



Survey conducted with 13 families (16 adults).

On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 being very negatively and 5 being very positively) how does your son speak of the boys' class at home?

11/13 rated "5" their son speaks very positively about the class. 2/13 rated "3".

On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 being nothing and 5 being I am well informed), how well do you feel you know what is happening in the class?

6/13 rated "5", 2/13 rated "4", remainder did not give a rating.

Comments: Kids never give notices to parents - however emailing notices would be good. The class blog is also a way parents can be kept informed of what is happening in the class.

How do you think the structure of the day (shorter learning times broken by physical activity breaks) supports your son's learning?

11/13 responded positively, 2 people had minor reservations. i.e. for one parent the shorter learning time meant her son did not complete work, but realises that this is an issue for the child to manage. One parent felt they should be in class more.

A great idea doing P.E. - keeps them fresh and that's what boys enjoy.

Works for our boy.

Short learning spurts are great!

Do you think having 2 teacher aides in the class has had an impact on your son's learning?

A positive for the boys and the teacher.

X speaks positively about the teacher aides all the time.

Made a huge difference especially because one is a male.

The higher ratio of adult to child is great too.

It's been wonderful having so many wonderful people working with Y.

More 1-1 time. (x2)

Children get more attention.

Can't slip through the cracks if not focussed or struggling.

Have you noted any change or improvement in your son's ability with computers? Does he have more skill/confidence/technical know-how?

Think it is fantastic because that is the way the world is heading.

Yes - they show their parents what to do (x3)

Use computers more at home and with confidence.

Have more knowledge than I have (x2)

Huge improvement - very confident.

Enjoys gadgets and computers. Very capable.

Yes definitely (x3)

Z has learnt by using computers in class.

* Can we have an evening where the children teach their parents skills/what to do?

What changes have you noticed in your child's learning?

Wants to be at school - engaged. Greater concentration, improved academic ability.

Happier, settled.

Less anxiety, less stress.

A lot more focussed.

On a buzz- more open about what he's doing etc

Extra attention so he loves learning.

Far more responsible (x4)

Not much change noted as child doesn't say much. *(Parent had the impression B had gone backwards with his reading but was reassured this wasn't the case).*

Has become more responsible with his homework since the beginning of the year.

How do you feel behaviour issues are dealt with by the teacher/school management?

The school manages the issues really well.

When there have been concerns parents have been informed and followed up.

Boys need to be told what the consequences will be if they don't complete work *(i.e. reaffirming current practice).*

School has been very tolerant and it has paid off.

Communication is good. I don't always agree with the school but at least I am informed.

Fine.

All generally well-behaved.

Have you noticed any changes in your child's behaviour or ability to get on socially with others?

A lot more sociable - has made lots of new friends.

We think he is doing very well. He wants to be good. It's cool to be a good student now and not a fool.

Far more positive about school.

Self-motivated - wants to do homework as soon as they get home.

Confidence has increased.

Use their initiative now.

Thrives on more responsibility now - wasn't interested before.

X has come out of his shell more this year.

Y is more helpful at home.

What changes or improvements in strategies for dealing with frustration or anger, have you noticed?

Z is able to calm himself down now - he has learnt strategies to do this.

Time out is very useful to allow the boys to reflect before anything else needs to be done.

X still gets frustrated but doesn't lash out any more. Used to kick/throw things, that's no longer happening.

What are the advantages/disadvantages of the boys class as you see it?

All advantages no disadvantages.

Excellent teacher who knows how to work well with boys.

Teacher aides.

Opportunities to experience EOTC

Learning from their peers.

I wish this was available for my sons were at school.

Bond with other boys

Having different age groups means they are more acceptable, more patient.

Attitude towards school far more positive.

**Possibility in future of more interaction with girls?*

What comment or feedback did you get from others (family, friends, other parents etc) when your son was placed in Room 15?

I was told Room 15 was the naughty class. I didn't have any concerns with him going in that class.

Didn't want him to lose out academically.

My son had had detentions the previous year so was this the reason why - would he still get to socialise with girls.

Naughty boys class/dumb class/ broken home, families

Some were anxious

Are there any recommendations you would like to make for the class?

I would like to be more involved in the classroom

Keep doing what you are doing.

ICT meeting (*referred to earlier*)

Opportunity for parents to get to know the class right at the beginning of the year, understand how it works, benefits.

More information about the class itself in the letter (*that goes to parents at the end of the year asking if they would their son in Room 15*)

If given the opportunity would you like your son to be in Room 15 next year?

7 families - yes

T - if he isn't suffering academically

D - now Year 6 but his brother R please.