

What our parents like about Gorse Ride Schools

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"The way the staff care for all the children"

"Excellent support and a lovely school environment. Staff are fantastic"

"The school is very pro active in ensuring the emotional side of the child is cared for"

"My daughter loves going to school and learning. She has a sense of belonging and feels very included"

What do you like about Gorse Ride Schools ?

"How approachable staff are and how children are really nurtured and well cared for. Any concerns I have had are dealt with effectively and my daughter is extremely happy and well settled"

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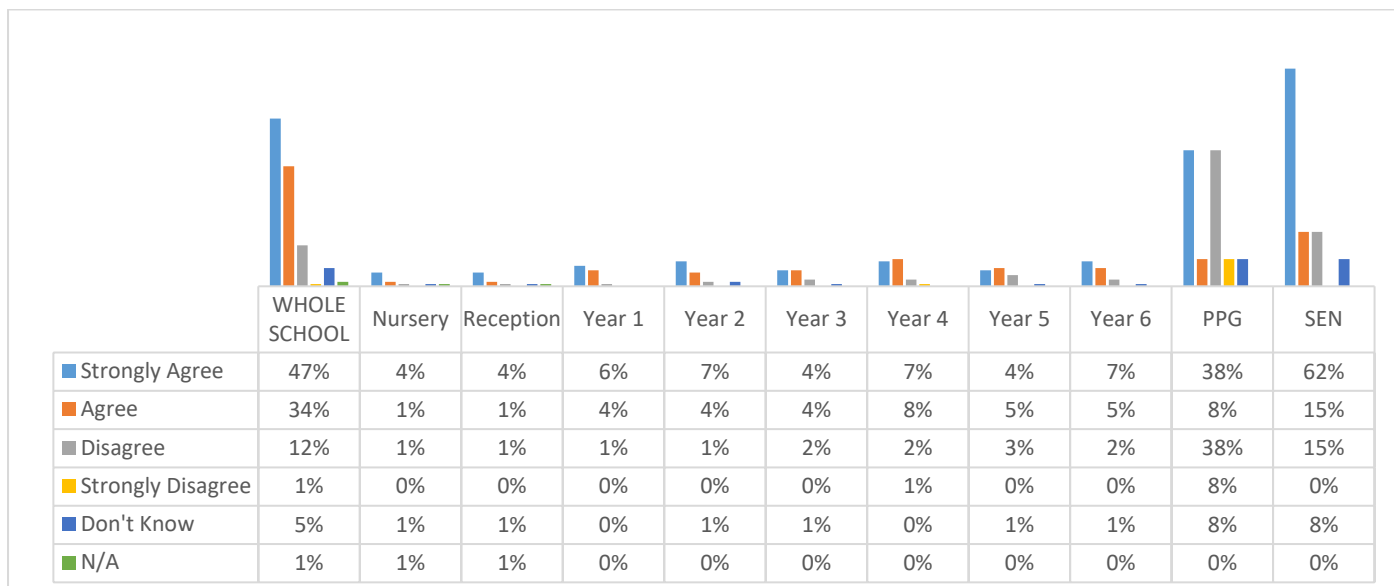
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My child has not been bullied

Bullying can have a destructive and harmful impact on the lives of children at school, significantly impacting the emotional health and wellbeing of individual children. It can lead to feelings of self-doubt, lack of confidence, low self-esteem and it can also affect the ability of a child to learn and achieve. It is important for us as a school to recognise that bullying exists but to work hard to reduce the frequency, severity and likelihood of bullying incidents. At Gorse Ride Schools we strive to create an environment where bullying is not tolerated.

Our survey shows that 81% of parents were confident that their child had not been bullied. 5% were unsure. Of the 19 pupils that had experienced bullying, 16 of the parents said the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.



