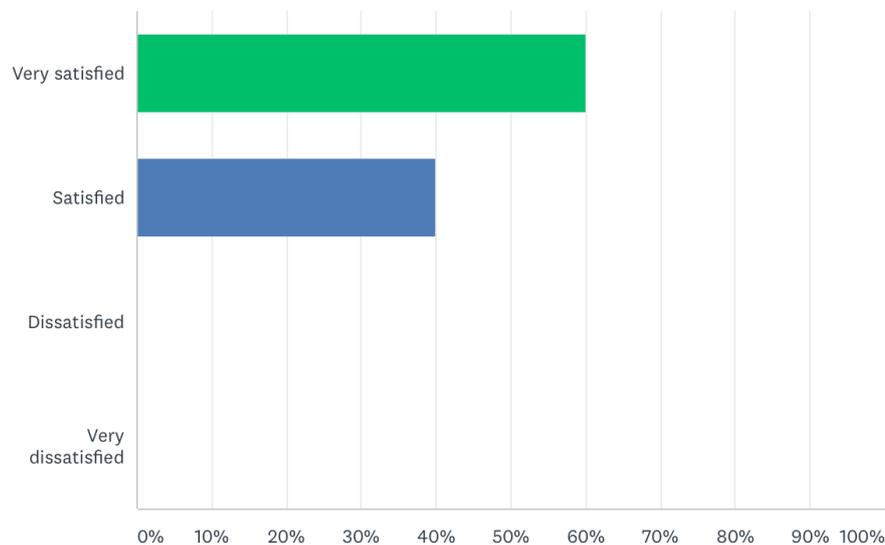


Powerstock Parents Survey Results – Summer 2019
Completed by 15 families

How satisfied are you with the Physical Education provision at school (including Forest School)?

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Comments:

I think as much time spent outdoors as possible would be ideal. If not in a physical education capacity having lessons outdoors I think is really important. The forest school is fantastic but a shame it's not every week.

We are so very lucky to have the resources and well-trained staff that we have. Can't imagine my child being anywhere else.

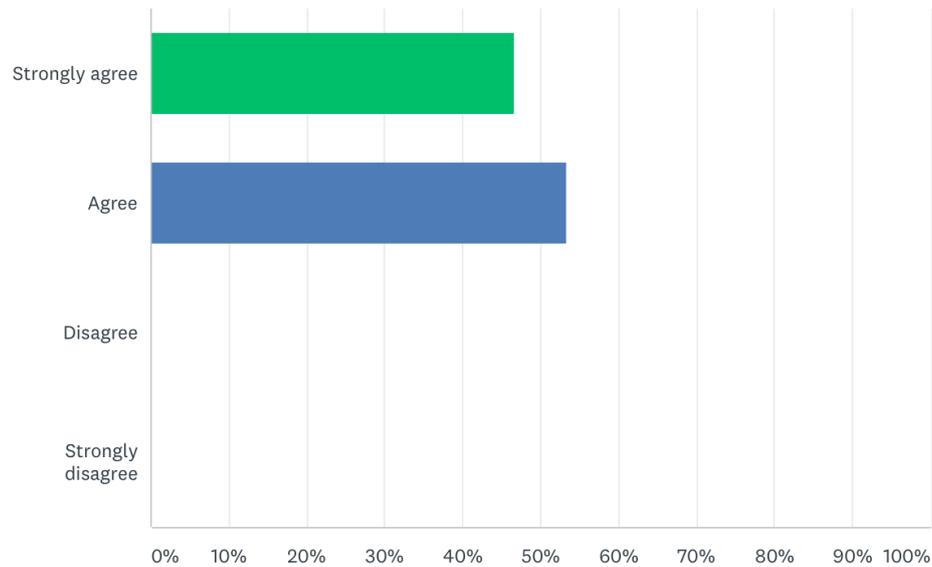
It would be good to have Powerstock tops/hoodies/bibs for external sports events. Is this underway?

Daily Mile, archery, football, cricket & particularly Forest School have been greatly enjoyed. Be lovely if Forest School could be weekly.

Not enough swimming as Years 3-6 only have a few weeks and the younger ones don't have Swimming at all.

