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Dear Parents and Families

I am writing to thank those of you who took the time to complete the Parent Survey earlier this month. Of 165 families in school, we had 85 responses and the feedback, as you will see, is overwhelmingly positive. We were pleased to also receive some useful feedback to consider with our senior leadership team, governing body and academy trust to further improve our children's experiences here at Brookdale.

Below, I have provided a full summary of the responses to our questions and an overview of recurring comments. Where necessary, myself or a member of the senior team will contact parents individually to discuss issues that have been raised that relate only to their child or issues that have not been raised by any other parent. **Please note that where parents have not provided names on the survey, we have been unable to follow some of these individual comments up.*

The main recurring suggestions for improvement were:

1. More opportunities for extra-curricular clubs
2. Opportunity for a holiday club provision at school
3. More opportunities to see how my child is progressing

Our response to these suggestions:

1. More opportunities for extra-curricular clubs
We are already offering Cross Country, Art, Chess, Gardening, Multi Skills, Gymnastics, Dance, Choir, Football and other sporting clubs for children in different year groups. Next year we will consider ways in which we could widen these opportunities to more children and will ask the children, through School Council, about any further clubs they would like us to consider offering. Some of these may be paid provision from outside of school staff and some may be offered by school staff themselves. Either at lunch time or after school.
2. Opportunity for a holiday club provision at school
We realise that this would be a great offer for our families however logistically, it does present some issues. The staff who run our very popular Acorns provision have term-time contracts and cannot be expected to also work during the school holidays. This means that the provision would need to be run by an external provider hiring the school premises. In situations where an external company lease part of the school building, the school remains responsible for pupils' safeguarding and we would also want to ensure the high-quality provision that our pupils receive from our own school staff which we would not be able to manage. We do try to share holiday club provision that is available in the local area before each school holiday, via the Brookdale Bulletin, to support families in finding suitable provision. I will discuss this matter further with the Governing Body at our Autumn meeting so that we can consider ways that we may be able to offer this type of provision in future.
3. More opportunities to see how my child is progressing
Parents are offered a Curriculum Morning and a parents' evening in the first term, a parents' evening in the second term and an end of year school report; the SENDCo also meets regularly with parents of SEND children. Class teachers and the headteacher are available at the start and end of every school day if parents wish to ask any questions about their child and are also happy to arrange longer appointments, via the school office, at any time to meet with parents if they wish to discuss anything in greater detail or are unable to see teachers at drop off or pick up times.

Next year we also plan to introduce termly open afternoons to allow families to come into the classroom at the end of each term to view their child's school work, celebrate their achievements and ask class staff any questions they may have; we trust that this will help families stay better informed about their child's progress.

Many thanks again for your continued support – our partnership with parents is of paramount importance to us and helps us to help the children feel happy and safe in school and to make the best possible progress while they are with us.

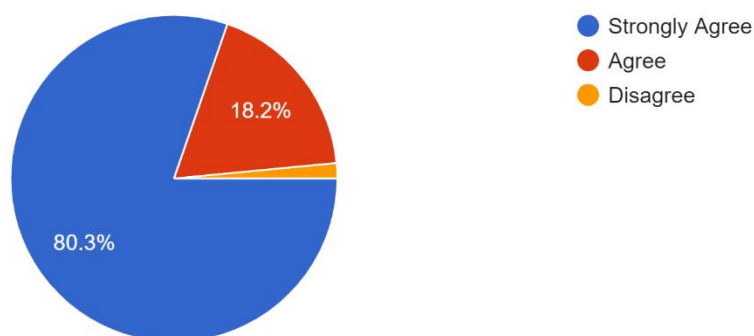
Yours sincerely



Kate Ball (Headteacher)

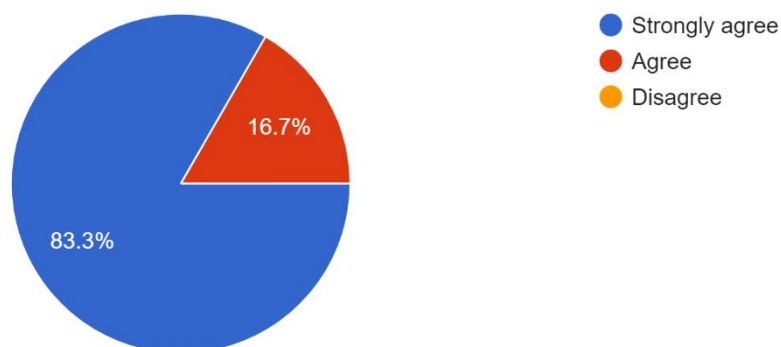
My child(ren) is/are happy at Brookdale.

