



Annual Parent Survey Analysis 2024-25

Date completed: 11th / 13th February 2025

Number of surveys completed: 84

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
The school helps me to support my child's learning	69%	29%	2%			
The school has high expectations for all	66%	31%	2%	1%		
Halton School has a good approach to pupil welfare and safety and that helps to create a safe, comfortable and secure environment	75%	21%	4%			
Staff know my child well and try to make sure their well-being needs are met	69%	29%	2%			
I feel comfortable about approaching the school and I know that any concerns will be dealt with sensitively and effectively	77%	18%	4%	1%		
The school has high expectations for behaviour and this is reflected by pupils' behaviour and attitude to learning	78%	17%	5%			
There is good communication between staff, pupils and parents and people feel valued and listened to	54%	40%	4%	2%		
Halton School is well led and managed	76%	23%	1%			
Consultation evenings and annual reports indicate how my child is progressing and give targets to raise attainment	69%	27%	4%			
My child's homework tasks on Seesaw help to consolidate their learning	46%	32%	14%	6%		2%
My child likes school and enjoys learning	67%	25%	8%			
Pupils and staff respect each other and have good working relationships	69%	31%				
Halton School provides a range of extra-curricular activities and clubs	64%	31%	4%	1%		
Transition sessions make the start of a new class as easy as possible	69%	27%	2%			2%
My child is proud to be a member of Halton School and proud of the school's many achievements	85%	13%	2%			
Kids Kapers wraparound care is effective and well managed 43 responses Percentages are of the 43, not 84	88%	12%				

What do you think we do particularly well at Halton School?

- Settling sessions for new classes. The way they settle in from Bluebells to Y1 was the best I have seen (schools I have worked in and from my 3 older children)
- Creating a friendly environment for all pupils
- The pastoral care is outstanding
- Teachers are approachable and of a high calibre
- Office staff are organised, efficient and friendly
- Provide support and good communication for parents
- Child support. Communication. Personable school
- Good levels of homework (not too much)
- Good school dinner options
- Nurturing students, building confidence and self-esteem
- Giving children roles and responsibilities
- All children are seen, heard and accepted for who they are. My child loves coming to school and I couldn't ask for anything more than that.
- Very supportive teachers and staff. Both my children love coming to school. They are proud of their school.
- We are very grateful for the SEND and pastoral support provided by Mrs Rawlins and Mrs Allen
- iRock is a great extra-curricular activity
- You address issues
- Parent / teacher relationship
- Welfare
- Variety of activities available.
- School establishes an environment that the children enjoy and can learn in. Provides a variety of approaches to support learning.
- Very well run breakfast and after school club
- Brilliant community spirit where all children know each other and get on despite age group.
- Great SEN offer
- Good communication. Everything is taken into consideration when it comes to children starting at Halton.
- Staggered start and finish is a good idea, it helps to manage the flow of pupils in a safe, effective manner, we feel this was a brilliant move.
- Keeping parents well informed on all matters is also a good thing
- Parents evenings run well
- There are lots of clubs
- Culture and environment
- The children are all encouraged to play together at lunch time
- I like how the older children are really helpful to the other children and adults. I think Buddy Time is really great for the younger children as they get a lot from the sessions and when they transition to the main school it does not seem so scary.
- You work with families to strengthen healthy relationships
- Make reasonable adjustments to work with family circumstances
- Create a safe and healthy and happy learning environment for the children
- A close-knit, welcoming environment
- Very inclusive
- Regular parents evenings are very well organised.
- Sports Clubs
- After school club (Kids Kapers)
- Warm, inclusive atmosphere that fosters important life values and behaviours. Teachers know most children's names which is lovely.
- Values, care, allowing growth (no fear of failure), rounded development
- Having had two children at Halton I have always been impressed by the school's attitude to learning and felt that staff do a good job supporting both pupils and parents!
- Promote rounded children, not just academics
- Family Support Coordinator is open and receptive. When we come to school we feel heard.
- The school has a very friendly, welcoming feel about it. All staff members are very helpful and polite. I am very happy with how my child has grown and developed whilst at Halton. He has enjoyed his time here and will miss everyone when he leaves this summer.
- Inclusiveness; staff and pupils are very welcoming
- School is also open to new ideas
- Transparency in approach
- Attitude and behaviours
- Communication via email is much appreciated

