

Replies to the questionnaire that took place on the 22nd of November.

Parent Questionnaire November 2023	Response	No's of parental responses.	Reflection and commentary
Year Group	Year 5	13	Last year we had 143 responses so considerably less this year. Last year evenly spread, this year less comments from the Year 5 parents. We will issue a second questionnaire at Easter. If you do have concerns or worries, please don't leave it to a questionnaire email in and talk to us.
	Year 6	20	
	Year 7	18	
	Year 8	18	

My child is happy at school	YES	56	Saddened to see this, please don't hesitate to talk to us at school about this and see if we can support. Our wellbeing hub is able to offer support to your child once we know what the problem is. We can sign post external services where necessary. Please contact your Head of Year or the Wellbeing hub so that we can help. hoy5@edwintree.herts.sch.uk hoy6@edwintree.herts.sch.uk hoy7@edwintree.herts.sch.uk hoy8@edwintree.herts.sch.uk Wellbeinghub@edwintree.herts.sch.uk
	NO	13	

My child feels safe at school	YES	61	If you are a parent/carer of a child feeling unsafe in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, we need to address this swiftly. All children have a right to feel safe.
	NO	7	

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Edwinstree works hard to support students to behave well	YES	51	Our new behaviour policy is attached and we have sort both student and parent feedback – we are seeing significant improvements in behaviour as the consequence of a lunch time and/or after school detention is having impact on our older students and moderating their low-level behaviour. External advisors and the Governors have carried out Climate walks and also clearly evidence the calmness off the school and the willingness to learn.
	NO	17	
My child has been bullied at school	YES	17	
	NO	51	We will always deal with a bullying incident but you need to tell us? Where we investigated in the past parents concerns, it has always been that we have not known the issue was going on. Ignoring bullying or hoping it will go away never works so please tell us. We work hard to help students to get rid of that old and tiresome phrase, “you don’t grass/snitch”. RUBBISH we spend time talking to our students about getting help and all students need help. Bullies exist where a child is not getting help.
The school has dealt with the bullying incident quickly and effectively (only answer if your child has been bullied)	Yes	13	If you are unhappy with our handling of the bullying, talk to us so that we can resolve. Don’t leave it if your child is still not ok.
	No	7	Please come back to us about your concerns, we are open and transparent and where we make errors we are clear.

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School makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	YES	41	Our website is available with curriculum maps that guide you through each subject's learning and each year group. This is designed to give parents an overview of the topics and threshold concepts that student will cover this year. We have also reviewed our reports in light of your comments and you will see a much-improved reporting system which indicates to you as parent what is their next learning. The reports will come out in January.
	NO	27	
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly	YES	48	We will always be open and transparent and include you in how we are dealing with an incident. If you disagree we will think deeply about this and come back to you. Can I please gently steer where parents have been unhappy initially they quote a social media quote about another child and how the school dealt with their behaviour. Can I warn you the social media is always inaccurate? We sometimes have parents trying to compare decisions. Please note we are a school that has equity at the heart of what we do – this means we equally want all students to secure a good education but how we do this will be different for each student. If you talk to your child they understand this concept.
	NO	14	
My child has SEND needs	Yes	6	
	No	59	
The school supports my child to succeed (only answer if your child has SEND needs)	YES	46	This result remains confusing like last year, so we will send our SEND parents a separate questionnaire at the start of next year to gauge their voice. We will now do this for each questionnaire we send out to parents.
	NO	20	

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The school has high expectations for my child	YES	46	
	NO	20	This is disappointing, and we will look to explore where you believe we don't have this in the future, the Governors are rightly keen to explore this further.
My child does well at school	YES	63	
	NO	6	Again, don't hesitate to talk to us. Children get one shot at education and we don't want anyone feeling like this.
The school lets me know how my child is doing	YES	47	
	NO	21	We will look to explore this further with you in the new year to see how we can improve. We have two parents' evenings per year group and 3 sets of reports, but clearly, we are missing something and need to assess what this might be.
There is a good range of subjects available	YES	62	
	NO	6	Surprised at this answer as our aim is to provide the full breadth of the curriculum – please email in more information for us to understand.
There is a good range of enrichment clubs and activities	YES	54	
	NO	14	Again, would be keen to know what other enrichment clubs we can source. I think from the commentary below that this might centre around our PE offer.

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The school supports my child's wider personal development	YES	48	
	NO	15	Again, we will explore post January what further support for wider personal development you would like to see us offer.

I would recommend the school to another parent	YES	53	
	NO	10	We are full with waiting lists, but again we are saddened to see.