



Parent Survey Feedback

Spring 2023

Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed a survey. We value your views on our school and are always striving to ensure we are providing the best learning experience for our children. Within this feedback, you will read some of the comments shared by parents and carers, as well as extra information about Newdale and our next steps linked to this feedback.



My child is happy at this school...



You said...

My son loves school, in 5 years, I have never heard him complain about going. This is what you want as a parent 😊

My daughter is very happy at Newdale and looks forward to her day every morning

Never have I had to persuade or encourage my son to come to school, everyday he's always happy and keen to attend

Comes home with a smile

My child loves coming to school and is always happy at home time





My child feels safe at this school...

You said...

My daughter is happy when left at school and feels safe on school premises.

We have never had any issues with him not feeling safe.

He's aware of who to talk to if he's ever worried, but this has never been an issue for him.

Safeguarding is very important, we feel our son is safe at Newdale

My daughter knows she can turn to any teacher if she ever feels sad or unsure about anything

The Safeguarding Champions are here to keep you safe too!

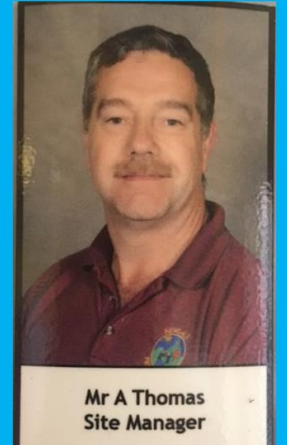


Fencing surrounds the perimeter of the school to make sure we stay safe.



Barriers

Mr Thomas stands at the gate at the beginning and end of the day stopping cars from entering the school and ensuring it is safe for children. On cold, icy days, he puts salt down on the pathways to prevent people from slipping. Members of staff are on duty at key times.

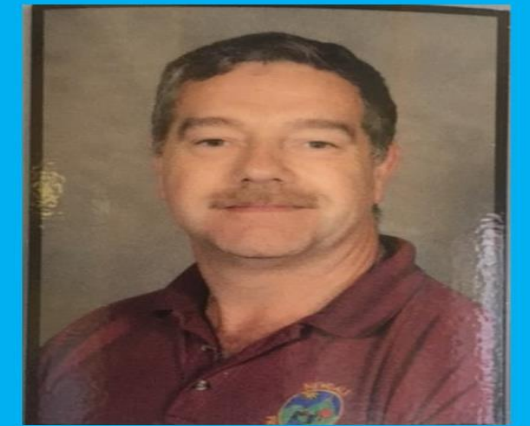


Mr A Thomas
Site Manager

Visitors are checked before they enter the school and must bring identification. They must sign the visitors book in the office.



Miss Cook and Mr Thomas carry out regular health and safety checks around school



How our curriculum keeps children safe...

Life Learning Curriculum

Float to Live

- Lean back extend arms and legs
- Control your breathing
- Call for help or swim to safety



If you see someone in difficulty in the water call 999 ask for FIRE

#BeWaterAware
westyorksfire.gov.uk



Share Aware Week



ROAD SAFETY

THINK about where you should cross	STOP in a safe place at the side of the road	USE YOUR EYES & EARS To see and hear any approaching vehicles.
WAIT until all the vehicles have passed.	LOOK AND LISTEN again to make sure all is clear	CROSS the road. Keep looking and listening

The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved through the BeSMART code...



You said...

Really appreciate the certificate home to show how she is rewarded/appreciated for her good behaviour.

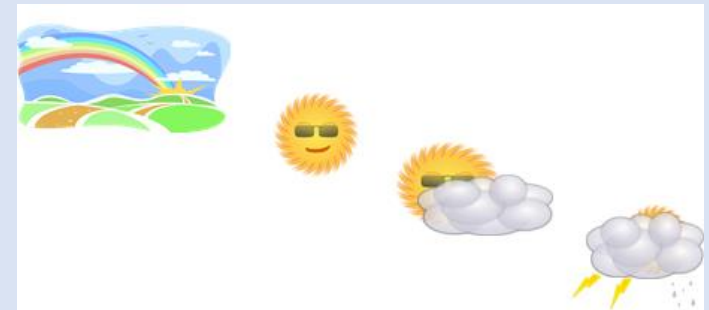
The children are all always polite and well-mannered when I do school runs

I strongly agree. The Be-SMART code is a great way to get the children to think about their behaviour and actions towards others.

Behaviour is dealt with superbly

Very good part of learning

My child says that any instances of poor behaviour are dealt with well



'We say NO to bullying.' How happy are you that this statement reflects our school?



You said...

My daughter's confident enough to raise any concerns she has with a member of staff

Thankfully not had any issues with bullying and he's never come home to tell me about others which, to me, shows that this is not a frequent issue at Newdale.