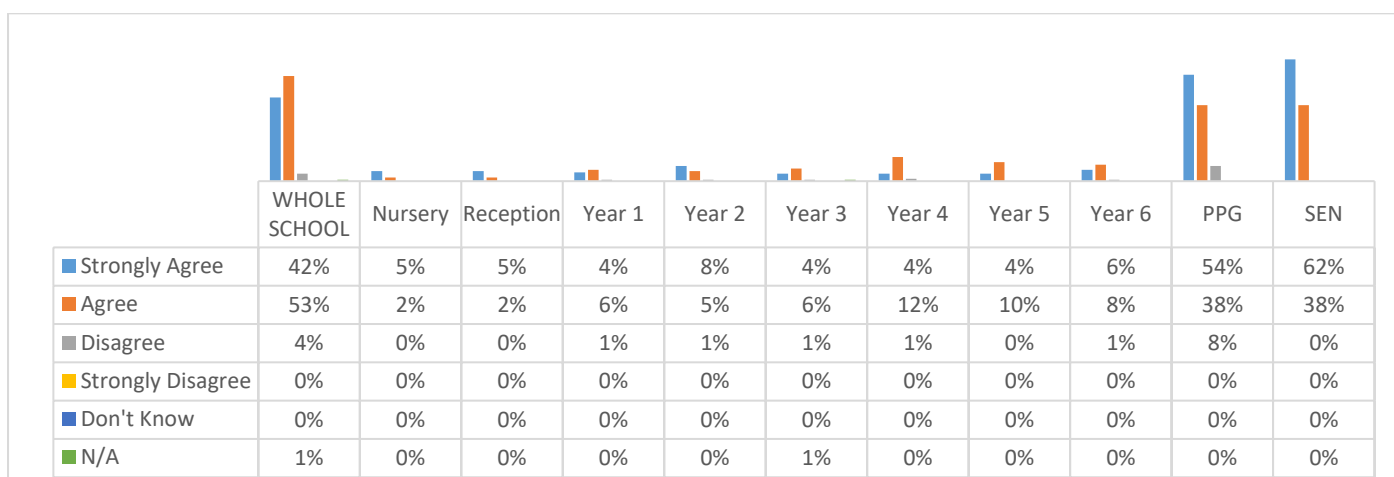
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

	Whole School	PPG	SEN
Positive Response	12%	46%	23%
Negative Response	3%	0%	0%
N/A (my child has not experienced bullying)	85%	54%	77%

The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year

One of the best predictors of pupil success is the extent to which families encourage learning at home and involve themselves in their child's education. As parental engagement has a large and positive impact on children's learning we understand the responsibility as a school to keep parents well informed of what their child will be learning with clear and consistent communication.

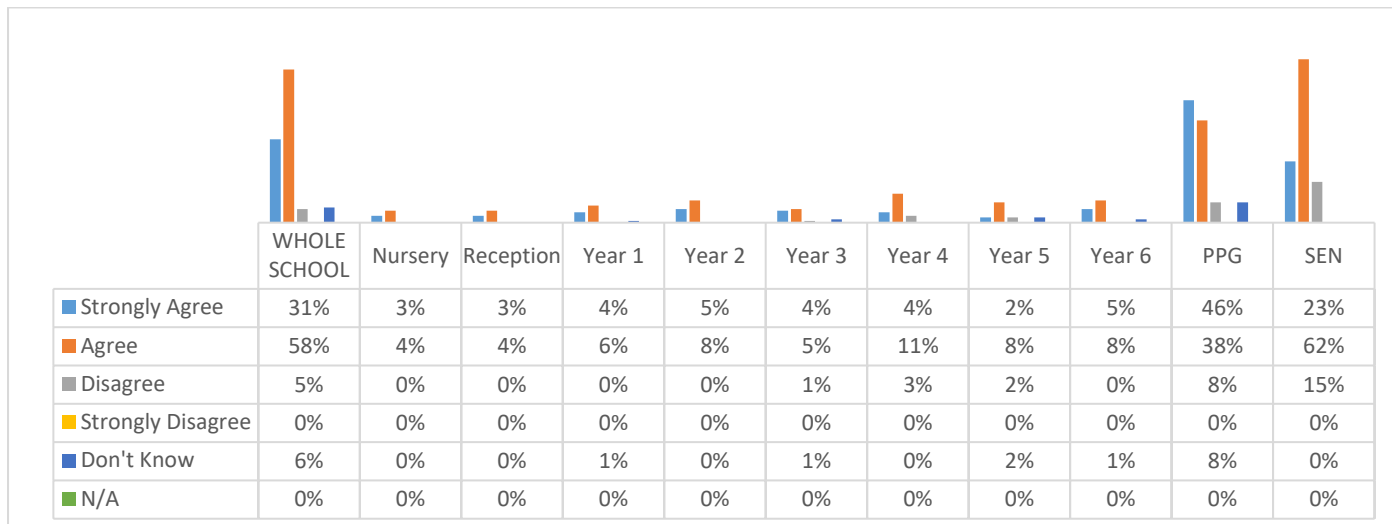
We are delighted that 95% of parents responded positively to this question. 100% of parents with SEN children responded positively and 92% of PPG.



The school has high expectations for my child

Pupil achievement is strongly affected by what the teacher expects of them and this has been demonstrated by many educational researchers. The first and most famous experiment is known as the Pygmalion Effect; when teachers taught with a growth mindset, it didn't matter where the students began, all pupils progressed and developed to a much higher degree and therefore when a school has high expectations for a child, that child will unequivocally perform better.

