

The parents' surveys 2024

Blackfen School has now had two rounds of parents' surveys, one in June 2024 and a second in October 2024. Another survey will be released in March 2025.

The survey questions we ask are based around the Ofsted 'Parent View' questionnaire. When the school is inspected, Ofsted will ask us to invite you to complete the Parent View questionnaire-but you can go onto Parent View at any time to share your views and suggestions for improvement.

I would very much like to thank the parents and carers of our Blackfen community for your engagement with the survey. Most schools only get a handful of responses-I was delighted to receive 233 responses to the last questionnaire! This means that we can consider a really broad range of views across all year groups-so thank you for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire to help us improve.

I was particularly pleased to see an increase in positive views about the school from June 2024 to October 2024 and I do very much hope that we'll see a continued upward trend in positive responses. I recognise that your daughters only 'get one shot' at their secondary education-your honest and constructive feedback really does help us move forward.

Question	Improvement since May 2024 survey (RAG rated)
My child is happy at Blackfen School	+5%
My child feels safe at this school	+13%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved at school	+14%
The school has high expectations for my child	+5%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	+6%
I have raised concerns and they have been dealt with promptly	+10%
My child does well at this school	+6%
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to be successful	+6%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	+3%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	+3%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	= (already 98% satisfaction!)
The school supports my child's wider personal development (learning about careers, the wider world, relationships and health and wellbeing)	+2%
I would recommend this school to another parent	+16%

We are working extremely hard through staff professional development and investment in our SEND and student welfare provision to ensure that your daughter has the best possible experience at secondary school. Thank you for your ongoing support and the feedback that you give us.

Carrie Senior

Headteacher