My child/children make good progress at Powerstock School:

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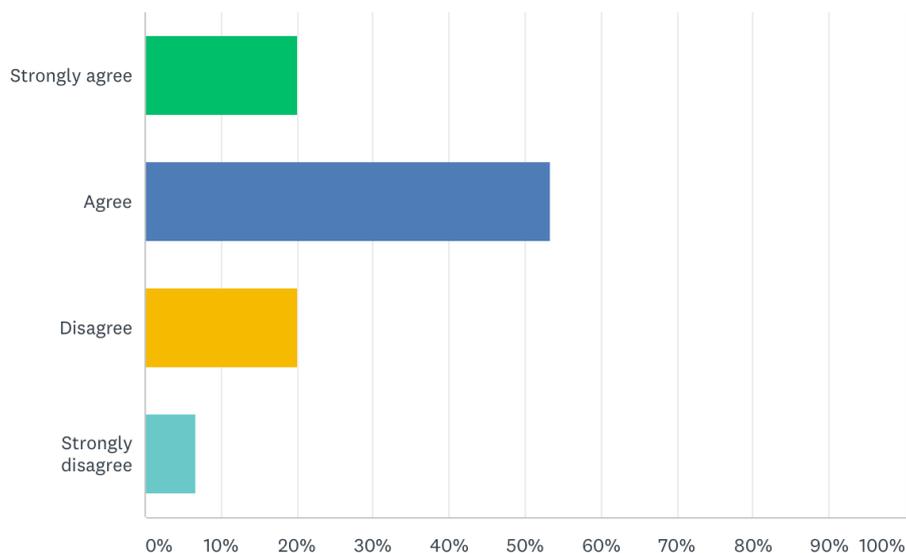
My daughter has really blossomed at Powerstock in many ways.

As parents we are made to feel like our child is the only child in the class. Attention to the individual child and their progress is outstanding.

Although feel more one to one reading would benefit yrs 1, 2 and 3.

Homework: My child receives appropriate homework for their age:

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I think the homework compared to other schools is light and appropriate so in that sense it's fine but I would advocate no homework at all for primary school aged children. They need to play and rest when they're at home.

Personally, I feel too much is expected of children with homework at Primary school. They work hard during the week, have just two days break at the weekend, and yet get asked to do more work when all they want/need is to switch off and play at the weekends and spend family time.

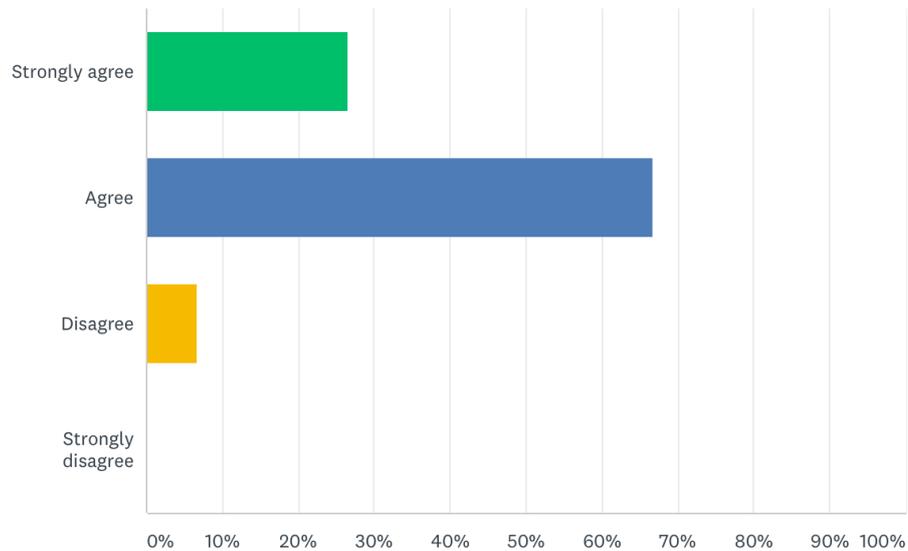
Excellent in Years 3/4 but I feel Years 5/6 would benefit from small amounts of regular weekly homework to prepare them for secondary school. Reading also needs to be pushed/encouraged in the older children as it easily slips.

Homework in Seatown class is very inconsistent.

I am happy for weekly homework although more time is sometimes needed, given on a Thursday to be handed in on Monday is sometimes not long enough, given on a Thursday to be handed in on a Tuesday would be better so that its nearly a week, I do feel homework is important as it helps prepare for comprehensive school.