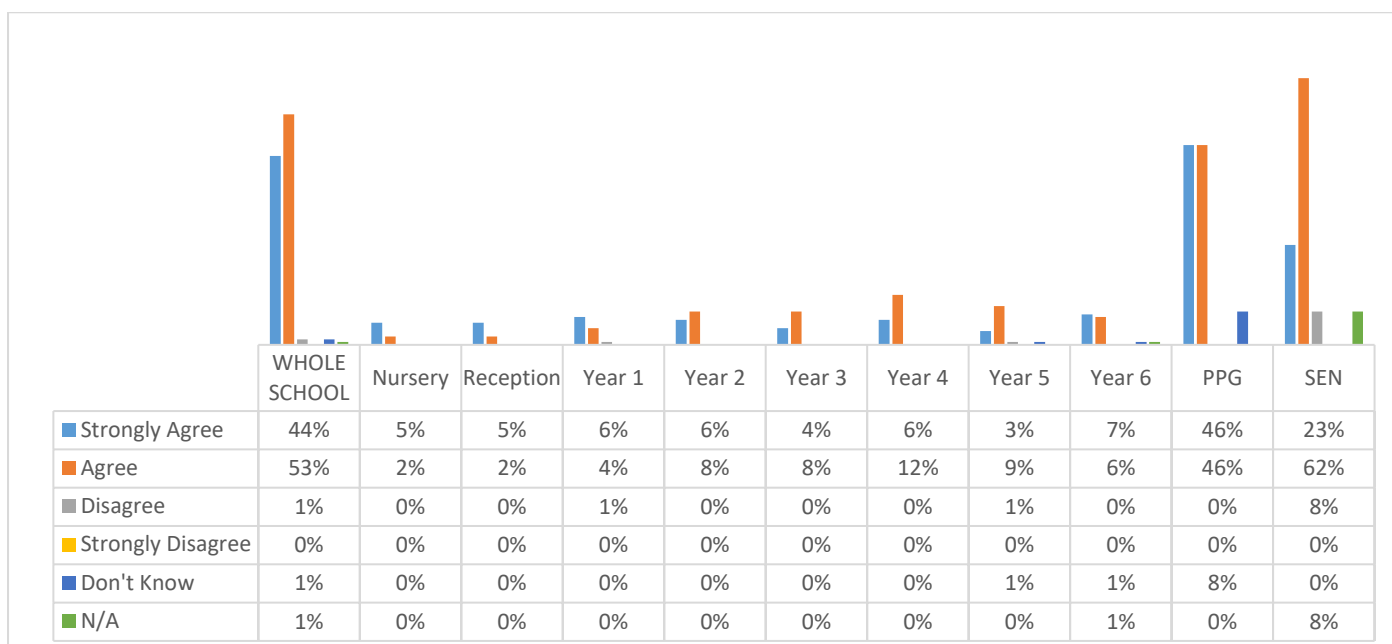
89% of parents/carers agree that the school have high expectations for their child. 84% of parents of PPG children agreed with this statement and 85% of parents with children with SEND. We will continue to develop communications around expectations through Information Evenings, Parents' Evenings, Newsletters and termly Meet the Teacher sessions.



My child does well at Gorse Ride Schools

Children are naturally driven to learn and explore. They are at the beginning of their lifelong quest to understand and gain mastery of the world around them. It goes without saying that we want all of our children to do well at Gorse Ride Schools but whilst teacher skill and communication is vitally important, there are a number of influential factors for student success that happen outside of school. In fact, research shows that supportive behaviour from parents or guardians correlates with student achievement.