Absolutely, never had an issue

100%

Any issues have always been dealt with effectively and in a timely manner



Assemblies

Life Learning Lessons



The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning during the year via home school communication books, the school website and Parent Pay...

You said...



Excellent communication

Really like the curriculum map in the home school books

Very well informed of what is going on via a range of methods

Fantastic system in place. Lots of information. Regularly updated. I feel very well informed. Lots of lovely pictures of trips and work around special themed days.

Communication by the school is excellent

Always on top of letting parents know what is happening

Yes, information is always provided in the home communication book which I check every day. It is great to know what they are learning.

Have you visited our website recently? If you haven't, please visit the site to find out more about our school.

Did you know you can subscribe to our school website and receive alerts?

<https://www.newdaleschool.org.uk/>

What is my child learning about this half term?

Year 6 Curriculum
 Spring term 2 2023
Biomes

English

- Non-fiction:** Tuesday by David Wiesner, report writing.
- Non-fiction:** Holes by Louis Sachar, Formal and informal letter writing.
- Guided Reading:** Holes by David Wiesner

Numeracy

- Calculate with positive and negative numbers.
- Order of operations (BIDMAS)
- Solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Geometry: Position and Direction.
- Area, perimeter, and volume.
- Properties of shapes, 3D nets.
- Ratio, scaling, and scale factors.

Weekly arithmetic lesson.
Daily Arithmetic Ninja tasks.
Additional Maths afternoon revision sessions.

Geography

- Biomes around the world

Life Learning

- 1 Decision: Feelings and Emotions

PE

- Indoor: Gymnastics
- Outdoor: Tennis

R.E

- SACRE unit C: What will make our community more respectful?

Computing

- Teach Computing: Introduction to Spreadsheets

Science

- Electricity

SPAG revision

- Taught by Mrs Lefroy

Half-termly overviews are stuck into your child's home communication book. These are also visible on your child's class page of the school website.

If you visit the school subject pages of the website, you will find out about what children learn in each subject from age 2 up to Year 6

You can visit your child's class page on the school website, where you will find out more information about what your child is learning about as well as support for at home.

Home Support

Please click on the following links to support your child when learning their times tables.

- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/math-games/7-11-years/times-tables>
- <http://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>
- https://m.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLb7Q5jSm9eh_fdPQmVpyp4XRu-raUbHc

Year 5 Information

Year 5 Word List Letter

Useful Websites

- Purple Mash
- Mathletics
- Times Table Games
- BBC Bitesize English
- BBC Bitesize Maths

The school has high expectations for my child...

You said...

My child enjoys learning and I feel her teachers have always had high expectations for her to do well.



Teachers and TAs have helped my girls achieve their goals as there is very good communication between staff and parents

Newdale staff have helped transform my very quiet shy child into a very able child

Makes sure they exceed in all they do

My child is challenged and in turn excels in most subjects

All our planning follows the National Curriculum

Our interventions focus on helping children to keep up rather than catch up!

All children are challenged to achieve age-appropriate milestones

Work is adapted to ensure equality and equity for all

When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly...



You said...

I haven't had any concerns as such but where I had any questions or needed additional info, this was always addressed.

I have not had any concerns to date

Teachers and TA make a point to speak to me and reassure us.

Never had any problems with concerns not being dealt with

I have spoken to breakfast club and ASC staff who are also great

Every single time always sorted

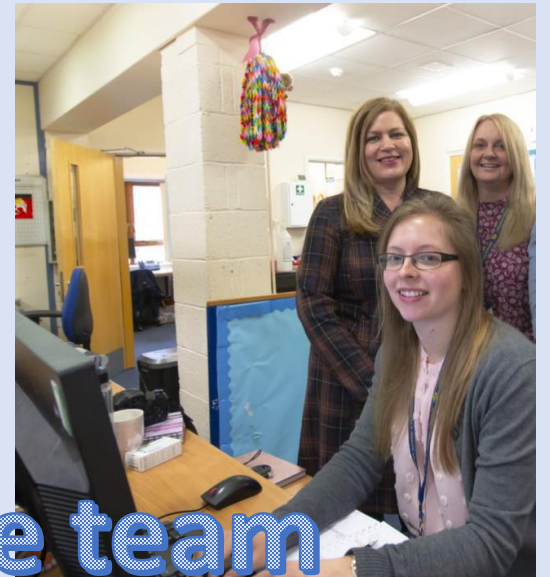
Class emails

Pastoral team

Senior leaders on

duty daily

Home
communication
books



Office team



Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

If **yes**, the survey asks parents how strongly they agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'

You said...

