



**Thorner's Church of England VA Primary School  
Parent Questionnaire June 2018  
School's Response to comments and suggestions**

**We had 32 responses, most of them very positive and constructive – thank you! The collated responses are attached separately. Below is the school's response to parental comments and suggestions. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you are welcome to meet your child's teacher or the Headteacher if you have a concern about your child's wellbeing or academic progress. We always welcome your ideas and involvement in our school.**

		<b>Parent comments and suggestions</b>	<b>School's response</b>
1	My child is happy at this school.	Comment on bullying	See question 10.
2	My child feels safe at this school.	Enough Fledglings staff?	Staff in Fledglings is usually more than the required adult: child ratio
3	This school ensures my child is well looked after.	Child not drinking enough water or eating packed lunch in school	Younger children are encouraged to eat at lunchtime; older children encouraged to be independent but staff talk to children or parents if there are concerns that child is not eating. The water fountain or water in class is available at all times
4	My child is making good progress at this school.	Struggling with maths and English	Support provided in class
5	This school meets my child's particular needs.	Comment on bullying	See question 10.
6	My child is taught well at this school.	Year 3 and 4 teaching not pushing child beyond minimum Know what child is learning week to week	All teachers attempt to challenge and support all their pupils. The class topics for each half term are on the website.
7	This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	Positive comments about Maths No Problem. Non challenging school reading books.	The teachers like it too! As children become more fluent readers, we encourage them to read other material, not just school reading books, which aim to develop reading skills. This is why we have lots of age-appropriate books in each class, encourage children to use the school library, run an annual Book Week and encourage children to participate in the Library Summer Reading Challenge.

8	Through its ethos and assemblies, this school helps my child to develop values for life.	A mixture of positive and negative comments	We count on parental support to enable the children to develop values for life. Assemblies and daily school life enables the children to learn and reflect on the specific school values - love, hope, endurance, forgiveness and truth – as well as others, one every half term. The current value we are looking at is perseverance. Please look on our website for our assembly themes.
9	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	'Because it is taught by parents'	The school counts on parental support to maintain good behaviour.
10	This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively.	Lots of comments.	Please remember that school staff are not always aware of bullying because it is usually verbal. We encourage the children to inform school staff or parents if they are subject to any bullying. We have zero tolerance towards bullying behaviour and deal with any incidents immediately.
11	This school helps me to support my child's learning.	Day to day feedback.	See question 6.
12	This school gives my child appropriate homework for their age.	More regular, more feedback.	Homework is provided to consolidate learning in school and can be related to a topic, reading, spellings, grammar, times tables etc. The children are usually given verbal or written feedback.
13	This school responds well to my concerns.	Concerns ignored.	We encourage parents to discuss any concerns with us asap.
14	This school keeps me well informed eg through regular emails, newsletters and the website.	Make website more user friendly. Too many emails – amalgamate.	The website is being redesigned. We try to limit each email to a specific subject, which is why there may be too many!
15	This school is well led and managed.	No comments.	
16	This school provides a wide range of extra curricular activities (sports, clubs, music etc).	Not many clubs  No music/singing	We have clubs every lunchtime and several after school! We have more sports clubs for KS2 because they are school teams. We offer two clubs for KS1 (art and Lego/IT) but we feel that they need time to play. We have offered a singing club for several years but children do not want to attend.
17	My child benefits from the school's extensive facilities such as a Discovery Area, swimming pool and tennis court.	'Deciding factor for our choosing Thorner's' 'When they are allowed to use them' Swimming in September	Thank you! The children use all the facilities as often as possible. Not so long ago, we offered swimming to parents

		Use of Discovery Area	over the summer holidays but H&S requirements made it difficult for families to take up the offer. We looked into having swimming in the Autumn Term but found that this would double the annual cost of running and maintenance which neither the school nor the TSA could fund. The younger children do keep wellies in school and go to the Discovery Area a couple of times a week. In the summer, the older children go quite often too.
18	I would recommend this school to another parent.	All responses yes except one.	Thank you.
19.	We are always looking for ideas to make the school even better. Can you suggest improvements you would like to see?	More regular parent/teacher feedback, weekly report.  Comments on homework Integration between Fledglings and reception. Car park, eg early years pick ups sooner.  More after school clubs. More clubs for Years 1 and 2.  More praise for children's achievements.  Sack the headteacher.	See question 6. There are parent/teacher meetings in the Autumn and Spring and a report in the summer which parents can discuss with teachers. Teachers will always meet parents any time during the year if requested. See question 12. Fledglings and Reception do work closely together. Some families have children across the age ranges so could find staggered timings inconvenient. Please see question 16. There will be a daily after school club from September. We offer lunchtime activity clubs in preference to after school because nearly half the children go home on the school bus. Children's achievements both in and outside school are celebrated regularly through assemblies and in class. Oh dear!
20.	How could you help the TSA with their activities?		