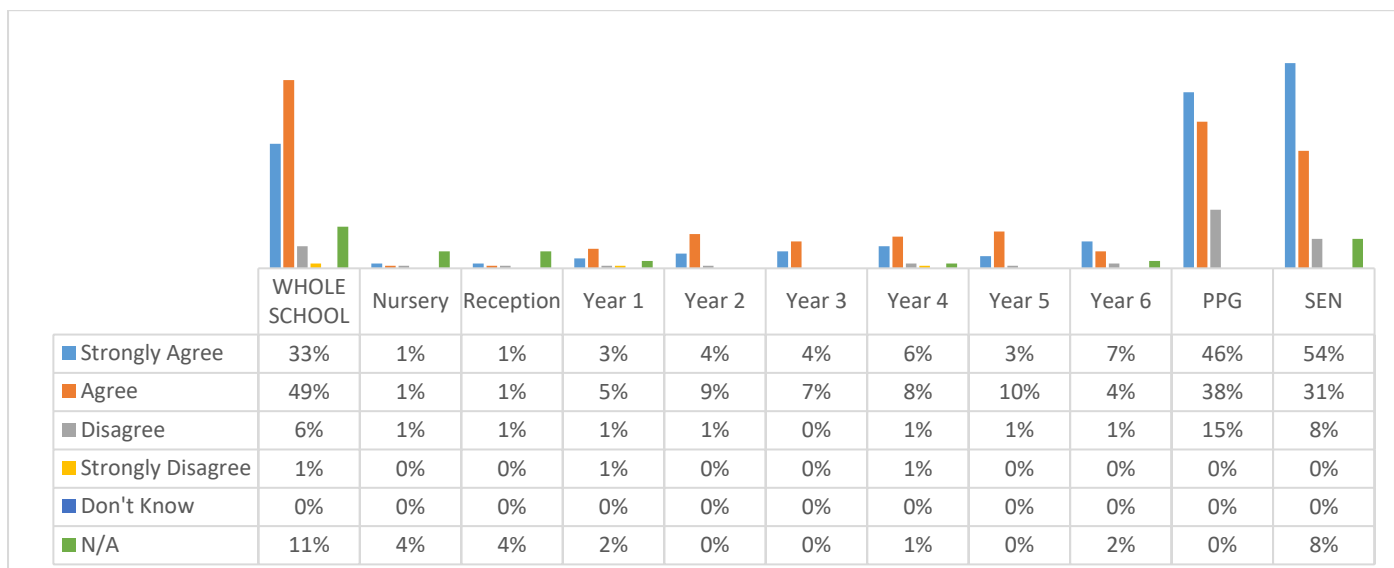
So, although we are obviously delighted that 97% of parents feel that their child is doing well at Gorse Ride Schools, we cannot take all the credit and we want you to recognise as parents that your support is a key factor of your child's success at school. Therefore, you should be equally as proud that your child is doing well at our school as we are.



My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

Gorse Ride Schools recognise that engaging in clubs and activities in a productive environment helps strengthen confidence and independence. Developing and succeeding in new activities helps build character and enhance leadership and team skills. We offer a wide range of clubs and activities to allow all children of varying ages, abilities and interests to participate.

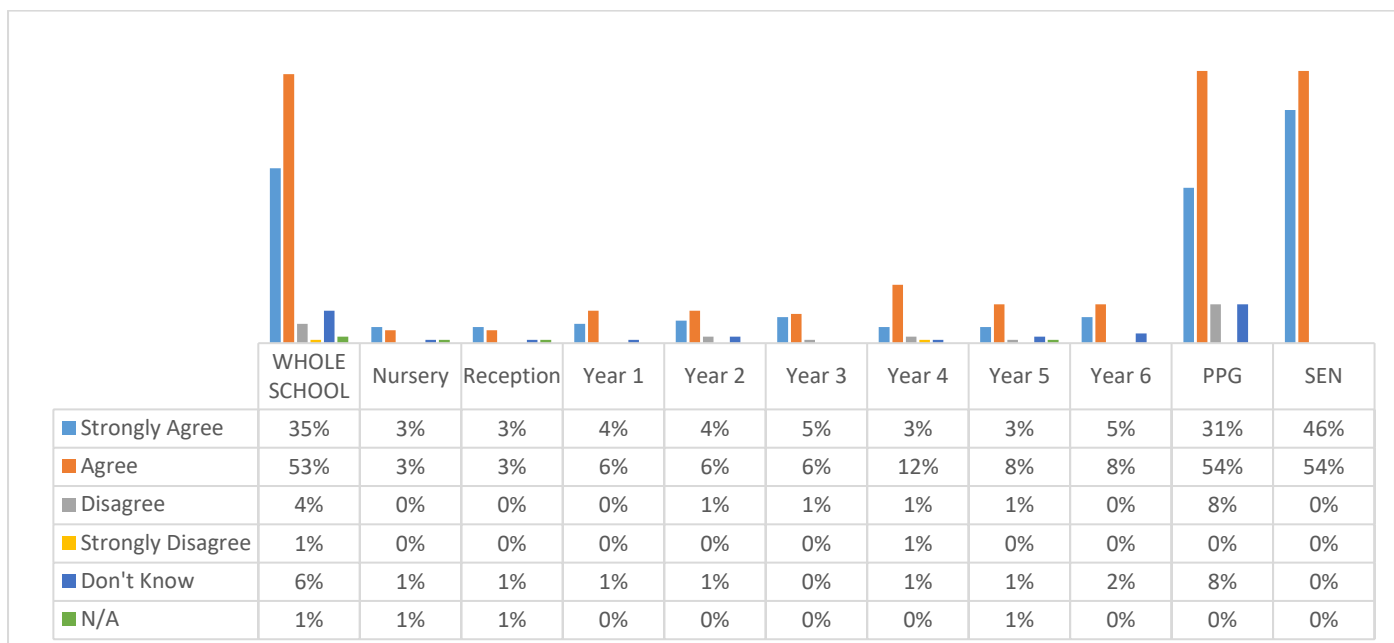
It is disappointing that 7% of parents feel that their child is not able to participate in clubs or activities. This is something we will investigate further and if necessary, extend our offer to ensure that all children are able to enjoy our clubs and activities.



