

What you would like us to improve.....

Parent comments	Our response
Too much emphasis on attendance	Attendance is one of our Ofsted key issues from our inspection in 2017. Schools can only be judged to be good or better if they have good attendance. It is also important to instil a good work ethic in children from an early age and of course, the more they are here, the more they learn!
More male teachers	Ashbourne Primary School employs the very best teachers regardless of their gender. Don't forget we are lucky enough to have Mr Peach and Mr Dell who teach all classes in school!
I sent an email addressed to info@.... Regarding head lice in the last summer term. I didn't receive a reply. It was an issue in my daughter's year when she was in year 5.	Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Sometimes messages can get missed. If after 10 days, you have not had a response to your enquiry, please phone the school directly.
I know nothing of my child's progress between parents evenings	We inform parents of their child's progress 3 times per year (2 parents' evenings and an annual report) in line with the 3 terms of the school year. If parents are concerned about their child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher for a meeting or telephone call to discuss. Equally, if we are concerned about your child's progress, we will be in touch!
Accelerated reader is terrible!!	We have had some initial problems with getting Accelerated Reader up and running. However, our year 6 reading results were above national last year. The children who are reading regularly at home and taking the quizzes are rapidly increasing their comprehension age. We will continue to review Accelerated Reader to ensure it is having a positive impact on the progress of our children.
Why do juniors still need to read to parents 5 times a week?	It is important that primary age children continue to read regularly to parents and that they are questioned about the book to ensure they have a good understanding of the plot, characters and the vocabulary. Research shows that children who read for 20 minutes each day are 90% more likely to achieve on standardised tests than their peers.
Lack of challenging homework/not enough homework	The children at Ashbourne Primary work very hard during the school day and we expect them to read, learn their spellings/letter sounds/times tables at home along with some project work or weekly tasks in the juniors. If parents would like to complete further tasks at home, please see your child's teacher who can offer advice. We believe that family time and extra-curricular activities are equally important.
More playtime for kids to play (on bikes).	Our Reception pupils have access to bikes and trikes as part of the EYFS curriculum. The rest of school have the recommended amount of playtime. We are always looking to extend the amount of equipment that they have to play with. Our recent purchases of basketball nets and outdoor gym equipment are very popular.