Behaviour: Powerstock school makes sure pupils are well behaved and deals effectively with bullying:

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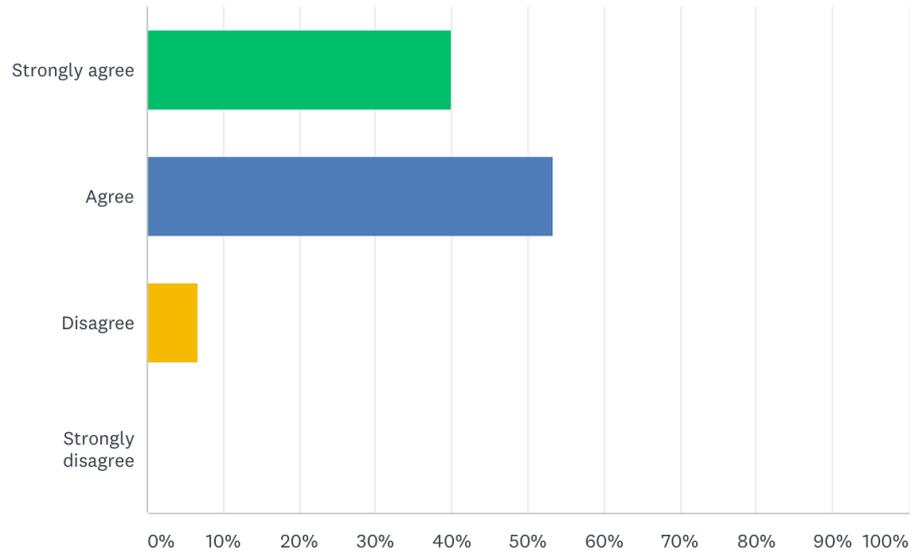
I've had no experience of how they deal with bullying.

Parents concerns and wishes are always considered when taking the right approach to suit the needs of the child in terms of behaviour.

The link system hasn't worked this term and behaviour has slipped.

Parent-teacher communication: I feel that I have a good understanding of what my child is learning, their progress, and how I can help my child at home:

Answered: 15 Skipped: 0



I would also be interested to know more about my child's day but I understand the teacher's have enough on their plate. Overall I think the communication is really good, always available and incredibly supportive.

Communication is generally very good through texts and email.

All teachers and staff are excellent at communicating.

As I mostly use my phone for emails I often find it difficult to open attachments.

All teachers are approachable and are always happy to chat before/after school. Text service is great - really useful. Emails are good too.

The curriculum update flyers are useful.

Email is best. Reminder texts are very helpful.

Email and text system work well. I'd value fortnightly/monthly emails about my child's progress/things they need to work on.

I would like more feedback regarding my child's learning. I do not see the teacher regularly as my child catches the bus so a weekly/fortnightly update email of what my child has been doing and or any concerns would be most welcomed.

In preparation for our next 'Church Schools inspection' (not OFSTED), we are currently revisiting our school Vision and Values and would like input from everyone in the school community. In your opinion, what is it about Powerstock School that makes it special/unique?

I think the school is a nurturing environment where the teachers seem to really get to know, understand and value their pupils.

Children are generally very happy at Powerstock and feel safe and cared for.

Teachers and pupils all know each other well and are like one big family.

Head teacher, teachers, class sizes

The children at Powerstock are seen as individuals and differences are celebrated. The schools nurturing approach to teaching and learning is excellent and the families as a unit are supported brilliantly at each step of the child's school life.

Child focused, rather than result focused.

'Friendship' and 'Respect' are clearly evident throughout the school. Year 6 children can be seen playing with reception children and nobody is judged on how they look or behave. The school feels safe and accepting.

It's small size and caring approach.

Nurturing environment and focus on whole child. High quality teaching staff.

Caring and kind ethos in a rural setting

Friendly and community supported school. Lovely setting.

I feel Powerstock is a very caring school which helps apply this to the children. It also helps teach what is the right thing to do :-)

It is a school that nurtures it's pupils and every pupil is made to feel part of the school family.

In your opinion, what things does Powerstock School do really well?

Holistic care, understanding the needs of each pupil and with a sense of fun.

A kind nurturing environment where children feel safe and happy. Excellent school calendar events that involve parents. A range of diverse curriculum topics, it is good to have teachers that are interested in diversifying the curriculum so that children get a chance to enjoy nature, and explore the outdoor world. This is one of Powerstock's great strengths.

Nurture children to gain the best progress

They give individual care and consideration to each child

The individual needs for each child are carefully thought through and considered. Staff take the time to get to know each child and their family.

Flexibility to learning. Forest school. Open to new ideas..

The school provides the 'extras' that enrich the school day; Forest School, Daily Mile, Wake & Shake etc all make the school a fun place to learn.

I feel my child's confidence has improved and school has helped by making him feel valued.

Develops the whole child, forest school delivery and Daily Mile.

Personal development, Forest School

Attention to each individual child so they can achieve more as they reach their goals. Staff are wonderful and approachable at all times

The forest school, however this shouldn't be the main focus.

Encourages confidence in the pupils and makes learning fun and exciting

Concentrate on the individual needs of each child

If you were in charge of the school, what would you change?

More outdoor time. I would challenge the system itself and fight for curriculum change to make it wider, less restrictive and non target (SATS) driven.

