

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we value a home school partnership that continues to develop the full potential of every child. We feel that it is important to get your views on our school. We will use the information collected to help plan for the future. Thank you for completing these and for your continuing support.

We received 97 parental responses in total, with each response being worth 1.03% of the total responses. Please note that rounding has been used for all of the results in the table below so totals may not equal 100%.

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Children's Attitudes						
1	My child is happy at Colmers.	54%	40%	3%	1%	1%
2	My child feels safe at Colmers.	51%	46%	1%	-	2%
3	Colmers Farm makes sure pupils behave well.	41%	49%	6%	-	3%
4	Staff and pupils have good relationships.	55%	42%	2%	-	1%
5	Bullying is dealt with effectively.	32%	37%	6%	-	25%
6	Colmers Farm has helped children to settle back into school after lockdown.	59%	39%	-	-	2%
Leadership						
7	Any concerns I raise are dealt with properly.	46%	46%	4%	-	3%
8	Colmers Farm is well led and managed.	44%	46%	2%	-	7%
9	I read the weekly school newsletter.	47%	46%	3%	-	3%
Our Curriculum						
10	Colmers Farm has high expectations for my child.	42%	48%	3%	-	6%
11	My child does well at Colmers Farm.	48%	47%	1%	1%	2%
12	Reading is important at Colmers Farm (<i>newsletter, myON, competitions, Accelerated Reader etc</i>)	60%	38%	1%	-	1%
13	The school lets me know how my child is doing.	48%	42%	5%	-	4%
14	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year (<i>i.e. newsletters, knowledge organisers</i>).	52%	46%	1%	-	2%
15	The school sets age-appropriate homework.	44%	46%	2%	-	6%
16	My child has the option to take part in clubs.	46%	33%	6%	1%	14%
17	There's a good range of subjects taught at Colmers Farm (<i>i.e. not just English and maths</i>).	47%	47%	1%	-	4%
Personal Development						
18	The school supports my child's wider personal development (<i>development of skills like perseverance, kindness, resilience etc</i>).	54%	40%	1%	1%	3%
19	Colmers Farm teaches my child to respect different backgrounds, races and religions (<i>e.g. No Outsiders, RE lessons etc</i>).	53%	43%	-	-	4%

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
20	The school tackles any discrimination and inequalities well (<i>discrimination/racism is not tolerated and dealt with appropriately</i>).	45%	28%	1%	1%	26%
21	Colmers Farm gives my child opportunities to make positive contributions inside and outside of school (<i>e.g. the SAGE award, head boy/girl, prefects, school council etc</i>).	48%	35%	4%	1%	12%
22	The school encourages children to adopt healthy lifestyles (<i>e.g. free fruit and veg in the infants, PE, clubs etc</i>).	51%	44%	1%	-	4%
23	Would you recommend Colmers Farm to another parent?	Yes - 97%		No - 3%		

What Colmers Farm is doing well? /What are our strengths?

Children's behaviours

- My child said good at tackling bullying.
- Teaches pupils to be kind and respectful at all times, no matter their religion or races.

Learning/curriculum

- The lessons are engaging and exciting when learning new topics and the year 1 teacher has put a lot of effort into this.
- Through the lockdown I feel the school coped well with all the new changes.
- Lockdown learning was very good.
- Reading
- Good range of topics discussed in school.
- Learning content provided during lockdown and support for essential workers.
- Excellent teaching staff and class activities.
- I think the level of teaching is a high in RC. My son has developed is well despite the lockdowns. He is very confident and really enjoys going to school each day.
- Reading and assessing needs
- Colmers Farm looks at all areas of subjects children are struggling in . They help children to build up knowledge in these areas and inform parents how they can help.
- The online learning during lockdown was amazing!
- Helping learning and good behaviour.
- My child talks about information (in history) she has learnt.
- Really care about children's learning.
- Colmers Farm is a happy school and my child enjoys learning.
- Ensuring my son is educated well. Teaching standards are excellent.
- Every years' scheme of study displayed on the website. It is very helpful for parents to get help with children's key stage work.
- Extra support for mathematics.
- Helping the kids learn.
- Facilitating the children's needs.

Pastoral

- Colmers are good at making younger children feel comfortable and happy.
- Kind invested staff.
- Supporting children to settle back after covid.
- Supporting my child in all areas.
- Creating a positive and welcoming environment for children. My son wants to impress his teachers. That shows me he is being taught good manners.
- Helps new students transition very well into a new environment.
- All parents are very happy with Colmers. They have supported and encouraged both of our children well.
- My child is happy to go to school.

- Helping my child's confidence.
- Really care about antibullying.
- Settling the children back in after lockdown. Very impressive.
- Bringing out the children's strengths and helping them understand things that they aren't so confident in.
- Responds quickly to concerns. Manages bullying quickly and effectively.

No Outsiders/Respect for others

- Teaching my child respect for others no matter what culture/background or beliefs.
- No Outsiders.
- My child feels that the school makes sure there are no outsiders.

Communication

- Communication, respect and kindness.
- Communication about children's behaviour/struggles/strengths. Great support for parents. Very supportive and encourages children to achieve.
- Keeping me up to date with my child's progress. Any concerns raised they always get sorted □.
- I am always informed when or if my child needs any extra support or encouragement.
- Good communication with parents of children.