The school supports my child's wider personal development

Gorse Ride seeks to foster our pupils' development in their relationships, emotional skills and overall wellbeing. We believe that a 'whole child' approach is necessary for enrichment and to ensure that children learn well. We are delighted to learn that 87% of parents feel we are doing this well, however, we recognise the high importance of this category and we will be working hard to ensure that we raise the number of positive responses in our next survey.

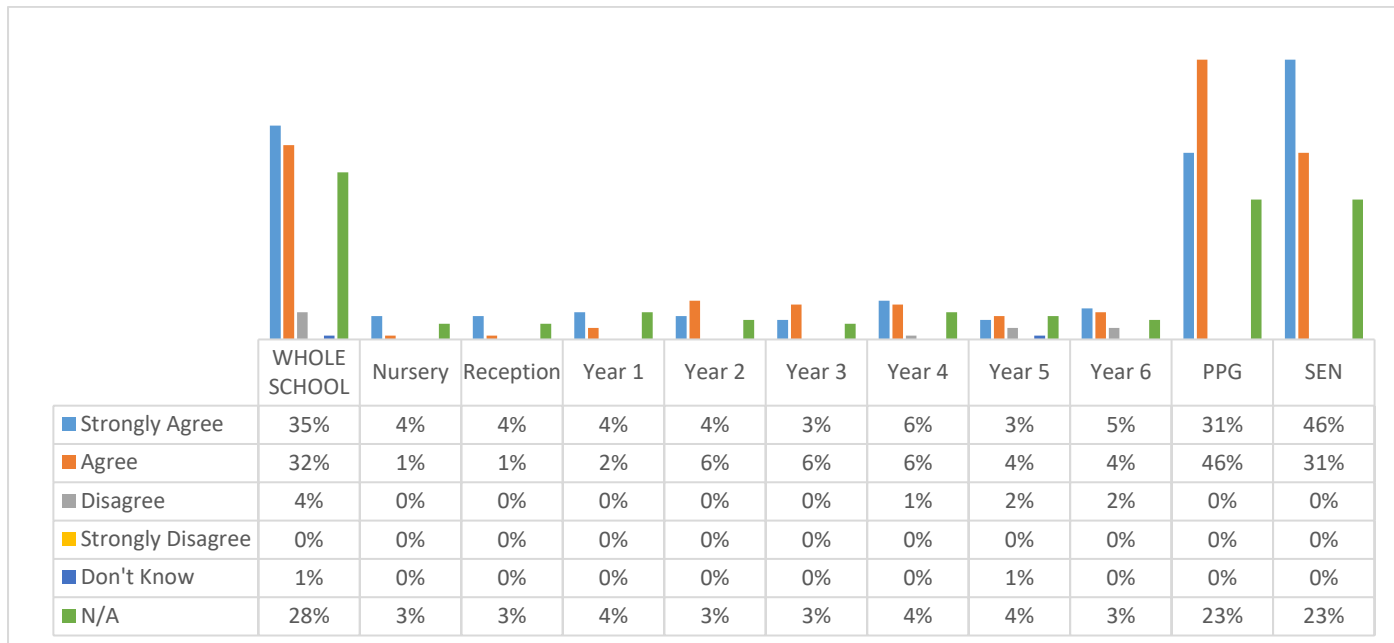
Poverty, housing and food insecurity can have a detrimental impact on children's learning and behaviour. Many of the parent comments in our survey reiterate that staff have awareness, empathy and cultural competence to understand and listen to children and as a school we understand that this can buffer the effects of adversity. It was encouraging, therefore, to learn that 85% of parents of PPG children feel that the school supports their child's wider development. With regard to personal development, we feel our strengths are our inclusive practice, our strong focus on values and Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE) curriculum. Our school has an Inclusion Team with trained ELSA's (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Speech and Language support.



