Thomas Jones School

Parent and Carer Questionnaire Results

Summer 2024

Some positive parent and carer comments:

At Thomas Jones Primary School, my son is making progress in many areas at school, both academically and behaviourally. He is interested in learning, although at the beginning of the year, he struggled a bit due to less playtime. Miss Polly helped him a lot, and she has a wonderful relationship with him. She is supportive, encouraging, and also very good at pushing his learning always a bit further. Not only has she helped my child, but our entire family has learned a lot from her and her approach to teaching. She has been an inspiration to us. My son loves going to school and has positive relationships with all the staff and children, even from other classes. It's a safe and inspirational place, and as a parent, it's a joy to take him to school in such an environment.

The Teaching staff and the Senior Leadership Team have worked to such a high standard that our son has been afforded a unique experience as a Year 6 scholar. With the exceptional talents of Ms McCombe, who is both exacting and encouraging to her students, he has shown increasing enthusiasm and capacity for his output. Gentle support and guidance for pupils where needed, and clear expectations of a very high standard have meant that students are able to meet the very optimal versions of themselves in both a social and an academic capacity. The quality of teaching and thorough preparation across Year 6 meant that the SATs week was thoroughly embraced and the children were excited about their tests. Our son has had a hugely happy year, and in both academic work, and social setting it has been down to the excellent care, support and hard work of the teaching staff. Many, many thanks from us.

Love and care is found in the TJS community surrounding my son. Parents should have known how well TJS school team has achieved recently when benchmarking TJS's achievements & publicities and financial budgets with other famous state primary schools in RBKC.

Many thanks for all the support you provide to our children. The high level of expectations of the school allows them to achieve their potential and we are impressed by their work and improvement. The quality of teaching is excellent. The way Mr Sellens leads the school is fantastic. The extra curriculum activities such as the little jobs children have to do or the support they provide to the youngest pupils make them grow in the best way. This year we were really impressed with the preparation of pupils in year 5 for the year 6. We are so lucky to be part of this community, we are very grateful!

Thomas Jones is an excellent school due to its thoughtful and consistent senior leadership. Our children have thrived in their different ways and I have seen their peers do likewise. It is aspirational for its pupils. We count ourselves lucky to have had our children attend.

My daughter is really thriving in reception. We have met so many wonderful people and often meet up with them outside of school, which is great for my daughter's friendships. I am really happy with the progress that she is making with reading, writing and especially maths. She also loves the food at school, which is really important to me - she is particularly enthusiastic about the fish dishes!

We are very happy with the school and with our daughter's experience so far. It is a privilege to be a pupil here and we are very grateful to Mr Sellens and the wider staff team

for creating this standard and environment. We feel very proud to be part of the Thomas Jones family.

I like the way school organised everything the head teacher and teachers are the best. Education is the top one.

Thomas Jones have exceeded my expectation and my child has enjoyed her time at the school.

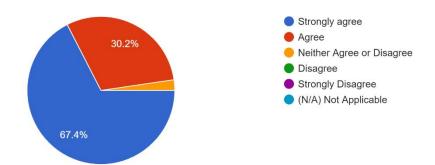
What parents/carers	What Thomas Jones is doing	
said		
You would like more clubs (physical, music, performing arts and less repetition).	During the summer term of 2024, we had 8 before/after school clubs on offer across the school (in addition to any lunch time ones) which is our maximum capacity with Play Plus also utilising school space. We have music lessons rather than clubs as well as a KS2 choir but we do have some ideas for a potential music club next year. Sports clubs may change each term, and dance and yoga run all year. Setting up a new club requires a fair amount of work, which is why there is repetition, however, clubs are constantly reviewed and so we will take this all on board when we review next term.	
You would like more challenging reading books.	If you feel your child's reading book is not the correct level then please do see the class teacher at the earliest opportunity. As a parent, your view on this is important to us.	
You are concerned sports day was cancelled again.	This year we had to cancel sports day because of having no toilet facilities, which are essential, and we were sorry to do this. Previous sports day cancellations were due to the weather – rain or heat. We always have to put safety first however we do always start each year on the assumption that sports day will go ahead and be a joyous event. We hope sports day will go ahead in all future years.	
You do not want to hear opinions from teaching assistants.	Teaching assistants will at times need to communicate with parents/carers and they will always intend to do this is a professional way. If you have any questions about a support staff communication, please see your child's class teacher at your earliest opportunity.	
You suggested Google Classroom and Google Gemini for staff at the school	Thank you, in the past during the pandemic, we have utilised Goggle Classroom and we will have a look at Google Gemini.	
You would like less computer games to be played	Computer games are played at times at Play Plus. A review of Play Plus provision has just begun, and we will discuss this again in the autumn term 2024.	
You would like better communication – email address list for parents and follow ups when needed	We will add an email address list to our website under the Contact Us page so everything is in one place.	

