

Parental Questionnaire Regarding Thurnham School & Its Covid Response In 2020-21

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Responses

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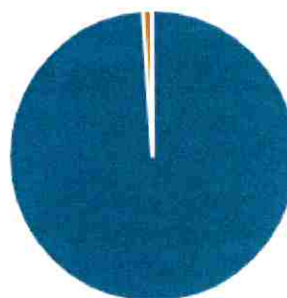
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Status

1. Despite Covid, the school expected my child to work hard and achieve his or her best.

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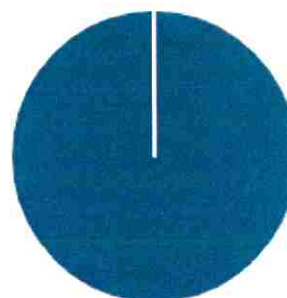
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2. The school communicated well with me about my child and school events and arrangements, especially during lockdown.

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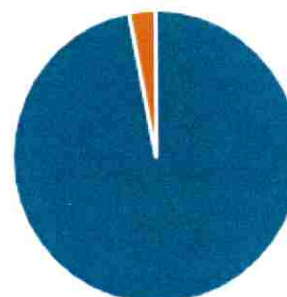
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3. Learning offered both in school and at home by Thurnham was of a high quality and well matched to my child's needs.

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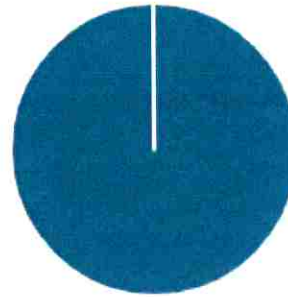
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4. The school curriculum (including themed days and weeks) were interesting and enhanced learning.

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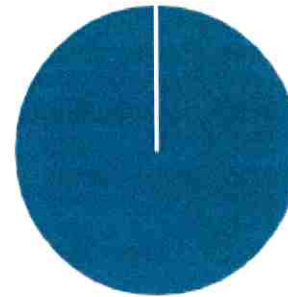
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5. The school was led and managed well during the pandemic across the year.

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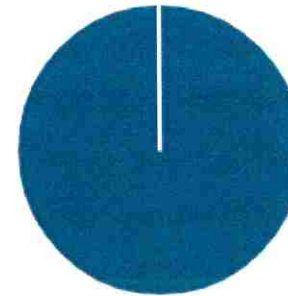
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6. Despite the Covid related restrictions (especially social distancing), the school and staff were welcoming.

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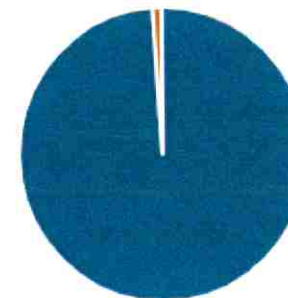
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7. I felt comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem.

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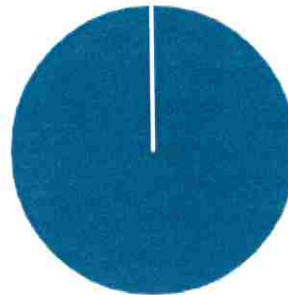
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8. My child still felt safe and enjoyed school during the pandemic this year.

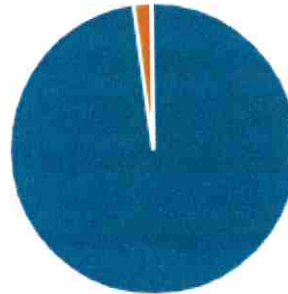
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9. Despite being in bubbles, behaviour was good and any incidents were swiftly dealt with.

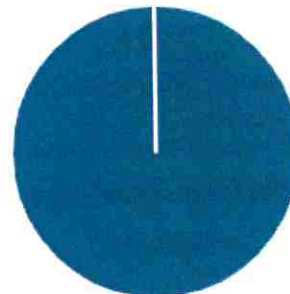
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● No	2



10. Overall the school did its best it could for my child during the pandemic.

💡 Insights

● Yes	100
● No	0



QUESTION 11 Please could you sum up the school in one word.

Been brilliant

Amazing!!!!

Flexible

Fair

Excellent

Super

Excellent

Supportive

Outstanding

Nurturing

Amazing

Excellent

Prepared!

Excellent

Amazing!

