



# Additional Parent Comments



Overall very happy with the school and teachers. Keep up the good job.

Very happy with Barnston. I feel I could not have my child in a better school. Thank you.

My child believes that their teacher doesn't listen to them when they want to talk to him, and that he has 'favourites' in the class that makes my child feel excluded.

A little more feedback on the progression of my child would be more beneficial, as I do feel that ... is falling behind in quite a few areas. However, as the Parents evening is only this week, I look forward to having the updates then. It would be nice to have an informal 'quick' catch up every now and again with the teacher of any issues raised at the meeting this week. Despite this, I am very happy with everything the school offers and the way my children are so happy each and every day I collect them. Thank you.

In relation to the questions around progress, feedback and homework, our daughter is falling behind in maths which was her best subject in her previous school. I have addressed this with her form teacher (who does not take her for maths) and her maths teacher and will address it again at parents evening today as we are very concerned as it is her eleven plus year.

Homework is mainly maths based and there is little or no literacy based homework apart from the topics. We feel there are far too many dressing up / own clothes days and often with very short notice. Given Y6 have a very expensive trip in the summer term there are far too many requests for money throughout the year. Behaviour of Y5 pupils has been an issue that has affected teaching.

Would like more information about child's progress as we only get a very brief report at parents evenings and comments are often very general. We feel communication of information to parents is often last minute and only through VLE which is not a reliable form of communication for those with limited internet access.

The school is a brilliant place for your child to grow they just need to look at moving children up with atleast one friend as my children always go in to a new class without a friendly face.

I have answered I don't know how you deal with bullying as fortunately we don't appear to have experienced it. Given the high performance in other areas I would assume you would deal with matters in a more than acceptable way. Kind Regards

I think the communication between parents and the school is poor and I would like to know what is being covered in school so I can support my child better at home.

Communication good but as much notice as possible would be appreciated.

We are very happy with Barnston Primary School. Our son has made brilliant progress since he moved to Barnston and we are very grateful for all the help and support our son receives both with his education and with his personal development as a very happy and confident young man. Thank you very much for all that you and your staff does for ...

Fantastic school fantastic teachers and head teacher i would recommend the school to anyone.

I have very little information on how my child is doing and although I have asked have been unable to get an overview or plan of topics they are covering on a half or full termly basis. I have looked for a plan online but none is available when asked I was informed that you follow the national curriculum, which I of course knew you did! Due to there being no communication home I am unable to follow what is being done in maths and the homework is often of an inappropriate level, there seems no logical method to the way things are being taught, although I am sure there is it would be nice to again have an overview. I am unsure what tables are being learnt and how they are taught, so that I could provide a consistent learning approach at home. Perhaps the way of doing homework on the computer is quick to gather information but as a parent I do not find it a good way to assess where he is at, working out is not encouraged and the emphasis is on the correct answers not the process. I was also informed that the teacher does not look at what they have done just at the resulting score, if this is so, which I hope it isn't then I am very concerned as it does enable the teacher to ascertain exactly where the child is and feels very much like a statistical exercise for the school not the benefit of the child. My child is relatively new to the school so I am hoping these things have been explained and I have just not been informed and that it is not the norm within the school. With regard to new children in the school there was no communication prior to him starting and he was not expected on the first day which was a bit concerning and as a mum did not make me feel very reassured. I have since received little information from the school with regard to how you teach maths, handwriting or indeed what is timetabled each day. After speaking to other parents it seems that general communication is not good and most parents like myself seem to have little idea what goes on in the school on a daily basis. My son however is happy with his teacher and I feel she has started to get to know him and he feels secure with her.

I feel I will be able to answer these questions more honestly when my daughter has been attending school a little longer. I would like more feedback about her progress as she's only 4 and a young 4, I get very little out of her on what's been done in school and how her day has gone. Any issues we've had so far have been dealt with though.

I have approached the school twice with bullying issues regarding both daughters and on both occasions Mrs Pearson and Mrs While sorted both issues out instantly for which I am extremely grateful

Couldn't be happier with the school. I have had children at other primary schools within the area and feel Barnston primary excels itself in all areas. Outstanding school with dedicated staff giving 100% effort at all times.

My son joined Barnston Primary School at the beginning of Year 4 and went into Mrs Woods class. My husband and I have got nothing but praise for the school. Our Son has become a more confident young boy, who has made lots of friends and enjoys going into School. The teachers treat my son as an individual and deal with any issues I may have quickly and efficiently. The reason for answering Don't Know to the Bullying Question is due to the fact, my Son has not been Bullied since starting the School. Overall I think Barnston Primary is an outstanding school, who put children first.

Provide handouts for parents who can't make workshops. Encourage young children to exchange library books regularly. While we agree we receive valuable info regarding our child's progress, it's not very often. Could a timetable of lessons/teachers be made available to parents. Nothing too detailed, just enough to know what they get up to, so we can offer the most effective support and encouragement.

Since joining Barnston, I am thrilled at the progress ... has made. His phonics understanding and recall is absolutely incredible, which of course is reflected in his writing. This is down to outstanding teaching. At the beginning of the year, ... had some settling in worries, that Mrs McElhinney dealt with effectively and supportively and she is very approachable to speak to after school.

With regards to my issue over the school dinners, I was extremely satisfied with the questionnaire that was sent home and I feel that Mrs Pearson has shown the greatest of understanding and management skills in dealing with this problem. I look forward to seeing the suggested changes being implemented.

I don't feel I receive much information about my child's progress at all. I think they could do more reading in school but also I think I could do more at home to encourage this! I have no complaints this is a lovely school.

Both boys are very happy at Barnston and we are pleased with the progress they are both making.

Other than the End of Year report, and 2 parents evenings a year, I am given no information about my daughter's progress.

Lovely friendly school. Highly recommend.

As a full time working mum, I feel I miss out on seeing events held during the school day. I didn't get to see any of the year 6 fancy dress, 60s day, will probably not see the eggstravaganza exhibits to name a few. Of course the obvious solution is a decent website, but this has been raised time and time again over the years, with little or no action. With only 4 months left at Barnston, it's too late for me now and that's a shame.

My son has thrived at Barnston. The school has prepared him well for the progression to high school. He has been encouraged to stretch himself, particularly in maths and this has really helped to keep him engaged. Thank you.

Cannot raise issues with any teachers there anymore! No one listens! All the school is bothered about is what the Ofsted reports say and concentrate on the "brightest" children. I have been going to Barnston for over 11 years, been there longer than most of the staff and I could honestly say that should I have any more children, I would not send them there again!!

Lovely school with a nice community atmosphere and the children seem happy and progress well. Well done

Would like a timetable and a yearly plan of what the children are covering and being taught.

I feel there is a lack of communication on my child who is in reception, on a Friday there is a different teacher. There has been a few different teachers and you do not tell me there has been a change till after the teacher has been there for a few weeks and then it's just a quick letter nothing about her, like does she teach on other days in the school!! I feel very strongly and disappointed about this, I feel my child only has 80% teaching, there needs to be a review on this, why is she not there on parents evening?