What parents/carers said - what we an	are doing:
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	We strive to always follow up everything with parents/carers and spend much time doing this. If you are awaiting a follow up then please do see the relevant staff member in case of a miscommunication.
You haven't had much interaction with your child's class teacher	We are sorry you feel this way. Teachers aim to be available at the start and end of the day most of the time, for any short interactions and will
	always have a meeting if a parent/carer requests it under normal circumstances. Set communications each year include parent/carer teacher meetings in the autumn and spring terms, written annual report in the summer term and the annual open afternoons in classrooms in the summer term. We pride ourselves on being available so do let us know if you would like to talk.
You are concerned about how we approach fasting during Ramandan.	As educators, first and foremost, the school cannot dismiss the implications of fasting for children – we will always approach this issue from an education perspective, as we should. Any child who fasts will be in a physical state, during the school day, which inhibits their learning outcomes and general progress. We are an inclusive school and respect all religions.

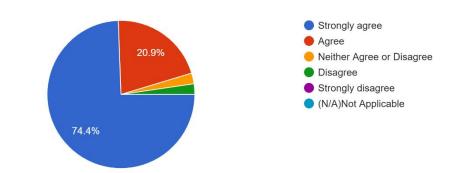
Individual question responses:

1. My child is happy at Thomas Jones.



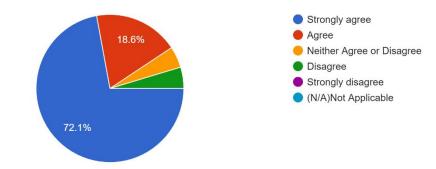
2. My child feels safe at school.

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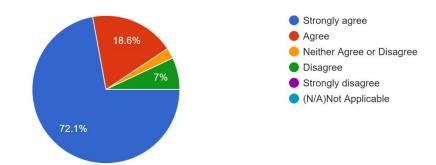


3. My child is making progress.

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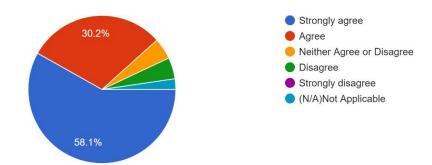


4. Thomas Jones has high expectations for my child. ⁴³ responses

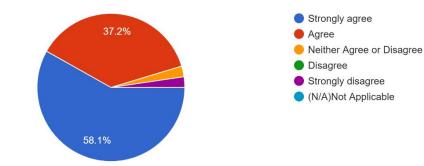


5. The school meets my child's particular needs.

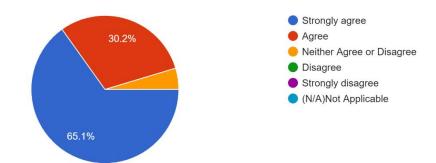
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6. This school ensures my child is well looked after. ⁴³ responses

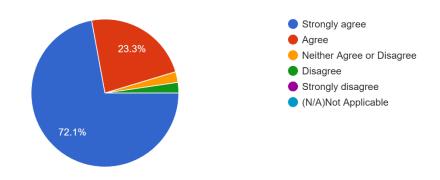


7. My child is well taught.

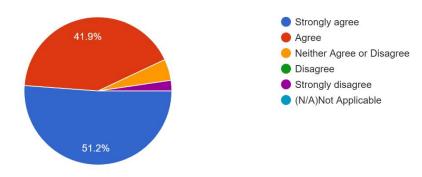


8. Thomas Jones helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.

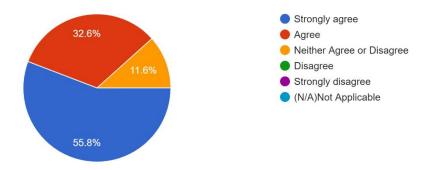
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9. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year. ⁴³ responses

