

# Southridge First School Parent and Carer School Survey March 2020

	Please tick the column that best meets your judgement. N/A	Strongly Agree /Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at school	100%			
2	My child does well at school	100%			
3	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	98.5%			1.5%
4	The school lets me know how my child is doing	98.5%	0.5%		
5	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	99%			1%
6	My child feels safe in school	100%			
7	School ensures that pupils are well behaved	99%			1%
8	My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	4%	0.5%	1.5%	15%
9	When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	93%	1%		6%
10	My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	8%	1%		13%
11	The school has high expectations for my child	96.5%	2%		1.5%
12	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	97.5%	1%		1.5%
13	The school supports my child's wider personal development	99%			1%
14	I would recommend this school to another parent	99.5%			0.5%

## Parental feedback - What we do well:

### Nursery

My son is extremely well cared for in nursery class. He is nurtured and guided. He is valued and supported. Staff are gentle and kind whilst providing well-structured thought out play activities to nurture his learning.

We are blessed with the school and the staff. Thank You

I think the nursery is extremely well organised and structured with a wide range of activities both indoors and outside. They learn so much more in terms of letters and numbers than I have experienced at previous nurseries siblings attended. Nursery is very welcoming and embraces each child. Mrs Mason, Mrs Waller and Mrs Scott are outstanding in their roles! Thank you!! ..... has loved starting at Southridge and enjoys the fantastic range of activities which are practised every day.

...... loves school nursery. I think it will be great preparation for starting reception.

I love the way the staff not only care about our child's development and learning they care about that child in general and their interests. E.g. they do her hair how she likes it.

........ physical (gross motor) skills have dramatically improved along with her general confidence. Also speaking to other parents with different concerns (i.e. social skills) they all seem confident that Southridge help develop these too. I feel Southridge really sees each child as individuals and help them flourish in all aspects of growth, so Thank You.

We feel very supported by school, Mrs Mason and her team...... loves everything about school!

I think Mrs Mason and the nursery team provide a wonderful nurturing environment for all the nursery children. They do a wonderful job Thank you so much.

I believe the school has high expectations for my child but in a good way – no pressure they allow each child to develop in their own time – way. Great

We feel nursery does really well at building the children's confidence and preparing them for Reception.

My child has been so happy in nursery ever since his first day. The children have a wide variety of amazing experiences covering all areas of the curriculum. The outdoor area is fantastic, and independence is always encouraged. Brilliant to have 3 members of staff too.

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My child loves school and speaks positively about her teachers. I like the newsletter and appreciate this given how busy the teachers are. If I had any points to improve, I know could talk to the teachers but at present I do not have any points to raise. Superb early years team! Who provide a safe and happy learning environment, in which we can see our daughter flourishing.10/10 We can't see any areas which require improvement.

No comments Thank you.

The nursery does a fantastic job of encouraging learning through play and identifying subjects and activities which my child is interested in.

My child has settled into nursery extremely well and is learning lots and this is an indication for me of the high-quality teaching of Mrs Mason and her TA's. Learning the school values right from nursery is a real strength of the school.

I think Southridge is a fantastic school with lots of extra curriculum activities which enhance the children's time there. Each teacher has been very knowledgeable about the stage of my child's development and learning. I would highly recommend to other parents.

#### Reception

My child is enjoying reception which is preparing them for year 1 Miss Parker is so much fun and my child looks up to her. .....was supported well in his transition from nursery to full time school by all the reception staff. He enjoys the range and challenge of the activities provided and has loved being able to Lego club this term.

When ...... has struggled Miss Parker has been quick to identify and tackle the problem areas.

Very happy with the school and very happy with Miss Parker. When I did raise a slight concern about lunchtime Miss Parker dealt with it exceptionally and put my mind at ease that she was taking it seriously and didn't brush it off. I couldn't have been happier with her response. Overall, the school is great, and everyone is very friendly.

All staff at the school are fully committed to helping our child achieve to the best of their ability. We couldn't be happier! Miss Parker has been brilliant – she brings the best out in our son and he is making great progress.

My child feels very safe and supported at school. His teachers are very caring, and my son has developed so much emotionally since starting school. Thank you to Miss Parker and Miss Robson.

Teacher-parent communication is excellent; we are kept very well informed regarding our child's academic progress and general wellbeing – thank you.

Classroom staff have a great understanding of my child's - strengths and areas for development.

Wonderful, caring teachers make the school what it is. My daughter is very happy at Southridge.

My daughter has enjoyed reception and loved her teachers. Miss Flitcroft, Mrs Strong and Miss Robson.

