

Online Parent Survey Responses Oct 2017

Responses: 19

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the information you receive?	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
	31.58%	52.63%	10.53%	5.26%	0
To what extent do you think that your child/ren enjoy going to New Marston school?	A tremendous amount	Quite a bit	Somewhat	A little bit	Not at all
	21.05%	52.63%	21.05%	5.26%	0
How safe does your child feel at this school?	Extremely safe	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Not so safe	Not at all safe
	31.58%	57.6%	10.53%	0%	0%
In your child's opinion, how motivating are the classroom lessons in school?	Extremely motivating	Quite motivating	Somewhat motivating	Slightly motivating	Not at all motivating
	15.8%	52.6%	26.3%	0%	5.26%
How likely are you to recommend New Marston School to others?	Extremely likely	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not so likely	Not at all likely
	21.1%	26.3%	31.9%	10.5%	10%
Did you prefer the format of the Parent/Teacher meetings this year?	Yes	No	Don't mind		
	84%	5%	11%		
Do you think your child is suitably challenged in lessons to perform well?	Always	Usually	Not usually	Never	
	11%	74%	11%	4%	

What would you like to see in the aims and vision for New Marston School?

Bring out the best in each and every child. Cater for all levels of ability.

Just concentrate on good teaching and good community, no need for gimmicks.

A commitment to building sustainable links with parents and the wider community. Teaching children skills that are appropriate to the modern digital world.

More musical input...ie children playing instruments as you walk in and out of assembly, more information choice of music lessons Bigger boost for reading...incentives reading records Homework. ..make sure it is regular

Identifying and developing high achievers

More feed back about how child doing at school.

I would like more able children to be better catered for. The message should be aim high! I would love there to be a greater emphasis on music, which is all inclusive... and I would like to see more stimulating clubs and activities on offer.

A prom in year 6 for leavers, as felt they didn't really do a lot compared to other schools. Maybe 2 nights away somewhere. Or even a trip to a theme park.

1. more challenges academically 2.catering to the needs of individual child..not all children are the same. the thing is the gifted children do not get the kind of challenges and motivation that they deserve 3.more homework 4.more projects 5. more focus on science experiments

1.strong emphasis on children's moral development - ie teaching children to be kind and caring towards one another, truthfulness etc. 2 While the school has to meet the demands of Ofsted, the emphasis should be on the wellbeing of the children and on their emotional and intellectual development - at whatever pace that takes place. Related to this point: inspiring a life-long love of learning (much more important than achieving fixed targets at set times.)

Excellent education, confident children

Inclusive, nurturing, inspires everyone (to try new things, to challenge themselves, to try their best etc)

Children achieving at their full potential regardless of social or ethnic background (or the national standards).

I think the school has improved massively since returning in September and I hope this continues. Would like to see continued improvements in communication, timekeeping from school and improved facilities

What are the strengths of New Marston School?

Diversity, nice environment. Good teachers

Excellent teachers.

A committed team of staff who are valued for their specialisms such as music, dance, languages etc. Excellent relationships with the children. Strong on inclusivity and diversity.

Fantastic staff

Diversity, friendliness

This year teacher responded so fast when problem acquired and let parents know outcomes.

It is a friendly school with a real mix of cultures. The teachers are largely great and want the best for the children.

To be honest I've not really seen any difference in the school. Not sure where there strengths are.

I like the friendly atmosphere but the teachers are lacking when it comes to giving challenges to the deserving students. They like to be fair, but what about the needs of the gifted children?

Community based - most families are local. Lovely, dedicated teachers who want to do their best for the children. Big improvement in management recently.

It's a warm friendly place.

Lots of things. The staff mainly

Responsive leadership, happy children

Small class size, the provision of wrap around care, teachers seem friendly and approachable

Enthusiastic staff and diverse school.

What do you think we could do to improve New Marston School?

My child has quite a high ability in reading and maths. I would like there to be facility to challenge him in these and not leave him feeling bored.

"Get more organised" says my kid! Most of my criticism through the years has been along the same lines, but I think it's on the up now.

Greater use of ICT, coding, etc. Balancing the demands of OFSTED and league tables with the wellbeing of the children.

Involve local community more Get school involved in local events...Oxford in Bloom festival of voices

Give more advance notice of events, etc.

Would be nice if parents will know more what children are learning in the class each week.

Communication has improved and can be better still. I would like homework to be more consistent. Each year seems to have a different message about its importance. I would like to see better after school clubs.

My children say improve school dinners.

Hope they can apply the ways they are doing in Cherwell school so that this school will become outstanding when it comes to giving of quality education to students

More music - start an orchestra. Less emphasis on SATS - for both stages. Make homework optional for all year groups. Start the 'daily mile' for primary children programme

It would be nice if the children were challenged according to their level.

More consistency between the teaching. Sometimes it feels strange what is asked of the children. E.g. Year one might have loads of home work one year but year five none

First impression of the school could be improved e.g. Reception area, outside space can be untidy.

For families: Optimise communication, check accuracy of details sent out, collect/acknowledge/action feedback, increase community involvement e.g. stay and play drop in for younger siblings, or adult education out of school hours For all: have clear leadership and expectations of all stakeholders (staff, children, families), inspire / facilitate the delivery of high quality education to raise standards, incorporate daily exercise, avoid gender bias, take up University of Oxford STEM opportunities (or similar) <https://www.mpls.ox.ac.uk/equality-and-diversity/parents-for-stem-futures>

I think NM School is on its way to improvement already. I really appreciate the more effective communication between school and parents. I feel sometimes it is hard for me to really know what my child is learning though. It is good that you have now instated Open Days for current parents which I plan to attend. Maybe provide parents with the syllabus at the beginning of the academic year and clear standard of expectations for the year groups.

Improvements in buildings everything always looks a little tired. Reduced turnover of staff - daughter is in year one and has repeated changes in teachers and support staff since starting NM. Activities for parents to engage with the school which do not fall within standard school or working hours. Improved morning procedures chaotic entrances to classrooms with everyone going through one gate especially with the amount of pushchairs. Control of traffic and parking outside of front of school also ice cream van parking directly outside in the summer at home time should be restricted.