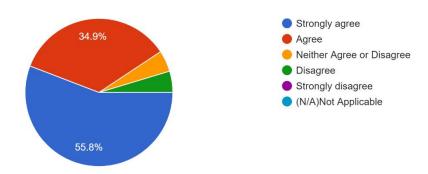


10. There are a good range of subjects available to my child at this school. ⁴³ responses

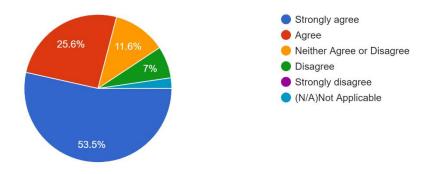


11. This school supports my child's wider personal development.

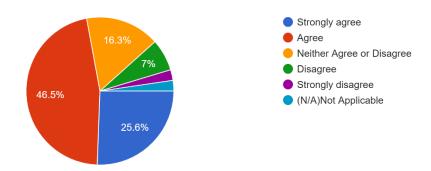
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12. My child receives home learning suitable to his or her stage of development. ⁴³ responses

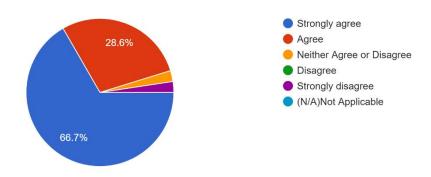


13. The school provides a range of high quality clubs and enrichment activities before, during and after school.

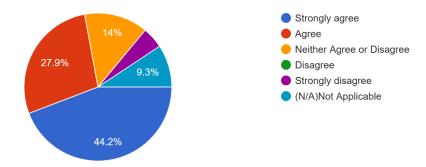


14. This school makes sure that its pupils are well behaved.

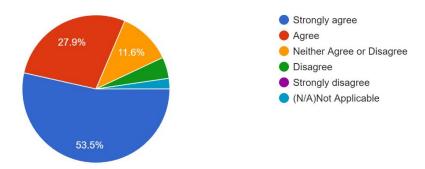
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15. This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).43 responses

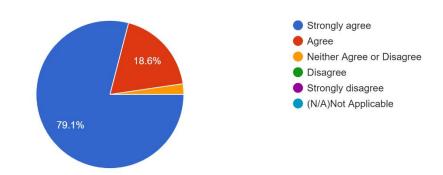


16. Thomas Jones effectively promotes equality and diversity.43 responses

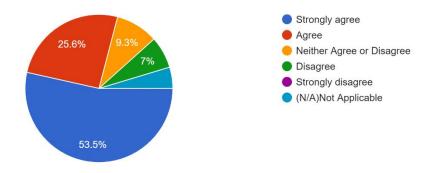


17. Thomas Jones is well led.

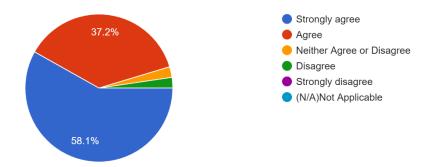
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18. The school responds well to any concerns I raise. ⁴³ responses

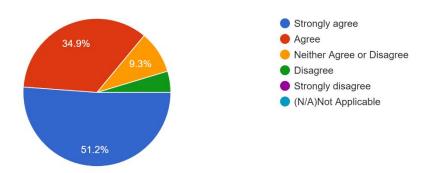


19. I receive valuable information about my child's progress (e.g. parent consultations, end of year reports, open afternoons).



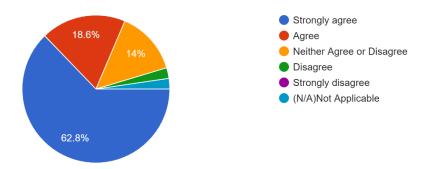
20. The school communicates well with me as a parent/carer.

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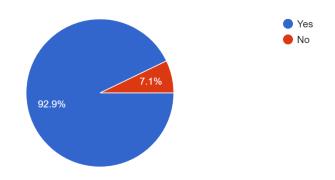


21. Thomas Jones has effective safeguarding measures and responds to any concerns promptly and thoroughly.

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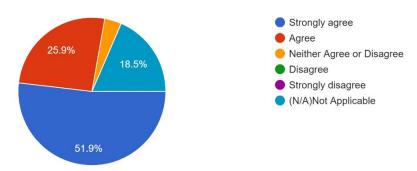


22. I would recommend Thomas Jones to another parent/carer. 42 responses

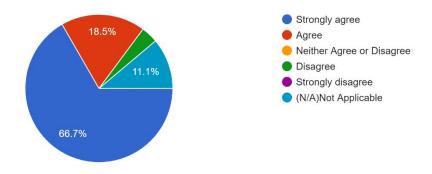


For those children receiving SEND support:

My views and opinions about how best to support my child are valued and acted upon. ²⁷ responses



My child is given the appropriate support that they need to succeed. ²⁷ responses



Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to respond to the questionnaire. We really value all of your comments and suggestions.