

Annual Family Questionnaire Summary and Actions – September 2025/26


87 responses

Statement	Strongly Agree / Agree	Neither Agree / Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys school	92%	5%	3%	0%
The school has a happy & positive atmosphere.	100%	0%	0%	0%
The school site is sufficiently secure, and my child feels safe and well cared for.	96%	4%	0%	0%
The outdoor environment is well used to support the learning of my child.	85%	8%	6%	1%
Somerdale is teaching my child to be environmentally friendly.	89%	11%	0%	0%
Teaching at the school is good or better.	95%	5%	0%	0%
I am pleased with the progress my child is making at school.	90%	6%	2%	2%
I am kept informed about my child's learning at school.	82%	10%	7%	1%
I think the school keeps me well informed about my child's learning in English and Maths.	70%	23%	6%	1%
My child brings home reading books regularly.	90%	6%	3%	1%
Somerdale has high expectations for my child which helps them to reach their full potential.	78%	18%	3%	1%
I think the school gets involved with the local community.	82%	16%	2%	0%
The school encourages children to care for each other and develop a sense of responsibility.	95%	4%	0%	1%
I think the children's behaviour around the school is generally good.	93%	4%	3%	0%
I think the children's behaviour in my child's class is generally good.	82%	13%	4%	1%
I think that the school's systems for managing behaviour is effective.	70%	21%	8%	1%
I am confident that Somerdale deals with challenging behaviour effectively.	66%	21%	10%	3%
My child enjoys playtimes at school.	86%	8%	5%	1%
I know the rewards that my child can receive at school for effort, good work/behaviour.	82%	10%	8%	0%
My child feels that they could talk to a member of staff at school if they have a problem.	88%	10%	0%	2%
Somerdale treats my child fairly.	96%	2%	1%	1%
Somerdale helps to promote healthy lifestyles.	91%	6%	3%	0%
Enquires on the phone at reception or by email are dealt with effectively and courteously.	85%	10%	3%	2%
I feel welcomed when coming into the main reception area.	98%	2%	0%	0%
I believe my concerns would be dealt with by the school in a prompt and satisfactory manner.	80%	14%	5%	1%
As a parent I feel valued and informed about decisions regarding the school.	87%	9%	4%	0%
The school encourages parents and carers to play an active part in school life.	96%	4%	0%	0%
The school keeps me fully informed about the events that are happening in school.	96%	2%	1%	1%
The school provides good quality wrap around care.	60%	28%	10%	2%
The school website and social media platforms provide me with a clear and up to date picture of what is happening in school.	80%	18%	2%	0%

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How would you make Somerdale Educate Together Primary School even better?

59 responses. We have not included responses which could identify parents/children or are under two responses.

What you said... (Themes)	Number of responses for this theme	Commentary/ What we are going to do... (Actions)
Understanding of the school behaviour policy in relation to challenging behaviour.	8	<p>External and internal reviews of behaviour at Somerdale is very good. Classroom observations demonstrate that children are focused and on task. Behaviour around the school is purposeful. Children understand the school rules which are linked to the behaviour and relationship policy. During the 2024-25 academic year we consulted with the school community (including the children) to develop an updated Respectful Relationships & Behaviour Policy which was ratified by the governing board (July 2025). Challenging behaviour in the school is rare, but when it does happen there are clear protocols which are followed. This is outlined in detail in Section G (Consequences & Sanctions) of the school behaviour policy.</p> 

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Wrap Around Care – Provision Key Stage 2	12	An expanded Wrap Around Care survey (Term 3) will be conducted for service users including children. Actions will be shared with the community.
Being kept informed about my child's learning in English and Maths.	8	<p>The school meets the expectations described in national reporting guidelines. Enhanced updates on progress are provided for children who have learning plans or EHCP. We are considering producing a mid-year assessment report for attendance. Mathematics, reading, and writing.</p> <p>During the 2024-25 academic year the school updated the class webpages to ensure information including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions • Class newsletters • Class timetables • Medium term plans • Knowledge organisers • Assessment methodologies and timetables • Schools approach to Reading, Phonics, Mathematics, Reading, and writing <p>On the curriculum webpages, there are also guides. For example, on the mathematics page there are year group specific overviews including calculation methodologies. We also have printed guides available as you enter the school reception.</p>

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What Do you like about Somerdale Educate Together Primary School?

64 responses which included:

- It is a great learning environment, and the school really encourages community connections.
- The school seems to be a positive and nurturing environment which does its best to treat the children equitably and teaches them that everyone is different. I also think the school is very proactive at pushing the children to do their best whilst also trying to consider and nurture their mental health around statutory tests. I also feel there are lots of lovely options that staff give up their time and energy to accommodate: e.g. young carers which I really do appreciate as a parent
- Children given responsibility- Right Respecting Ambassadors, Listening Team etc.
- Friendliness, strong child-driven values, support, and encouragement in child development.
- Child led approach, everyone's views are valued, respect. Friendly, supportive, and well-rounded.
- The school ethos and atmosphere, good quality teaching
- The staff are brilliant, and senior members of staff are approachable. I feel like we are listened to and issues are discussed fairly.
- Community/local feel.
- The ethos and values. My children feel like the priority.
- Creating and supporting caring and thoughtful young people.
- Small school, friendly teachers, ethical curriculum, good lunch menu, great emphasis on reading, work with local communities.
- My son is so happy to come to school, he feels included and welcomed. I am well informed about his learning.
- Always say to other people that it's a school that focuses on creating good humans first and foremost, which is so important to me. My children are also making fantastic academic progress and are supported in a personalised and caring way.
- I love the friendly and welcoming atmosphere at Somerdale. It's such a joy to see how happy my children are there and how wonderful the teaching staff are. My children have flourished at the school so far, and I look forward to seeing how their learning and personal skills develop throughout the rest of their time at Somerdale.
- I love the fact that the ethical curriculum is teaching my children to be nice people and to understand how privileged they are. I can see the school does an excellent job of instilling kindness and fairness into my children. The staff are all extremely friendly and have a good rapport with my children. The awards system works really well and my children love being recognised at assemblies. The staff are clear at parent's evenings where my children are doing well and where they need to improve.
- The emotionally intelligent approach to learning. My kid is so happy here that she skips into school and excited to go in.



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- *There is a strong emphasis on including other elements in their education that helps develop them into rounded individuals rather than just focusing on academic achievements. The environment feels inclusive and safe and I know both of my children would feel comfortable approaching any member of staff if they had a concern or question.*
- *My child always comes out happy, so I know they are being treated fairly and in a kind manner. The outdoor provisions for preschool and reception are great.*
- *The school is a very inclusive school and makes sure that everyone's views are taken into account. I can see that several parents help out at school which feels and adds to the inclusivity. It is easy to talk to teachers about concerns and planning to help your child.*