85 responses



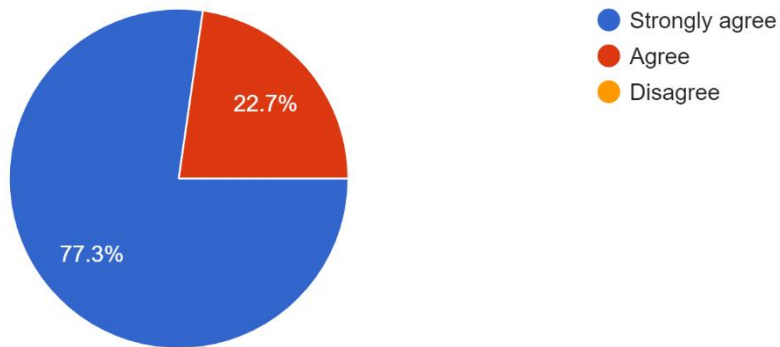
My child(ren) feels / feel safe at Brookdale.

85 responses



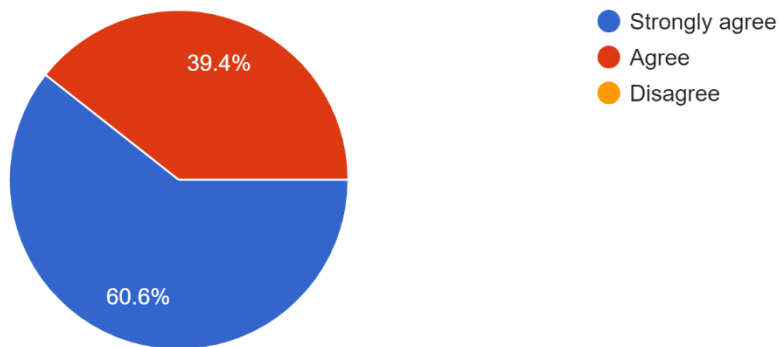
The children at Brookdale are generally well-behaved and well-mannered.

85 responses



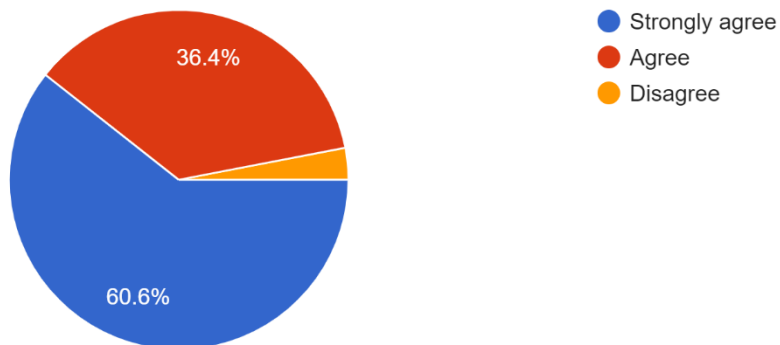
The school supports pupils who are being bullied by working with parents to deal with the bullying quickly and effectively. (Bullying is defined as 'de...our repeated over time with an imbalance of power').

85 responses



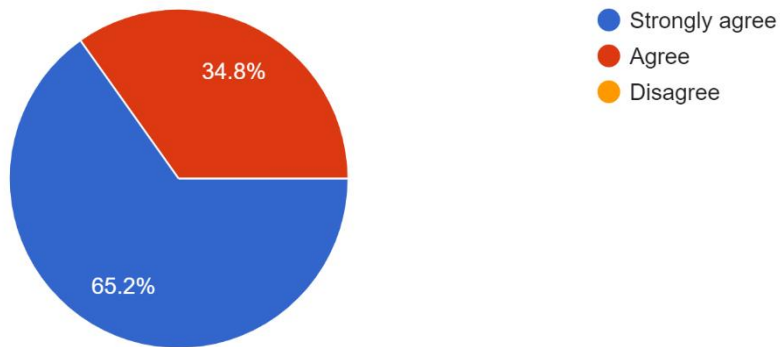
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year (e.g through Curriculum Mornings, reports, Parents' Evening and SEND meetings)