Strongly agree, the support put in for my son is really appreciated

Yes and yes always

She is given the support she needs

Very happy with the support we receive

My daughter gets extra support and Mrs Poole is always helpful and answers any questions that I have

Additional support has been excellent

Yes gets all the support he needs on the school's SEN register

Experienced
SENDCo

Recent recruitment
into the SEND team

SEND Parents'
Evening Meetings

Adaptive teaching to help
children keep up rather
than catch up

Half-termly SEND
parents' letters

SENDCo's email
address newdalesendco@taw.org.uk

The school's parent-teacher meetings clarify how my child is doing at school and help me to support my child at home...



You said...

Excellent communication on parents' evening and through home-school book. Thank you!

Always informative

Very helpful, supportive and informative. It is lovely that the teacher knows my child well, listen to her and shows ways that I can help at home e.g. numberline

I also enjoy and use the writing sheets and phonics videos that you provide to support.

Amazing, up to date so I know what my child is doing

Two formal parents' evenings a year

Progress shared in 'what my child has achieved' sheets

Informal parents drop ins e.g. Family Lunch

Targets shared

Support given e.g. website links

Whole child approach e.g. sharing of personal characteristics

My child enjoys PE lessons at this school...

You said...

Did you know we employ a specialist gymnast to teach your child's gymnastics sessions?



We have also been impressed at the number of sports fixtures and events that have been organised.

My son's favourite part of the week

Great variety of PE lessons available

Not athletic but tries her best even if she does not enjoy the activity

Always loved PE. Enjoys trying new sports clubs each term.

Even on 'non PE' days, your PE staff have such a huge presence and make an effort with all pupils.

Great varied provision

My child enjoys the wide range of PE

Here are a few examples of the sports covered...

Gymnastics

Football

Archery

Rounders

Swimming

Hockey

Dance

Athletics

Orienteering

Multi-skills

Tennis

Netball

Dodgeball

Basketball

Badminton

Cricket



There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school...



My child loves the range of subjects at school and enjoys telling me about what she is learning. She is really enjoying learning French.

You said...

Keeps the children engaged

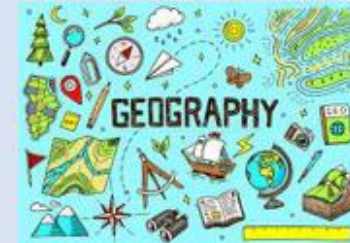
We like how different everyday is

My daughter enjoys all of her lessons

Lessons



Life Learning



Staff are welcoming and approachable to pupils and their families...



Amazing staff! Always helpful, personal and welcoming

You said...

Everyone seems to have a warm smile

Teachers always help and always do their best when parents have queries to explore

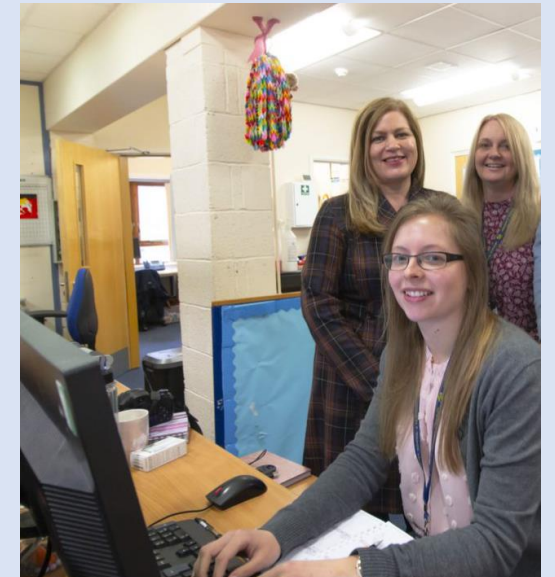
Yes always. Staff are very happy and always speak to the children and parents

All members of staff I have dealt with have been wonderful. Nothing is ever too much trouble for them.

Very comfortable entering the site

Always polite, friendly and approachable

Lots of happy staff



The school supports my child's wider personal development through assemblies and Life Learning...



He loves all the visits and visitors

Excellent Life Learning

You said...

Yes I agree. Healthy lifestyles, safety online and careers support the children and prepare them for life after school

She has come home with talks about saving the planet, being kind, help each other among others

My child often comes home and talks about what she has learnt in assemblies. She enjoys them.

We regularly talk about e-safety, school values etc

British Values – The rules we follow as a country



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The school promotes additional learning experiences, such as trips, visitors, and themed days...

You said...

This is something that Newdale is very good at- always organising different trips and visitors and activities.

My child loves looking forward to the additional learning experiences. They've been exciting, varied and really good value for money.

Yes. My child loves the additional learning experiences and gets very excited. She also learns a lot from them and remembers the experiences.