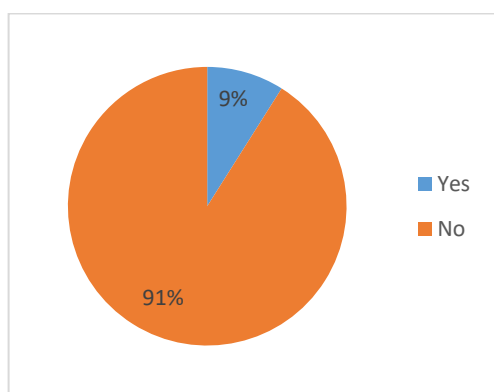
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly

As a values based school, we teach our pupils kindness, respect and sensitivity and we believe that extends to all of our school community so when a parent raises a concern we apply these same values. We hope that parents feel comfortable raising concerns with us so that we can work together to achieve our shared goal of supporting their child's wellbeing.

100% of parents of our SEN children agreed that concerns are dealt with positively and appropriately. None of our parents of PPG children have felt the need to raise a concern and only 4% (7 parents) of the whole school disagreed that concerns had not been dealt with properly.

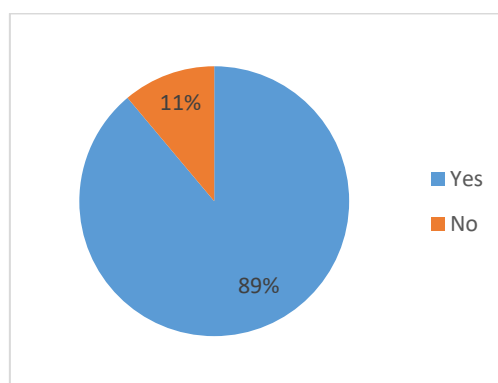


Does your child have special educational needs ?



How strongly do you agree with this statement ...

"My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed"



Research has found that children and young people with SEN can excel when the correct support and educational provisions are provided. Ultimately, we understand that the support that Gorse Ride provide children with SEN during their primary education, will have huge implications and results for their future.

PARENT COMMENTS

When asked what parents / carers like about Gorse Ride Schools, this is what they said ...

Staff are friendly and are always there to help. We went to the school when we were children and we felt safe there so we know our child will do great there.

Friendly atmosphere, the teachers and staff all genuinely care about the kids.

There is a really strong spirit of inclusion and community, the children all feel a sense of belonging. I like the way that the school prioritises the things that are actually important to the children's education - ie, it's more important that they remember their reading book than if they've turned up in the wrong uniform, etc. The teachers are also really approachable and friendly, never make the parent feel like they're overreacting or as if their concerns, however small, are unimportant.

We are very grateful our daughter's teachers who have been fantastic at supporting her in the areas she finds more challenging.

My daughter's teacher is amazing! She is just LOVELY! She's always so happy with smiles. My daughter has grown in confidence so much over the last year. Thank you for all your hard work.

I think the school is child-centred with caring staff.

There is a strong sense of belonging and community spirit. My child enjoys learning and going to school.

The community and inclusive atmosphere.

The staff have always ensured that my son is able to reach his full potential, allowing him to explore lots of avenues to deal with his anxiety, concentration and his inability to control friendship groups around him. I would like to especially mention the outstanding care and attention given by the teachers in his Infant years. They have given him the chance to understand that yes he's a little different but that has allowed him to manage that himself. He still uses the tools and methods taught by these ladies when he struggles with certain aspects of everyday life.

My daughter loves going to school and learning. She has a sense of belonging and feels very included.

The teachers are amazing

The atmosphere and approach to learning. My daughter's teacher brings out the best in her.

Caring and nurturing feel to the school. Commitment to wellbeing. Calm atmosphere.

Overall very happy - thank you.

Friend groups and teachers are great

Everyone is on fair ground.

I feel that my son's teacher really understands him and has managed to get him to enjoy school. He has also given him confidence to complete his work in all subjects.

The teachers and other staff members are very supportive of my child and if I have any concerns they are dealt with quickly and effectively.

It is a very caring and inclusive school

Amazing teachers always go above and beyond !

The strong values which the children are all encouraged to take part in.

My son has does really well with the good discipline in Year 4.

My son is doing exceptionally well so the teachers must be doing an excellent job with him

I like the nurturing environment

I am very happy with my son's class and school life within it. His class teachers have clearly made a big effort to get to know him, and work to bring out the best in him in all ways. He enjoys school and that's testament to the efforts of the teachers and staff who look after him every day. A massive thank you to them, especially in light of the ongoing challenges we have had over the past two years.

The staff care about the children and the atmosphere is very nurturing. I would also like to comment on the leadership of Ms Rogers, who has had to deal with an unprecedented range of situations, from global pandemic to the tragedy of the sudden death of a pupil, with fortitude, resilience and a focus at all times on the welfare of the children.