85 responses



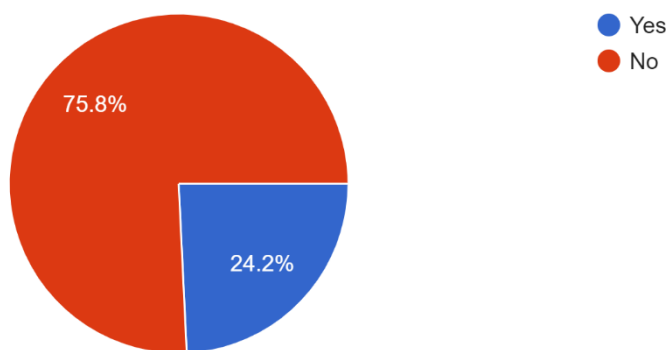
I feel that if I raise concerns with the school, they will be dealt with properly.

85 responses



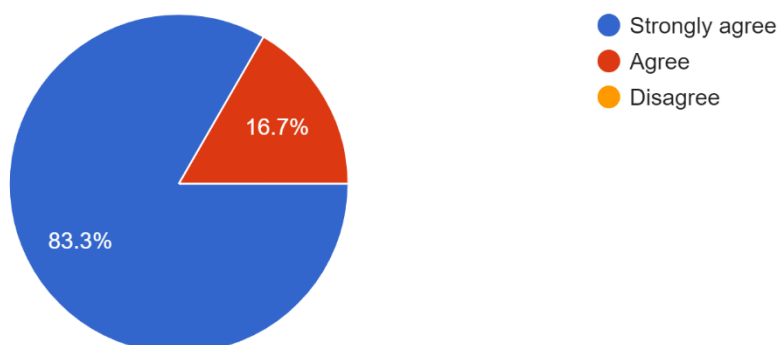
Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

85 responses



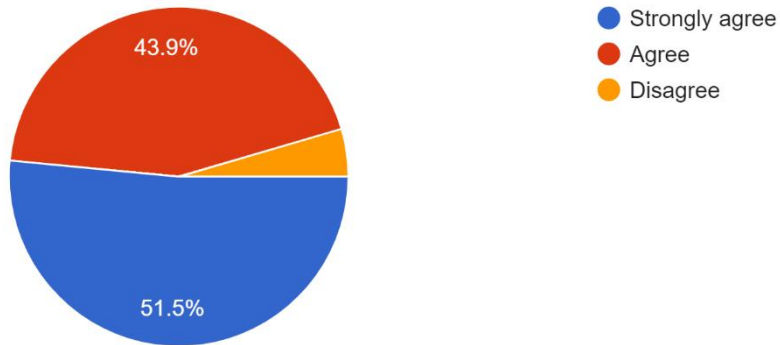
PLEASE ONLY ANSWER THIS QUESTION IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES ABOVE: My child(ren) has/have SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

18 responses



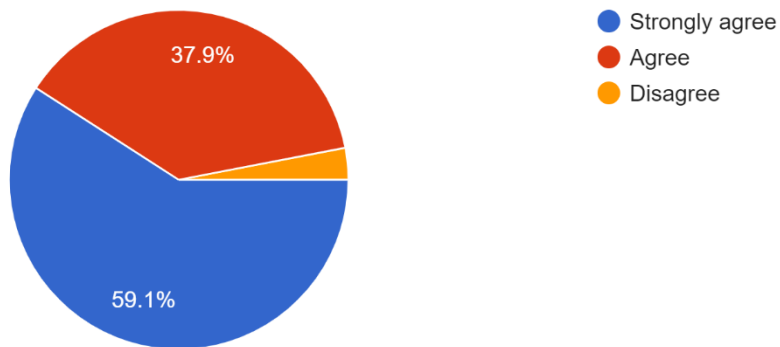
The school has high expectations for my child(ren).

85 responses



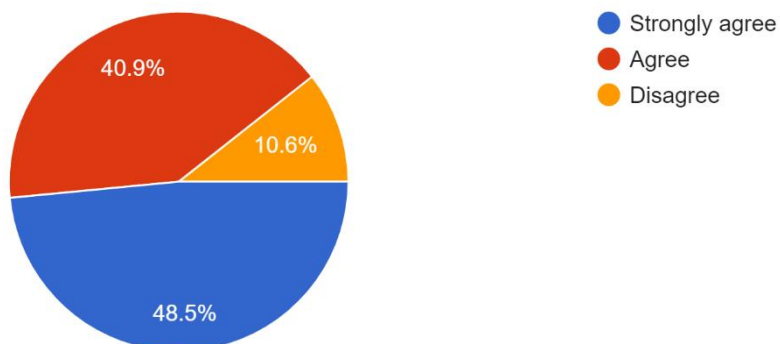
The school lets me know how my child(ren) is/are doing. (e.g through Curriculum Mornings, reports, Parents' Evening and SEND meetings)