I would do away with testing children at such a young age. There seems to be increasing pressure on our children. I am an advocate of Michael Rosen: 'Our Children our more than a score' more than a number, more than a test. You can't measure imagination, beauty, or creativity.

Nothing

Nothing

I would LOVE to be able to provide the school with more support staff to take the pressure off the teachers. I would also like to provide a breakfast club for working parents.

Attendance rewards. This is unfair. Illness is 'punished'

A very minor point..... As 'end of year' approaches, uniform appears to have slipped a bit. Perhaps a polite reminder to parents is needed?

I'd abolish SATS and grammar targets, but realise I'd need to be in charge of the Government.

Change the class structure and separate Reception from years 1 & 2.

Ensure regular homework for Seatown class, better communication of diary dates, be more consistent in things like Daily Mile/Wake and Shake. Reconsider the importance of school play - it takes up a lot of Mrs C's time which could be spent on Yr5-6 education. I think the project idea for when not rehearsing is a good idea this year.

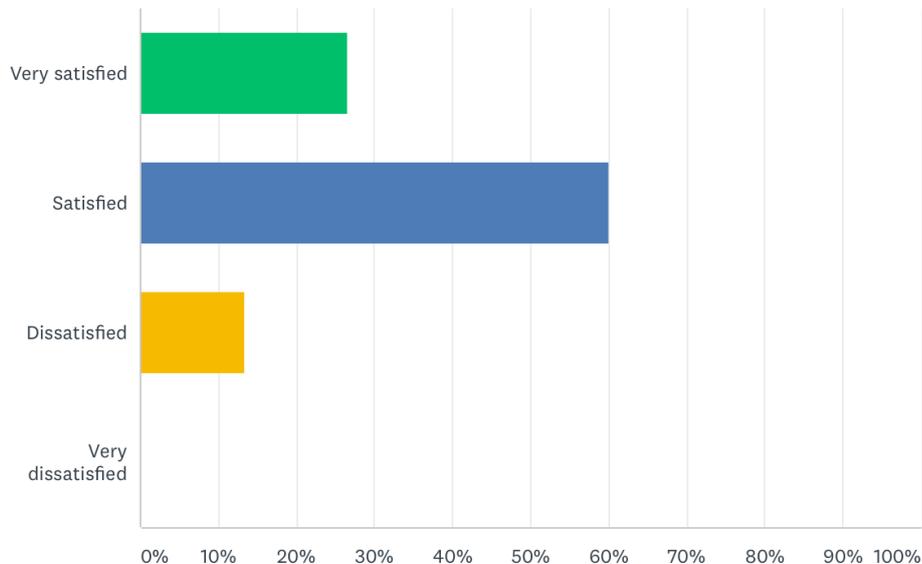
100% get more staff , go to other primary school to see what Powerstock could possibly gain from, use wisepay to pay for trips, bus etc

More notice for events for working parents. I would ensure parents get more individual feedback more regularly regarding their child's learning.

Earlier communication of events etc

Please let us know how satisfied you are with the current level of extra-curricular activities offered/after-school club provision.

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Perhaps there could be a few more clubs available, though there always have been a good range!

A breakfast club would be really helpful for working parents

Footie, cricket, basketball etc are all excellent and appropriately priced. Creative clubs such as puppetry are great too. More of these please. Could we bring back gardening club?

I am happy to pay for after school activities but not requiring more than already offered as don't want an overload.

More provision for KS1. Drama, art, dance and tennis after school clubs are needed. £3 per session.

I feel Powerstock lack with after school clubs, but also appreciate that a small school lack numbers which doesn't help. Clubs could be after school forest school club, gardening club, running club for years 4, 5 & 6, clay modelling, woodwork (bug houses, bird boxes, bat boxes), child's escape room etc

Have you got any other comments/feedback/suggestions?

Powerstock is a happy, friendly school with a very caring ethos and an excellent team of staff that know your child well. My only comment is to allow children to thrive alongside their learning by giving enough opportunities for non SAT tested rote learning. This is very much part of the school anyway in things like Forest School, but good to see this growing!

No

None

Just a huge thank you to everyone involved with the school. Everyone works so hard to ensure that our children are safe, happy and have the tools to understand their place in their community and the wider world. Thank you.

Second school bus from Bridport would be helpful (rather than a larger bus in the lanes).

Powerstock is a fantastic family school, but I do feel it requires more staff/TA's to help with Maths, English, Reading and Grammar. Also once a decision has been made i.e the daily mile, spelling tests, homework, wake and shake etc then it needs to be consistent and not start out with good intentions and then not bother after a month or two.