The school is very proactive in assuring the emotional side of the child is cared for. My daughter's teacher responds very quickly to concerns and contacts parents to talk it through. The ELSA support is very good.

Strong values and close community. Always helpful and approachable.

The school has a real community feel. All staff are very approachable and my children love being there.

My child enjoys school and seems to be doing well, the topics covered are interesting for him.

My son is happy at school and seems to be doing well. He enjoys the topics and talks about what he has learned at home.

The support from the teachers and the wide range of diverse subjects. A warm and welcoming approach to learning.

Teachers are empathic to child's needs and kind, and show they care.

Pastoral care, the staff and the learning experiences.

The supporting and caring community - they genuinely care about each child and do their best to ensure that measures are in place to get the best from each child

Community feel and the teachers

I like how the school's priority is to be caring and nurturing. I feel confident that my son is supported when he needs some extra care. I like how enthusiastic my son is about his learning and other aspects of school, I feel this comes from the positive environment that you create as a school.

Good leadership, consistency of teachers and staff, friendly supportive environment

I like the friendly environment and my daughter settled well at the school.

It is very nurturing, encouraging kindness. PE coaches are good.

The friendly staff and the fact that the teachers do whatever they can for the children in making sure they get all the help and encouragement they need to do their best.

Gorse Ride Schools have a holistic approach to the children's education. They ensure that not only do the children achieve academically, but also their emotional & social wellbeing is prioritised and grows too. This fantastic approach has been a particular strength over the last couple of years, supporting the children brilliantly through the disruptions of the pandemic.

Emphasis on values

The sense of community, sense of belonging and values they instil in the students.

Sense of community and focus on values such as kindness and inclusion.

The staff have always been very professional and caring. This is very much appreciated in these difficult and unpredictable times.

The way the staff care for all the children

The family atmosphere and everyone knows my son

The pastoral care, the staff and the range of subjects and experiences offered.

My son is very happy at Gorse Ride and enjoys learning.

Approachability of the teachers.

My son has always enjoyed going to school and enjoyed the learning. Staff are always happy, helpful and easy to approach and the school has a lovely community feel.

They have great teachers

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Teachers are excellent, nurturing environment, wonderful caring community.

My son's teacher is fantastic!!!! One amazing teacher. She has such a good relationship with the children. She goes above and beyond, sends replies/ returns work / gives feedback at all hours in her own time. Gives the children such confidence. Thank you for all your hard work

Great school, great teachers!!!

Friendly atmosphere.

Teaching staff are amazing and try to give all of the support my son needs.

My son enjoys school very much and he is making extremely good progress across the whole curriculum. Mrs Barnes is absolutely amazing and is an excellent teacher.

The school communicate well with parents regarding school and academic matters.

The supportive caring staff.

My daughter feels very happy to go to school, she is recognised as a leader (eg: Eco Committee etc), encouraged her to support other children. When I raise any question / email / phone to the school, I get a prompt response from the school authorities. We are very pleased with the school. Keep it up Gorse Ride team.

The school ethos and values, which have filtered down to the children on a regular basis.

I like the nurturing environment

It's a community school with good values and I know that all the staff care very much about how the children develop.

The nursery staff are lovely, they really are doing a great job with the children.

We are absolutely over the moon with the nursery. The staff team are incredible; their warmth and enthusiasm shines through. My son adores going. As working parents, we have needed to email queries and information to the teacher, which she has replied to quickly and thoroughly. The nursery offers a rich learning environment. Thank you.

The nursery staff are all lovely. Isabelle definitely goes to Nursery everyday to see her teachers more than anything.

I love the amazing activities the nursery put on for the children each week and all the special activities you do. We felt even with Covid restrictions you were still able to do special things like Father Christmas/panto /farm visits and keep the children safe. We love the communication we have regarding any changes to restrictions and we are very grateful our child can still attend nursery and you're doing everything possible to keep everyone safe.

We also felt the information evening was fantastic to come away with things we can do with our child to support him to get him ready for school. We also liked the tour to see what Gorse Ride has to offer.

Gorse Ride staff are approachable and are here for parents. We are very happy with Gorse Ride and the main thing is our little boy is happy at Gorse Ride Nursery.

By July, all three of my children will have done 5 terms (or more!) in Nursery. All three have loved it. The staff are fantastic. The children seem to engage in lots of fun, varied activities. Thank you.

Nursery staff are friendly and approachable. They have picked up a slight speech development issue quickly and had an assessment done. I raised concerns at his previous nursery about this and was told there was nothing to worry about. My son is now getting additional help from Gorse Ride.