85 responses



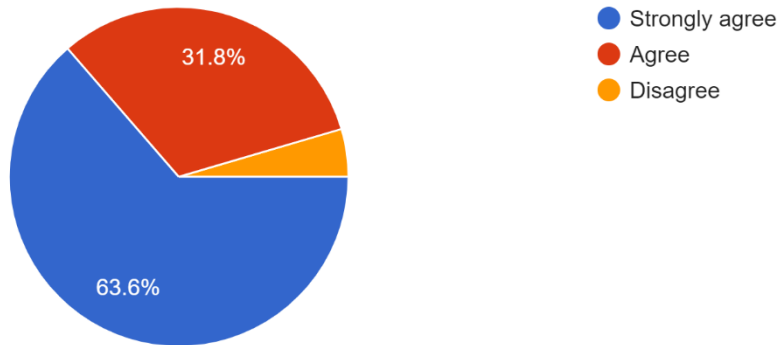
My child(ren) can take part in clubs and activities at this school.

85 responses



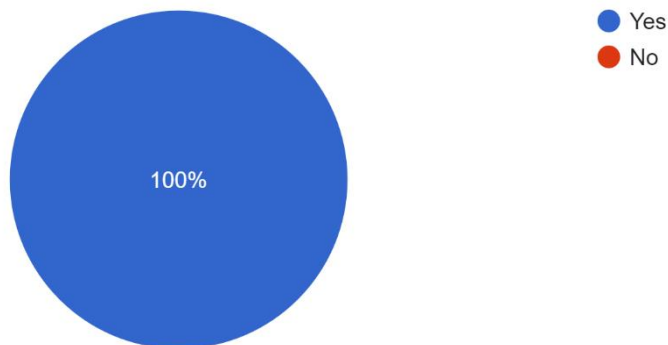
The school supports my child(ren)'s wider personal development (e.g their mental health, personal safety and promoting their successes outside of school)

85 responses



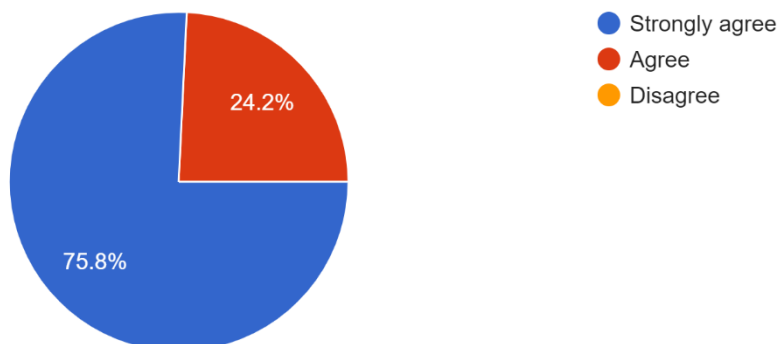
I would recommend this school to another parent.

85 responses



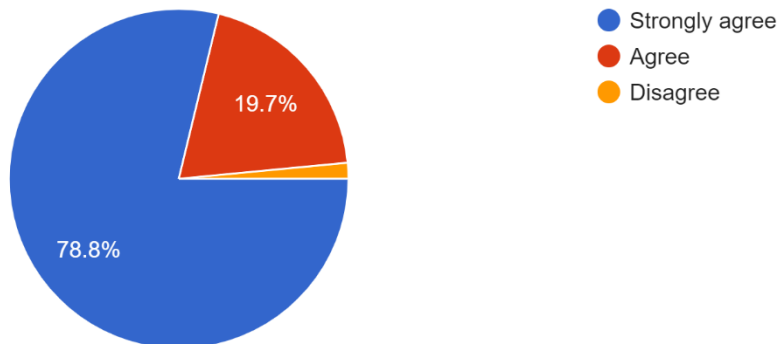
My child(ren)'s class teacher(s) are approachable and I have opportunities to raise concerns with them should I need to