Communication is very good, through texts and newsletters. Miss Flitcroft also keeps us informed of anything we need to know. Wonderful caring teachers make the school what it is. My daughter is very happy at Southridge.

We are pleased the school actively supports our child's wider personal development. We feel he should benefit from this extra help, particularly with his social skills.

We had an occasion when my child was having issues with two other children. The school didn't know about the incidents as my child hadn't told them but once they were informed said they would help and keep an eye on the situation.

#### Year 1

My child was not being bullied but had issues in his friendship group. He was reassured by his teachers and now feels confident speaking out.

Good communication between school and parent.

Excellent pastoral care. I feel like the staff take time to know children as individuals. My child feels valued. I feel respect is strongly promoted between staff and children.

We think you are all wonderful. Thank You.

Mr Willcock has been very open to meetings regarding my child's development and his support is very much appreciated. My child really values the support from Mrs Benford.

We are extremely happy with our child's development this year. She loves to go to school and is very keen to learn anything that is offered to her. We hear of a good variety of work from her every night that she has done that day. Most of all we appreciate the focus on non-academic values as well as academic work. It all backs up what we try to teach her at home. Thank you.

I feel Southridge offers an enriched and exciting curriculum which ignites the children's curiosity and creates a rich and learning environment.

I think the teachers are really good if they need support especially Mrs Benford and Mrs Pringle. When our child was struggling with anxiety her teachers helped her in a sensitive and effective manner. The support is fantastic.

Year 1 fortnightly newsletters are good and informative.

My son has always been treated with respect and excellent regard by his year 1 teacher. He is cared for and nurtured. Every effort has been made to understand him and develop strategies to enable him to flourish. He is stimulated and supported with his learning. I am thrilled with the rate of improvement with his reading. He has developed a love for science the quality of teaching/learning has inspired him to be a scientist.

The balance of child led and adult led work and play based curriculum has been excellent in year 1 this year. My child has thrived and enjoyed the wider range of curriculum activities, particularly science. The staff are nurturing whilst also challenging. The school is exceptional throughout in all areas could not be happier.

Brilliant teaching and support. We enjoy/value feedback at parent consultations. I wish there was an app to share photo's /videos of what the children have been doing in school, or a stay and play type of activity to give parents an insight into what is happening at school.

.....hasn't been bullied at the school but had some communication issues with a younger student resulting in upset. It was dealt with very well.

Lovely school all teachers treat my girl as an individual. Fantastic teachers and I love the reading scheme.

Fantastic school, we did what we could to ensure my child could have a place at the school because it is so caring and educates kids in a way they find it fun to learn. The focus on emotional and mental well being is to be credited. Great job by all.

## Year 2

Southridge has a wide and varied curriculum and this is enhanced by special days, visits and visitors. There is a wide variety of extracurricular activities and special events for the children e.g. Discos etc. PE and sport are excellent; using specialist teachers and outside providers. Is there scope for more outdoor learning for all ages?

As always, I'm very happy with the school & teaching staff. Thank you!

My child struggled at the start of year 2, and the school helped and supported him through this. The school listened and reacted well to the needs of my child.

Additional challenges in Maths for .....

As always, we are very grateful to the staff, including non-teaching for the experience ....... has.

My child seems very happy at Southridge and she is doing very well. The lessons seem very interesting.

My child has really started to be stretched in Year 2 and he is enjoying the challenge. I am very pleased with the way he is progressing at the school.

Fab school and ..... is very happy.

My son loves school. I feel Mis McIntyre understands him and the way he learns, and this makes a big difference. As always, I am very happy with the school and teaching staff. Thank you.

#### Year 3

My child loves school and is doing really well. He engages in the lessons and talks about his learning at home. I believe the Year 3 teachers/team are excellent and excel in their roles. We are as always very impressed with the school. ..... is coming along brilliantly and is enjoying this year enormously. School is excellent at keeping in touch and informing us on ....... progress. Thank you!

We are absolutely delighted with the education that our child receives at Southridge. Many thanks to Mrs Hall and all the staff for making our daughters experience so enjoyable.

There is a good range of after school activities and the topics so far have been really engaging.

I would expect the school to be very good at dealing with any bullying. Quite simply the school is the best. All new

appointments of teachers appear well thought out and a perfect fit for Southridge.

......My child is very happy and so are we. Mr Price is great.

My child is being exceptionally well taught this year and undertakes a variety of subjects. He is being pushed to reach his full potential.