My son loves to come to Nursery. We are hoping that he will start in Reception class at Gorse Ride Infants in September.

My son loves going to Nursery and is always so happy to go. In the beginning he was very anxious to go in but the staff were so friendly and made great relationships with him. He is making great progress in his learning and it's great to see the progress on Tapestry. The nursery classroom is really exciting and looks like lots of fun!

The teachers are all so lovely and my daughter talks about them a lot and they have been incredibly supportive with her eating there.

Focus on the child as individuals

How it treats each child as an individual and tailors learning to their needs

The staff I have met all come across happy and I feel reassured they are looking after my daughter

The staff are amazing and my son is very happy!

I think the school is child-centred with caring and friendly staff.

How approachable staff are and how children are really nurtured and well cared for. Any concerns I have had are dealt with effectively and my daughter is happy and well settled. She loves school. I have been impressed with the before and after school clubs.

My son has struggled to acclimatise academically. The staff have been fantastic in recognising his needs and have gone above and beyond to help him, in spite of the extra work. I cannot thank them enough.

Teachers are parents at the school, there is such a big effort to make it fun for kids. Christmas activities were amazing and my daughter's learning progress is noticeable at home.

The pastoral approach. I think the team in the Nest are just fantastic. They support my son really well. They tell me if there are any issues, knowing that my son is awaiting a diagnosis for autism.

Lovely friendly caring culture.

The variety of the lessons and the day activities

The teaching staff and classroom support in the Nest are an amazing team.

My son has grown in confidence this year, I cannot believe how much he has learnt since September. Now beginning to read/write his name and write short sentences. Thank you for all your hard work!

My child is happy and well looked after at school he is doing well. I like the Read Write Inc, Power Maths and Tapestry.

The teachers make it a priority to really know each child as an individual and assess/meet their needs on a personal basis. They are very quick to pick up on and raise any potential concerns with the parents. The RWI scheme is incredibly well-run and I am amazed at how well my daughter's reading has improved in just the last couple of months.

Great community feel. The children has always felt comfortable and supported. The Infants school has really supported the required needs on the child's education, including keeping parents informed about how else we can support outside of school.

I think the staff are fantastic and the teachers are very attentive. I have personally experienced staff member going out of her way to actually ensure that my son was ok and he was up to date with his schedule during his long absence in school.

Encouraging children to enjoy learning

Excellent support and a lovely school environment. Staff are fantastic.

The family community feeling and the child led topic learning in the early years setting.

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Excellent teachers, caring, kind and make my daughter feel included whatever her level of learning is at. No emphasis on her ability to be at the same level as others peers. I'm very happy with the support she gets. Very nurturing towards her.

Caring, nurturing, calm atmosphere, commitment to wellbeing.

Friendly atmosphere.

The teachers and other staff members are very supportive of my child and if I have any concerns they are dealt with quickly and effectively.

Values and community

Friendly and welcoming staff. A great atmosphere and my child is very happy there. Also, the progress he has made since September is very clear to see. Thank you!

Lovely staff, they really care about the kids

My son is autistic and we feel that the level of support Gorse Ride has provided, and continues to provide, is exceptional. The teachers have been fantastic.

Both my children look forward to going to school and return home happy at the end of the school day. We can see their development along the way so I don't think we can ask for any more than that.

Strong values and community spirit. Teachers go above and beyond to support the children.

I love the community - they genuinely care about each child and their growth.

That they look after the emotional well-being of the children as well as the academic ones, for instance through addressing bullying actively.

Staff are very easy to talk to and my daughter appears to be very happy at Gorse Ride.

The strong values the school teaches the children.

Great atmosphere, friendly staff and my child loves it and is achieving very well.

Teachers, ethos, location

I like the feel of the school and the staff have put lots in place to get my daughter back up to where she should be from the lock down periods. She has made great learning progress and is very happy going to school.

The nurturing approach to learning and the wide range of subjects and topics.

Focus on child as individuals

The atmosphere

My daughter's teacher is fantastic. She is on it and reports back regularly on progress and issues.

Excellent teachers - all demonstrate their passion for teaching and care for the pupils.

Good community spirit at the school, my daughter is happy at school and teachers have always been very supportive of her.

My children are happy there and both seem to be doing well

Caring staff, feel they listen to my concerns and act swiftly.

The Infant School's focus on RWI is excellent, the scheme is brilliant.

I like that the priority of the school is to be caring and nurturing and that all other aspects of my daughter's education stem from that priority. There is a genuine warmth towards the children and families.

The values it promotes

They deal with issues promptly

Love the feel of the school, teachers, parents and children

I've never had a problem but I'm sure the school would be very helpful if there was.