Staff

- Teachers attitudes and the way they motivate the children. School has got much better with Mr Williams there. Good buzz now.
- Great teaching.
- Having consistent teachers in Year 6.
- Good teaching and respect.
- Great SEN and leadership. Friendly knowledgeable teachers and teaching assistants.
- The teachers are very responsible and friendly to parents.
- The Colmers Farm school staff and pupils have a good relationship. They support my child's personal development and any concerns I have about bullying.

Miscellaneous

- Being part of a team.
- It's an good school
- Offering extra clubs and activities. Encouragement and rewards i.e. hot chocolate nominations.

Colmers Farm would be even better if...

Clubs/trips

- Various comments about wanting more clubs and trips.

Colmers Response

The pandemic and our risk assessments within school have really impacted on the number of clubs and trips that we have been able to offer over the last year. This is something that we are very much aware of and is something that we can hopefully improve next year. We are currently offering seven sporting after school clubs catering for children between Years 2 and 6 though and four reading clubs.

Communication with parents

- There was a way (i.e. an email contact) that you could contact child's teacher, rather than discuss things in the playground.

Colmers Response

All parents are able to email teachers via enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org with the teachers name as the subject line. Emails sent to this address are then forwarded regularly to teachers.

- More frequent updates on how children are doing.

Colmers Response

We currently have two parents evenings and a parental drop in throughout a year. We have managed to continue these even during the pandemic. We also have an end of year report which summarises your child's attainment and progress. We pride ourselves on our good communication with parents and staff will approach parents at the end of the day if there are any concerns. Parents equally may approach teachers at the end of the day to either to talk to them about progress or to arrange an appointment to do this.

- Teachers would offer strategies to help parents with dyslexia or other needs to make sure the parents can help their children progress properly.

Colmers Response

Our SENCO (Mrs Evans) is very knowledgeable about SEND issues and she happy to talk with any parents who require help or support with these. Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Learning/Curriculum

- Swimming lessons and bike awareness courses. Keep reading diaries – really important for communication.

Colmers Response

Swimming lessons have not taken part this year due to Coronavirus. We have however had a bike awareness course in the Autumn Term for Year 5. This we plan to do as an annual event so that all children experience this once in their Colmers Farm careers.

The use of reading diaries is something that we have discussed extensively in school.

Although we have historically used these, and I know that these are popular with some parents, we have found that most of our parents unfortunately do not use these which is a shame. We therefore decided to trial replacing these with the bookmarks, which have so far proven to be much more widely used by parents. We are however monitoring the results of this trial.

- Children's work in upstairs corridors to be posted and shown in newsletters as parents never see this work.

Colmers Response

This is a fantastic idea. Please see Friday 18th newsletter.

- More homework.

Colmers Response

On the policies section of our school website you will be able to see our homework policy and see what your child should be getting each week. Although we see a value in homework and provide this accordingly (including using online resources that can be accessed at anytime such as Mathletics, myON, Accelerated Reading and Spelling Shed), it is also important that children have time to be children and to play, explore and get exercise. Learning is always however all around us, no matter where we are. Some questioning by parents and other family members is all that is needed to access this.

Miscellaneous

- Fruit was available upstairs as well as downstairs

Colmers Response

As a school, we are funded to provide fruit for our KS1 children and unfortunately not our KS2 children. KS2 children are permitted to bring in fruit from home to have during their breaktimes.

- Keep track of school uniform. Children's uniform went missing.

Colmers Response

We are sorry to hear that parts of your child's uniform have been lost. We encourage all parents to label school uniform with their child's name. This enables us to return any lost uniform, that we find, to its rightful owner.

- Children are allowed juice as some children will not drink water.

Colmers Response

We strongly advise parents to provide their children with water, which is the best source of hydration. This can be flavoured with fruit for those children who may like this. Other drinks, which may not be as healthy, often contain large amounts of sugar which can adversely affect concentration within lessons.

- They could carry out what they started e.g. the SAGE award. My daughter has done lots of work for this before the lockdown and I have not heard anything since and it's June now.

Colmers Response

We are really sorry to hear this. The SAGE award is something new to this year to Colmers. Due to lockdown it has been disrupted, but it never stopped. It is definitely still going strong at our school and is a key part of our personal development provision for our KS2 children. We have relaunched this with our children since returning from lockdown (see the SAGE section of our school website) and have sent out newsletters to parents about this since we returned. Please send your child into school with their evidence and she can of course continue with working towards this award.

Any other comments.

Positive comments

- My child has been happy during his time at Colmers.
- It's a really good school. My daughter is very happy and safe. Teachers are really friendly.
- Felt Colmers dealt well with the home learning – Very well and made it easy for parents to implement.
- Amazing school and incredible teachers. Very happy my children attend such a good/outstanding school. Great support for parents as well.
- Keep going in the direction the school is going in as its really turned around now for the better.
- Thanks to Miss Clark and her team.
- I think that you did brilliantly coping during lockdown.
- The children and I are really satisfied about the staff. They contribute to the development of child's positivity for their success.
- Colmers Farm is doing very well. Me and the kids are happy at this school. Thanks to all the teachers.

Development comments

- The garden area could look nice if tidied and plants added.

Colmers Response

We completely agree that this area needs a good tidy and could be put to better use. We have already been obtaining quotes to do this and we are going to hopefully have this work completed by the summer holidays, so that we can start using it again when we return in September.

Please tick in the boxes below if you would like to receive any additional information about:

- Thrive – 9%
- No Outsiders – 6%
- Who is who at Colmers Farm – 7%
- e-safety – 9%
- The SAGE Award – 13%
- Rights Respecting Schools Award – 10%
- Our school curriculum – 11%