Outstanding

Excellent

Excellent

Welcoming

Excellent

Outstanding

Fantastic

Amazing

Fantastic

Excellent

Supportive

Fantastic

Brilliant

Brilliant

Outstanding

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Excellent

Professional

Caring

Organised

Excellent

excellent

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Supportive

Tries

Helpful

Cautious
Fantastic
Brilliant
Amazing
nurturing
Welcoming
Excellent
Dedicated
Excellent
Fantastic
Exceptional
Wonderful support
Brilliant
Wonderful
Great
Friendly.
Supportive
Informative
Inclusive
Fantastic
Incredible
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Fantastic
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Supportive
Resilient
Sensible

Caring
Positive
Safe
Diligent
Resilient
Excellent
Outstanding
Amazing
Amazing
Outstanding
Expected
Informative
Proactive
Outstanding
Brilliant
Excellent - in tough times

QUESTION 12: Any comments related to your responses or ideas to consider for the future?

We could not have asked for more! Your communication throughout was perfect and I felt safe sending our child to school knowing how well you were handling the cases! Great effort!

It would be easier if you could have multiple student accounts on seesaw. I've found it quite difficult to manage both. We don't have multiple devices.

The school was amazing during the pandemic and ensured that things felt as normal and fun as possible for the children. Communication was brilliant throughout. We are very grateful to have such an amazing school.

Open up a breakfast club

I can't thank the school enough for taking my daughter in as a key worker child to enable my husband and I both to work for the NHS and the Royal Navy. We feel Incredibly fortunate that Phoebe was still able to attend school and we felt extremely safe throughout. Thank you very much

Seesaw and online teaching was much better during the second home learning, especially for those of us who had to work at the same time. It meant that he was not fully reliant on me for the whole day and had the teacher available for any questions that he needed clarifying - well done for all your efforts.

The school has been outstanding in every aspect on my child's learning especially given the tough couple of academic years they have faced.

Continue being excellent!

Please just carry on doing what you're doing!

Drop of should be a flow as the congregation of reception patents up top is not comfortable and even with spaces it's still a congregation. Love it when it rains and its a lovely smooth in and out

The whole school led by Mr James did an amazing job despite the pandemic. Their professionalism showed what an amazing committed team we have teaching our children

Great communication throughout. We felt totally safe. The children didn't feel scared at all & still loved going to school!!

Thank you so much for everything, the school have been amazing in terms of care for children and communication to parents. Thank you for stepping up so quickly and being there

If future home learning, providing or sending home handwriting book and different exercise books to work in might help with layout of school work.

N/A

N/A

School meals are unhealthy and could do better

An excellent, well managed school.

Communication has been excellent throughout and despite everything my daughter has had a fantastic first year of school. Mr James has been excellent in keeping everyone safe whilst trying to keep things as normal as he possibly could. I know the children have missed out on certain things as we have as parents such as Christmas productions and sadly also sports day which was a real shame and I am really hoping the children get to experience these next year. Fingers crossed! Many thanks for all your hard work at the school. Hettie has thrived at Thurnham in her first year despite everything.

I felt sorry for the school they seemed like they were trying to interpret guidelines without enough support or guidance. Mr James and his staff have done a great job in my opinion and my child is happy and achieving.

For some questions I felt it was neither yes or no as there have been positives and areas for possible development. I would have appreciated more feedback on why sports day was not spectated and why no videos were taken in the end. I would have liked more pictures of the class dressed up in fancy dress etc as social distancing has meant fragmented socialising outside of school. The school has however been transparent with other matters and teaching and care has been brilliant.

Thank you. It's been a tough time but you've been amazing

We couldn't have asked for more from the school. Excellent, regular communication from the senior staff and brilliant support from the class teachers/TA also.

I look forward to after school clubs and activities restarting

Teachers responded promptly to any questions if we had trouble understanding the task and also responded swiftly to assignments. Always encouraging for my children's efforts and sometimes gave ideas on something extra they could do to further their learning. We struggled to make the teams calls due to multiple children with different needs, but when we did we found them quite busy and depending on device we couldn't always easily see all the children and teaching staff. Found that my children often lost interest because it was quite a lot to take in. I would suggest perhaps small groups met even if you could do once a week, just felt they might get more out of a session like this as then they might feel more confident to speak and it would be easier to focus.

