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## Results of parental and pupil questionnaires.

It's wonderful to see such active participation from parents! Your feedback is invaluable to us at Hurst Hill. We've carefully reviewed your responses along with the children's feedback from their in-school questionnaires. This helps us understand everyone's perspectives better and make meaningful improvements.

We are thrilled to share some wonderful feedback from our recent parent survey. Your responses have highlighted several key areas where our school is excelling, and we wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and thank you for your continued support.

- **High Expectations:** An impressive 85% of you believe that our school has high expectations for your child. We are committed to maintaining these standards to ensure every pupil reaches their full potential.
- **Pupil Success:** We are delighted that 97% of parents feel their child is doing well at our school. This is a testament to the hard work of our pupils, the dedication of our teachers, and the supportive environment we strive to create.
- **Communication:** Knowing that 92% of parents feel informed about their child's progress is incredibly important to us. We will continue to prioritise clear and consistent communication to keep you updated on your child's achievements and areas for growth.
- **Responsiveness:** We are pleased that 92% of parents feel the school responds well to any concerns raised. Your feedback is invaluable, and we are committed to addressing any issues promptly and effectively.
- **Recommendations:** Finally, it is heartening to know that 90% of parents would recommend our school to others. Your trust and confidence in our school community mean the world to us.

Thank you once again for your feedback and for being such an integral part of our school community. Together, we will continue to provide a nurturing and challenging environment for all our pupils.

Keep reading to discover insightful feedback from parents, from our pupils, and the exciting initiatives we're implementing as a school.

## 91% of parents said that their child is happy in school.

## 96% of children said that they are happy and enjoy school.

We are delighted to share some of the ways we ensure a welcoming and enriching environment for your children at our school. Each morning, our staff greet the children at the classroom door, and a senior leader is present to welcome them at the start and end of the school day.

Our lessons are designed to be engaging for all pupils, and we plan various trips and visits to enrich the curriculum for each year group. Throughout the year, we also organise several enrichment days, such as World Book Day and Skills Builder Challenge Days, to engage the pupils and promote essential skills.

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**96% of parents said their child feels safe in school.**

**97% of children said that they feel safe in school.**

At our school, we are committed to creating a warm and safe environment for all our pupils. We understand that some children feel scared during fire drills and lockdown practices. These drills are essential for ensuring everyone's safety.

Here are some steps we are taking to help ease pupil anxiety:

1. **Pre-Drill Discussions:** We have calm and open discussions with the children before the drills, explaining what will happen step-by-step and why it's important. This helps them understand that these drills are just practise to keep everyone safe.
2. **Positive Reinforcement:** After each drill, we praise the children for their participation and bravery, highlighting how well they followed instructions and how their actions contribute to everyone's safety.
3. **Parental Involvement:** We encourage you to discuss the importance of these drills at home and reassure your children. A consistent message from both school and home can be very comforting.

By continuing to listen to the children's concerns and providing them with clear, consistent information, we aim to build their confidence and sense of security.

**94% of parents said that their child is well looked after at this school.**

**99% of children said that they are well looked after at school and can talk to an adult if something is worrying them.**

At our school, we prioritise the safety and well-being of every pupil. Here's how we do it:

1. **Trained Staff:** All our staff members are thoroughly trained in safeguarding protocols. This means they are well-equipped to recognise and respond to any signs of distress or danger.
2. **Approachable Environment:** We foster an environment where children feel comfortable seeking help and sharing their concerns. Our staff are approachable and always ready to listen, ensuring that pupils feel supported and understood.
3. **Personalised Support:** We understand that each child is unique. Our teachers focus on the individual needs of each student, providing personalised support to help them succeed academically and emotionally.
4. **Open Communication:** We maintain open lines of communication with parents. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for the well-being of our pupils.
5. **Proactive Measures:** We take proactive measures to create a safe learning environment. This includes regular safety drills, secure campus facilities, and a clear policy on how to handle emergencies.

By combining these efforts, we aim to create a nurturing and secure environment where your child can thrive. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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## 87% of parents said that school makes them aware of what their child is learning during the school year.

We are committed to keeping you informed about your child's learning throughout the year. Here are some of the ways we do this:

- **Parents' Evenings:** Regular meetings to discuss your child's progress.
- **INSPIRE Sessions:** Interactive sessions where you can engage with your child's learning.
- **Class Assemblies:** Opportunities to see your child and their classmates present their work.
- **Newsletters:** Regular updates on school activities and important information.

Additionally, all knowledge organisers for subjects are available on our school website for your reference.

For our Early Years pupils, we use **Tapestry** as a key tool to keep you updated on your child's learning journey. You can also use Tapestry to add any home learning activities to their journal.

## 93% of parents said that there is a good range of subjects available to their child at this school.

## 96% of children said that they get to take part in a good range of subjects in school.

At Hurst Hill, we offer a diverse curriculum to ensure your child receives a well-rounded education. Our subjects include:

- **Phonics, Reading, and Writing**
- **Maths and Science**
- **History and Geography**
- **Computing and Religious Education (RE)**
- **Relationships, Sex, and Health Education (RSHE)**
- **Art and Design Technology**
- **Physical Education (PE) and Music**
- **Skills Builder (essential life skills to develop the whole child)**

Currently, our Year 3 pupils are enjoying recorder lessons. Additionally, in Key Stage 2, children will learn Spanish and have the chance to participate in swimming lessons.

## 83% of parents said that school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

## 98% of children said that behaviour of other pupils in lessons and around school is good.

We are proud to share that visitors to Hurst Hill frequently praise our pupils for their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes. Our school has clear behaviour policies, rules, and rewards in place to encourage all pupils to do their best. For those who may face challenges, we have supportive measures to help them make the right choices and succeed.

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**36% of parents said that school deals with bullying quickly and effectively and 56% of parents said that their child has never been bullied.**

**34% of children say that teachers are good at resolving any bullying quickly, 63% of our pupils say that bullying doesn't happen.**

Our school has a clear anti-bullying policy and trained staff to handle incidents effectively. We provide support for all pupils involved and keep parents informed. Our school values promote positive school culture and this year we are aiming to achieve the super kind schools award. If you suspect bullying, please report it immediately so we can address it promptly.

**89% of parents say that school supports their child's wider personal development.**

**97% of children say that school encourages them to look after their physical, emotional and mental health while encouraging them to be independent and take on responsibilities.**

At Hurst Hill Primary, the Junior Leadership Team plays a significant role in fostering personal development among pupils. This team includes various roles such as Digital Leaders, Well-Being Ambassadors, and Healthy Eating Ambassadors. The Junior Leadership Team at Hurst Hill Primary includes pupils from Reception to Year 6, giving all pupils a chance to develop their leadership skills from an early age. This inclusive approach ensures that even the youngest pupils can participate and contribute to the school community. We are supported in lessons through Skills Builder where pupils develop their Speaking, Listening, Creativity, Problem Solving, Staying Positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork skills.



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**87% of parents say their children can take part in clubs and activities at this school.**

**92% of children say that they can take part in school activities and clubs outside of lessons, like sports, music, art.**

We are excited to offer a variety of after-school clubs throughout the year for your children to enjoy. Our clubs include:

- First Aid
- Forest School
- Football
- Dance
- Arts & Crafts
- Lego Therapy
- Phonics
- Reading

Each term, we will send out detailed information about these clubs, including how to sign up. We look forward to your child's participation!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and enthusiasm as we embark on another exciting year ahead. Your unwavering commitment and involvement play a crucial role in our community's success, and we are truly grateful for your partnership.

Together, let's make this year a memorable and enriching experience for all.