Simply so many trips throughout the year, and the themed days always seem to create an exciting atmosphere for the children

Very good variety of trips to match learning in school but also very fun for them

After coming to the UK my daughter has been to a couple of schools but Newdale is the only one school which encourages trips and learning, so happy for that.





My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school...

You said...

Some clubs get full in a matter of minutes

Excellent range of clubs offered

My child really enjoys the after-school clubs, its nice there is a variety and not just sports. It helps me out as a working parent

Loves activities after school such as dance and football

Everyone included, available to all

Lots of nice clubs always on offer. Popular clubs do fill up very quickly.

We are so pleased that our clubs are so popular; however, we do understand the frustration in spaces filling up so quickly. We ensure that we provide a variety of clubs which are led by external providers, Crossbar and Newdale staff. Keep your eyes peeled for an increase in our club offer in the summer term.

We have had requests from our Reception parents about offering more clubs for Reception children. This is something we are currently planning for Summer 2.





The school promotes and supports good attendance for my child with Cool Cat and the Pastoral team...

You said...

Yes. I feel its important for children to understand good attendance as well as being on time. This is a life skills they will use throughout life.

My child wants 100% attendance for the certificate

100%

My child loves the new kittens

We always receive an attendance certificate

Cool Cat likes to visit Newdale to encourage good attendance. Have you seen his new kittens? Theses are then given to classes with the best attendance.

Give your child the best start in life- every school day counts!

Miss School Miss Out!! Attendance at Newdale

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem like a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. At Newdale, our curriculum is sequential and progressive, which means that children consist of learning which build up over time. Due to the amount of knowledge children are expected to know by the end of each year, work missed is understandably hard to catch up on, which can then lead to gaps in children's learning. Friendships can also be affected by persistent absence: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates. Here at Newdale, we work closely with parents to ensure that children are in school learning every day, unless there is a genuine reason for an absence.

Learning
Key reasons why it is so important for children to attend school:
 ✓ To learn
 ✓ To have fun
 ✓ To make new friends
 ✓ To experience new things in life
 ✓ To develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences
 ✓ To achieve
 ✓ To gain qualifications
 ✓ To develop new skills
 ✓ To build confidence and self-esteem
 ✓ To have the best possible start in life

How we monitor attendance
We monitor attendance on a daily, weekly, termly and yearly basis. Our attendance team work closely with the local Education Welfare Officer to ensure there are high levels of attendance at Newdale. We recognise there can be relationships between poor attendance and behaviour, which we closely monitor.

Attendance	Rating	Action
97-100%	Green	Your child's attendance is at or above the school target. This will help with all aspects of your child's progress and development in school. This will give them a good start in life and supports a positive work ethic.
92-96%	Yellow	Your child's attendance is below expected. Expect a call from our attendance team to discuss how we can help.
Below 92%	Red	Your child's absence could significantly affect your child's progress and attainment. This will be monitored closely by the attendance team. Expect to be asked to attend an attendance drop-in session.

How can you help with your child's attendance?

- ✓ Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead
- ✓ Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules
- ✓ Ensure your child arrives at school on time - not late (many children feel embarrassed when they go into their classroom late)
- ✓ Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible
- ✓ Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness - expect a courtesy phone call to check on your child at the end of the day
- ✓ Take family holidays outside term time
- ✓ Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework)
- ✓ Attend parent evenings
- ✓ Praise and reward your child's achievements at school
- ✓ Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school - staff are there to help and will be supportive

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Something to think about... 50% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance but in reality, this level of attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during a year - that's nearly 4 school weeks!

We understand that there may be genuine reasons why your child is absent from school, but where there are not, we encourage all children to attend school every day. Please speak to a member of the office or pastoral team with any questions or concerns regarding attendance.

Visit our school website to read our attendance support guidance for parents



Miss School - Miss Out!!



I would recommend this school to another parent...

You said...

Definitely I would recommend

Already have to another family member

I am very pleased that both children have attended Newdale and always recommend the school to others.

I can not recommend Newdale enough, the school has supported, encouraged and challenged both my sons with amazing results as they have both thrived in school.

I am so happy that my child attends Newdale. The school is incredibly caring. So much time and effort is put into lessons, trips and themed days and visitors coming in.

We often sing Newdale's praises on local (Lawley) social media pages.

100%. My child loves the school and all of her teachers. I couldn't be happier knowing that she enjoys her learning and is supported so well.
Thank you.

100% and we do regularly

Of course, my child is very confident because of his school

Breakfast club is brilliant too. We couldn't manage without it!
Very happy with the school, no complaints only highly recommendations and praise.

I work in a nursery and parents ask on advice on schools in the area. I always recommend Newdale.