All staff have worked really hard to keep the school open and make home learning fun as well as educational for the children. All staff should be praised for all their efforts to keeping the school in working order. As a parent that works for the NHS its provided me with good support to be able to carry on working along with all other key workers. Our thanks goes to every member of staff at the school, great work x

As a working parent I found it extremely hard to work and motivate my son. He thoroughly enjoyed the online sessions twice a day and if there had been Teams lessons he would have done the work while on the meeting. Otherwise the school did a fantastic job!

Under the awful circumstances, the school has by far exceeded in supporting both the children and parents. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Would be nice if bubbles mixed at the end of school year as our children will have been in the same class from year R-Y2 so no chance to make new friends through infant school.

I feel the school could of had sports day and school trips, these are special events to the children and families and it's sad they missed out on these, but other schools did do these so why didn't we?

Although the school has again gone above and beyond this year the access and support for key workers was a godsend and made a very challenging time that bit more manageable.

Just thank you for your honest emails keeping us up dated. I feel they way everything has been handled during such difficult times has been amazing. I'm sad my daughter only has 1 year left at Thurnham!

I would like to thank all the staff and children for making Thurnham an amazing school.

Everyone has worked so hard for the children and to support parents during the pandemic, we are really grateful and will really miss Thurnham when our daughter moves to Roseacre next year.

Use of Seesaw has been invaluable and completing homework on this will be much more convenient compared to pre-Covid. From next term, please vary the diet offered by the catering company.

Mr James handled the situation in the best way possible and communicated with the parents all the time, Well done Mr James

I am sorry that our second child is leaving Thurnham this year. I have nothing but admiration for the school.

We are so impressed with how the school managed through lockdowns - we couldn't have asked for more. Thank you to all the staff for a brilliant job.

I would like to see a more nutritionally balanced and varied school meal offered during any future lockdowns

I think the home learning and Teams meetings were brilliant in Orange class and my son has loved going into school even with all the changes that had to be put in place.

The school, leadership and teachers, adapted quickly and well to achieve more than what is expected of them.

Mrs Murray was excellent at communicating with blue class throughout the year.

I think Thurnham managed the pandemic extremely well overall. Many parents at the school were in a position to support their children as well, which isn't always the case at other schools.

The live teams meetings during home school were great for keeping us motivated and added structure to our day. Seesaw is great for sending personal messages to the teachers. The online reading resource is very useful, thank you.

Thurnham is a warm and friendly place with excellent communication with parents/carers. I have felt my child is safe and Covid anxieties have been managed efficiently, calmly and sensibly throughout. Thank you all for so much hard work.

I have no concerns about how the school managed its Covid response. The set up of home learning was swift, the teachers were always very responsive on Seesaw, the keyworker scheme was well managed. I have always felt very confident that my children were safe going into school.

Thurnham school has done an amazing job. We are very grateful for everything that has been done for children and parents alike.

Thank you so much for everything. At a time when so much changed in the world you gave a safe place for our children to still be children where they could have fun, play with their friends and be as

normal as possible. I suspect we will see further challenges from September as it's definitely not over, but I know you will continue to provide a safe welcoming place and some much needed normality (even if everything outside of school is far from normal).

No, well done to all working at school, you did an amazing job, many thanks.

The school leadership and teaching team were a real beacon of welcome normality and thoroughly professional throughout. Could you please assume control of the government from September? Thank you to everyone for their efforts.

It would be great to try and increase the themed 'memorable' experiences for the children. More field trips, more events, more chances for parents to see the learning the children have done

The children respond extremely well to their teachers. Having more lessons led by the teacher would have helped children across the board.

We are on the more relaxed end of how we feel about the pandemic, and I think Mr James and the team have done a good job of keeping things as normal as possible for the likes of us, whilst helping allay the fears of those who feel nervous about it.

A training session on using Seesaw for parents would be useful in the future to get the most out of the app. We realise that this wasn't possible during this year as we were all learning together. The format for reception of recorded lessons worked really well for us rather than having to attend live lessons. This took away the stress and allowed us to focus on these lessons with our daughter at a time that suited us as a family. I felt that the school had the right approach in that as parents we did not feel any pressure, the emails from school were all very supportive. I have nothing but praise for the way this year has been handled by the school and everybody who works there. Full marks!

As above this hasn't been easy for anyone in with children at school or for the teaching staff, especially given the chaotic leadership provided by Government oversight the past 16 months. The fact that our daughter has enjoyed school and has been able to attend on almost all days when permitted to do so, speaks volumes for the dedication and professionalism of the teaching staff.