- Great communication with parents
- Wide variety of out of school activities
- Teachers know the pupils so well and use this to develop and support them
- Emotional wellbeing support is exceptional
- SENCO support is excellent
- Teachers all very professional and help in student growth and learning
- Communication is very well managed and always kept up to date
- The school really feels like a community across all years which is great
- Knowing the children and making their time in school fun, caring and a great learning environment
- Comms with families
- Level of teaching is exemplary. My child is now a very confident reader with a sincere thirst for knowledge and learning
- Good communication, useful updates and learning tips and ideas on Seesaw.
- Reward system works well
- The school as a whole is run very well and teachers look like they enjoy teaching here. This is backed up by all the positive interactions I have had with teachers. All staff are approachable and friendly which is mirrored in how my child talks about his class.
- All staff members are approachable and I feel they know my child well
- Variety of clubs has increased
- Sense of community, communication with parents, nurturing environment
- Excellent extra-curricular opportunities
- Great communication
- Kids Kapers!!
- Care for the children is brilliant and all of the teachers in the school (and KK staff and office workers) know and welcome every child. You encourage inter-year interaction really well, and it is lovely that children are caring of younger kids and happy to include them
- I think Halton is well managed and has very high expectations
- Person centred and a genuine interest in each child
- Good communication. You care about the children. Lessons are enjoyable.
- Halton has a good community spirit
- Get to know the children personally and adapt teaching methods where possible, within the confines.
- The support my child has had with transitioning in the morning has been brilliant, it's helped dramatically and he is so much more settled, thank you!
- Overall I'm simply super impressed. The care for the children is fantastic, communications are clear
- There seems to be a very approachable and relaxed atmosphere at Halton which we absolutely love. We felt it at the open day and wanted our child to attend from then onwards.
- Cross-curricular experiences are good
- Seesaw communication with the weekly updates is great and we love seeing pictures from their week. My child is always super proud when he receives Headteacher Awards, Dojos, I think they really motivate him. Every member of staff we have encountered have been incredibly helpful and kind.
- The school communicates well with parents and keeps them updated about what children are learning and how they are doing. The school helps children to feel that they belong to a community with important values and this is really important to my child and their sense of self.
- Provide targeted support if needed e.g. extra handwriting sessions for those that need it
- Getting to know the children and how they can improve, adapting teaching to the needs of the children
- The culture encourages children to be proud of their achievements and to like learning
- Wellbeing, respect, confidence building, genuine care
- Great relationships with the children. A true community feel to the school.
- Mrs Frier is incredible!!!
- Setting achievable goals and recognising the work and effort put in by the children. The respect that the children show is testament to the school's standards and expectations
- Transition into Bluebells was really good. Good communication generally – "Heads Up" really helpful and not too many other emails.

What do you think we could do better at Halton School?