85 responses



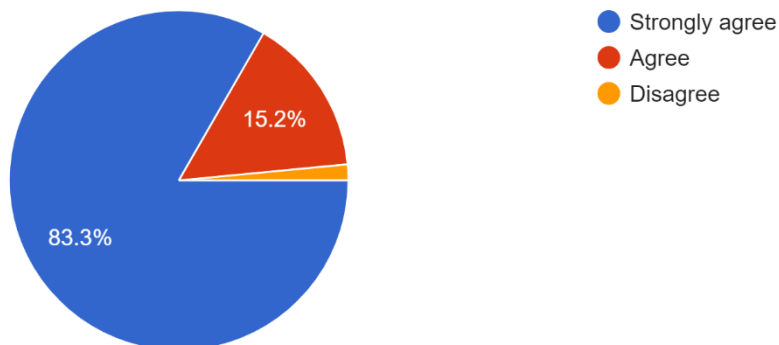
The headteacher and leadership team are available, approachable and deal with any concerns raised quickly and effectively

85 responses



The school has good communication systems in place (e.g personal conversations, Dojo, email, Bulletin, website & phone) to ensure I am kept informed.

85 responses



Please comment on any positive aspects of the school you wish to share:

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71 responses

Overall support is great and SEN support is absolutely outstanding

All I can say is the school is fabulous, can't praise the teachers and head anymore. Brookdale is giving our girls the best start and we are very happy and have been since day 1.

My son joined Brookdale in Year 4 after having had three years of Home Education. To say I have been impressed is an understatement. The support that the school (Head, teachers, TA's, lunch staff, after school club..) provides is tailored to each individual and is beyond exemplary. The clubs, trips and other opportunities offered outside of the day-to-day are amazing and further support children's creativity, teamwork and well-being. I feel very fortunate that my son has been able to grow and create fond memories of his primary years while at Brookdale.

Strong sense of school family and belonging.

Absolutely amazing school, with fantastic staff. We can honestly say we have never had any issues or concerns.

My little boy is so well cared for and supported at this lovely school. His SEND provision has been fabulous and I am so very grateful for all you have and continue to do, thank you. I feel very proud to be part of the Brookdale family. Acorns provision is fantastic too- a wonderful asset to the school.

Headteacher is extremely approachable. Jumps on any issues very quickly and sorts them out. This is feedback I've had from other parents too.

The school is very friendly all the staff are always welcoming and are happy to help in any way they can.

Brookdale is such a welcoming and positive school community

Acorns wrap around care is outstanding; the manager is always happy and cheerful the kids adore him he is always ready to play games with them and be silly he is a total credit and asset to the school!

Absolutely loved transition day and the class passport. Such a brilliant idea and now she isn't nervous at all about going into year 2. Thank you.

School dinners are excellent with a great choice. Thank you to the kitchen staff.

The out of school company that play games with the children at lunchtime. It's the highlight of my daughter's day.

Star of the week and Growth mindset is very popular with all the children and parents that can come to assembly.

Being able to drop children off at 8.35. This is perfect for working families that need to get to work.

I have seen xxx grow with confidence and make new friends, and develop with her reading and maths beyond recognition. thank you to all the teachers and staff at the school, we can see how hard you work to make Brookdale the best school possible for our children.

The PTA puts on some very good events to support the school.

My child looks forward to school every day, I feel the school keeps her interested, engaged and nurtures her curiosity.

My child settled into the school very well. All the staff are very supportive and welcoming and their class teacher and TA's have been amazing.

This school, with its caring and supportive staff have gone above and beyond to support XXX. I have been delighted with the Brookdale team and my son and I feel that he is very safe and cared for at school.

Thank you for making my child's learning experience a safe and happy one and for welcoming parents so warmly

XXX is very happy at school and there is high expectations for the behaviour of the children, and unkind behaviour seems to be dealt with quickly and effectively.

Having the Y6 buddies for F2 is great.

General atmosphere of happiness and respect from everyone.

I feel that Brookdale is a fantastic caring and nurturing school. The school has a lovely small community feel where behaviour, positivity and acceptance is really keen and shared with the children. XXX has thoroughly enjoyed learning and developing within Brookdale.

Great focus on learning and recognising success. Caring staff.

Fabulous school, marvellous kitchen staff and teachers plus office and head teacher too. My daughter will miss you all when she leaves for high school.

All staff and the leadership team are very approachable and invested in the children. Our children are very happy at Brookdale and we regularly recommend the school to others.

Please comment on any aspects of the school you would like to see improved:

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29 responses

More varied after school activities

None. Brookdale is rather perfect!

I would love it if the school offered a holiday club.

Keep being amazing!