

Kirkland Rowell Parent Survey Report 2024

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete our 15th Kirkland Rowell parent satisfaction survey in the summer of 2024. With a response rate well above the national average, we have been reviewing the enormous amount of information with Governors over the past term and I am delighted to be able to share the key findings with you.

You gave the school a **Very Good** rating for its overall performance, with **every** category as Good or better. Nearly 1/3 of you felt the school had improved in the last two years, and over ¼ of all new parents reported that the school was better than expected.

An **outstanding 91%** of you were happy to recommend the school to other parents.

Things you said that we do particularly well:

1. Community spirit and image in the local community
2. School communication and Parents' Evenings
3. Careers advice and library facilities
4. School discipline and uniform
5. Levels of homework
6. Out of school activities and clubs
7. Developing moral values.

You felt that both academic and non-academic aspects of the school have continued to improve: 20 of the 23 academic criteria had high satisfaction levels, and all of the non-academic criteria exceeded this, whilst Spanish, Music, Art, Drama, Science, History and PE were all recognised as being particularly strong areas.

Encouragingly, of over **200 key areas** that the survey highlights, you identified just a few where you felt improvement has not yet been as significant as you would like, and we are already taking positive action to address these areas. Some of the further, ongoing work we will be doing as we continue to improve and monitor these areas is outlined below.

Areas we will continue to work on:

- The provision of **school meals** received the lowest satisfaction rating last year. Our new catering company, Aspens, started in September and they are working hard to improve the range and quality of food provided. Student feedback is helping to guide future changes.
- **Control of bullying, happiness of child** and **school security** were all rated as **Good** and are areas that we will never be complacent about. A number of you noted your concerns about online social media student communication and we will continue to support you with these issues and to deliver increased lessons and resources this year.
- Although over 75% of you were satisfied with **encouraging and listening to parents' views** and **explaining to parents how to help their child**, this was also highlighted by 15% of you as areas that could be improved. We will look to undertake more year group surveys and identify other events, such as our Introduction to GCSE Evening, to develop these areas further.
- **Choice of subjects:** Alongside the Government focus on Ebacc subjects we are proud to have maintained a broad and balanced curriculum, including a rich vein of creativity. The introduction of **Spanish** and **Sociology** has received high levels of satisfaction, along with maintaining a **vocational element** at KS4. We are currently awaiting the outcome of the Government's national curriculum review before making any further changes.

Thank you once again for completing the survey, it really does help provide us with important information about your views on what we do well, as well as where we still have work to do.

We are constantly looking for ways to make our school a better place for all and so are always very happy to hear any views from our school community at any time.