- Improve homework – needs to be more of it and easier to read
- Get some animals in school e.g. chickens and rabbits
- Different food options for lunch and Kids Kapers
- Communication is sometimes last minute. Sometimes when trying to offer suggestions constructively the school can seem defensive or not respond at all.
- Apps are great but I would love the homework sheets to be printed so we can complete and stick in homework book.
- Rather than wait for parents evening, if a child requires additional focus on a particular area then record it in the communication book so that parents know to work on it.
- To consolidate learning, Seesaw is not great as it does not replicate physical writing and encourages screen time. We have a blank homework book, it'd be better if sheets were given to us to stick in and submit. Get the children to be proud of their work.
- Invoices for Kids Kapers would be much better than just 'amounts' to pay on ParentPay
- Inconsistent support for military children.
- Seesaw and ParentPay are awful apps to use.
- School meals are not as high quality as they used to be.
- Access to and allocation of school clubs
- Driving greater depth
- Focus on attainment
- Communication – I appreciate that looking after and teaching the children is most important but it would be great to know more about what they are doing. This applies for topics, curriculum, extra-curricular etc
- More info about how to use Seesaw for complete novices!
- PTA related – we see a lot of income generated but we're not always sure what the outcome is
- More football and netball at lunch time and break
- To find ways to cater for different learning approaches and not limit those who can excel in specific areas. Sometimes I get the impression that the class is levelled at the bottom without attempting to develop skills further
- Communication - at times there has been a slight downfall between specific class comms and sports clubs.
- Lunch menu – the menu could do with a review of the cost and meals offered – main meal and jacket potato is the same price. This isn't value for money.
- Maybe there could be the introduction of new range of options for hot food for school lunch (specifically more chicken options)
- More range of clubs more frequently. Extra academic options.
- 10 minutes for parent consultations goes very quickly
- Seesaw app / homework – I would much prefer a print out sheet or easier app to print at home
- Comms between teachers and parents could be better.
- I think there could be more proactive support for children from military families, especially when a parent is deployed. The school communicate their awareness of deployment but my child would have benefitted from extra support e.g. group sessions where they can communicate their emotions through play
- I'd really like KS2 to do a Christmas play.
- Further communications or workshops on key focus areas i.e. internet safety, mobile phones. Would also be great to understand more about mental health support for young people if needed.
- Maybe some more stretch activities for high-attaining kids
- More metrics at parent consultations – it would be great to see where children are at (ARE etc) and areas for development
- Homework to include spelling practise
- More events to raise money for charity
- Club availability can be limited and quickly book up
- More communication with parents outside of consultation i.e. coming in for workshops and events. Miss the old merit assemblies!
- Nothing! Continue as is
- More physical activity. PE is often cancelled, cut short or not very physical.
- Be less risk averse to allow children to learn from a variety of situations.
- Consistent approach to homework across the school. It would be great if it is set and due on the same day and consistently set as well. Sometimes one class has it and other don't. I appreciate the lack of pressure though on parents with homework but just more routine to it would help those who want to do it.
- The way clubs are allocated could be looked at. Instead of first come first served, a timetable system could be done to allow all children to experience the clubs.
- Clearer and more consistent invoicing at Kids Kapers would be helpful
- Not using the app for homework
- More academics and homework would help
- I feel that more could be done to help my child feel more comfortable going to certain teachers but this is more a

confidence issue.

- Better communication on individual learning
- Another way around homework – Seesaw is not user friendly
- Inclusivity for Young Carers
- Support for military children
- More support at the start of the year in terms of how parents can support children in their learning

Any other comments you would like to make...

- Thank you for all of your hard work and support
- We have had three children at Halton, they all love the school and when this year ends we will miss seeing all the amazing staff. The school is well led from the front, many thanks to all teachers and support staff
- Such a lovely, nurturing school. Couldn't have asked for a better school for both of my children. Keep being amazing!
- A great learning environment where children start their journey. Fantastic teachers and staff
- You are all wonderful. Thank you for making school such a great place for my children to learn and grow
- Moving my daughter to Halton was the best decision I ever made
- The new toilets are very good
- Just a huge thank you to all whom care and nurture our children into wonderful little people
- Thank you for all you all do!
- Very happy with the school and teachers. Our children are doing well and the teachers truly care about them
- Thank you very much, we have been very impressed with the school!
- Thank you for the wonderful environment for learning you have created – it's clear to see the love and passion you have towards it
- Lovely school!
- My child is loving Year 2. Miss Lambie and the rest of the Year 2 team are doing a wonderful job!
- Thank you for helping my child to develop. We feel grateful that she is part of Halton
- My child has loved his sessions with Mike – it's a shame they don't get more time with him (although we understand the constraints of time / numbers)
- School clubs should try not to change termly between year groups as they contribute to the matrix of before and after school care. So you are either paying for Kids Kapers and the club just to save the Kids Kapers place if the club changes or your child misses out on the club opportunity
- The cake sale every Friday is a bit of a pain. I understand the fundraising aspect but could it be done less frequently? It just creates arguments at Friday pick-up every week. Reducing to once or twice a half term would be preferable.
- The Seesaw tutorial that Miss Barker set as homework at the beginning of the year was really helpful. If all classes could have that it would be great
- We love this school and the staff and couldn't have hoped for a better place for our daughter to start her schooling life. Thank you so much!
- All round great school. Only minor issues that could be so easily sorted.