...... is really enjoying Year 3, he is learning a lot, but in an enjoyable and fun way. The care and attention all the staff show for the children is clear to see as is how much they enjoy their jobs.

My child is very happy at school and this is helped by Mr O'Hara who is a fantastic teacher.

A love for reading is encouraged throughout the school. I've been so impressed with how the school has approached this. The curriculum is well thought out and intertwined with visits and activities. School values really are adopted and praised, a caring culture is instilled. We recently attended a fabulous music concert that was wonderful. Reception staff and Mr Bell especially always very welcoming. Displays in hall/classrooms wonderful and child based. We've been so impressed with the work that our daughter is producing in Mr O'Hara's class. Thank you.

Mr O'Hara is a wonderful teacher - kind, empathy & very competent. Thank you!

Mr O'Hara and Mrs Partis are amazing. Nothing is too much to ask. I have been so impressed with their team this year it goes above and beyond every day with true humanity to the kids in their care.

Mr O'Hara is a wonderful teacher; empathic thoughtful and kind.

#### Year 4

My daughter loves the ICT Suite and would love to use it more and have more facilities, i.e. Ozbots for Year 4. She enjoys the huge selection of afterschool clubs and sports events. The school has a robust structure to keep children safe and happy. The School core values are well known and applied to daily routines, so the children are well behaved and happy at school.

My child has particularly enjoyed the range of sporting events available in Year 4.

There is a wide range of sporting opportunities available for children.

School provides a very broad curriculum which is taught to a very high standard. My child loves school and enjoys the range of after school clubs on offer. Love the Teachers2Parents app for communication.

Great opportunities for clubs, music and extra-curricular activities. Very warm and supportive environment. Another wonderful school year.

..... enjoys the range of subjects/topics taught in Year 4, as well as the variety of clubs which are offered. Having the chance to be a buddy and monitor has become an important part of her time in Year 4.

The 'book look' events are a great opportunity to review our child's work & hear his feedback & reflections. Our child remains extremely happy at school and has enjoyed a variety of sporting festivals in addition to his core subjects – thank you.

The school constantly strives for the children and is always looking to improve. My son has a varied and interesting curriculum and his teacher really engages him. He is being prepared for Middle School very well. Thank you!

I'm very happy with both my son's teachers and feel confident he is happy and ready for Y5.

Nothing but praise for the teachers who have unlimited enthusiasm for teaching the children a wide range of topics.

Both our daughters have had an extremely enjoyable education at Southridge.

The year 4 'buddy' tasks are great! My child has loved getting involved with these. A lovely school my son is very happy and looks forward to coming in every day.

.... Is very happy at Southridge and we've been very happy with the teaching and the wide range of clubs.

....has really thrived in year 4. We are so proud of all of her efforts. She has been so well supported to achieve her best.

## Suggestions: (number in brackets)

Investigate a different way to add to a Reception learning journal - rather than email. Twitter / facebook page. (1) We use See Saw during our PE lessons and will investigate using this in Reception to share activities etc. with parents

More notice for school events such as assemblies to enable parents to take time off work. (1) We always send out our term dates (inc. assemblies) at the start of term, add them to the calendar on the website, to give plenty of advance notice and help working parents. Reminder are included in regular newsletters. From September we will also send text reminders every half-term to remind parents to check the calendar on the website.

It would be great to see more drawing, painting or other artwork available and also gardening for general wellbeing (1)

Mr Wilcock has started a gardening club and this year we will be holding our art exhibition again in the Spring term.

> More creative clubs please such as art/drama/dance. Free writing time and a school library (1)

We have simplified our after-school club timetable for the Autumn term due to the coronavirus pandemic but will review these suggestions for the Spring term.

All children are given time for free writing in their Literacy lessons but also have specific writing genres to cover to meet objectives in the English curriculum via taught sessions.

Each class has a class library section and books are regularly updated via the Schools Library Service. Southridge would like an extension to our school to replace the Year 4 mobile classrooms and would request that a dedicated Library space was included in these expansion plans.

Digital Literacy to be ingrained from Year 2 in preparation for middle school. (1)

School follows the North Tyneside Computing scheme of work which also includes comprehensive e-safety lessons which builds knowledge and skills progressively.

Advise parents how the school would deal with Bullying if instances arose (1)

School has a 'Safe to Learn, Anti-Bullying' policy which is shared with parents on an annual basis as well as a detailed Relationships Education curriculum.

Our school values underpin all that we do and are very strong in our school – they form a key part of our antibullying strategy. School will explain how we deal with any bullying to parents on a more regular basis and offer support where needed.