logan

I is in united, teamwork's the prize

Terrific Teamwork Award was achieved by William, Charlie and The Football Team

Strive to be the best we can be,

Supreme Citizen Award was achieved by Jennifer

Everyone aims high at EDMONDSLEY

Life Long Learner Award was achieved by Rhian