



Dear Parents,

Thank-you so much for taking the time to complete and return the Parent Surveys which were recently sent out.

The survey results have been analysed and below is a summary of the responses. In total there were 44 responses.

	AGREE	DISAGREE	Don't Know / Not applicable
1, My child is happy at this school	100	0	0
2, My child feels safe at this school	100	0	0
3, The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	100	0	0
4, My child's unique achievements are recognised and valued by the school	100	0	0
5, The school deals with any bullying and harassment quickly and effectively	95	5	0
6, The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	100	0	0
7, Any concerns that are raised with the school are dealt with properly	100	0	0
8, My Child has special educational needs or a disability and the school gives them the support they need to succeed (IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR A DISABILITY PLEASE TICK <b>NOT APPLICABLE</b> )	95	5	0
9, The school provides good quality Catholic Religious Education for its pupils	95	0	5
10, The school has high expectations for my child	100	0	0
11, My child does well at this school	100	0	0
12, The school lets me know how my child is doing	100	0	0
13, The school supported my child well during the period/s of remote learning caused by the pandemic	100	0	0
14, There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	97	0	3
15, The school fulfils its mission to make Christ known today	97	0	3

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16, My child is able to take part in meaningful and enjoyable Catholic assemblies, masses, prayer gatherings and other acts of collective worship	100	0	0
17, The school supports my child's wider personal development	97	3	0
18, The measures the school has put in place to support my child's learning after the period/s of remote learning (recovery curriculum / recovery provision / catch up) are effective and making a difference	89	0	11
19, The Catholic Life of the school enables my child to make a positive contribution to the community inspired by the example of Jesus Christ e.g. by helping and serving others, charitable activity, being a valuable part of the community	97	0	3
20, The school offers a wide range of activities in addition to the curriculum e.g. lunchtime activities, after school clubs, sports, music or arts activities in addition to subject lessons.	100	0	0
21, I would recommend the school to another parent	100	0	0

In addition to the tick boxes there was also space for parents to share what they thought the school was doing well, what we could do to make the school even better and any further comments.

Once again, thank-you for taking the time to share your thoughts. Below is a summary of some of the most common comments made and where parents have shared what we could do to make the school better a response has also been shared.

What we do well....	
'Sharing the Catholic Faith' 'Consistent communication' 'Good teaching and high expectations' 'Looking after children's welfare' 'Keeping in touch during lockdown'	'Linking RE throughout all areas of the curriculum' 'Keeping children safe' 'Church community' 'Making children feel valued' 'Encouraging good behaviour'
What we could do to make the school even better	
'More after school clubs' <i>This term we have introduced a number of after schools clubs which include sports and Art and Crafts. The clubs will change each half term to offer a range of different opportunities for children to take part in.</i>	

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*'Breakfast and after school clubs for working parents' Historically the school did operate a breakfast club, but unfortunately the cost of running the breakfast club became too difficult for the school to sustain, mainly due to the non-payment of fees. This meant that the school budget was having to subsidise the club for a small number of children rather than using school money to support all children in our care. We do however have a link with Learning Journeys who are able to offer additional before and after school provision.*

*'Quality of school dinners' This is something we have been looking into and I'm pleased to share that we have successfully secured the development of a working kitchen here at St Joseph's meaning that food will be cooked on site each day for children.*

*'More opportunities for parents to be involved in school now COVID is over' Parents are now welcome to join us for Mass on Tuesday (9.15am) and Assembly on Friday (9.15am) each week. Going forward we will be offering parents the opportunities to come into school and take part in lessons with their children – something which was very successful before lockdown.*

*'Deeper coverage in history to include Black History Month' We follow the National Curriculum as set out by the Government and ensure that all objectives are covered so that we meet all of the statutory requirements. We have a focus week each October during Black History month where children learn about Black History and significant people.*

*'More staff on the door in the morning to speak to parents' In the morning teachers have to be in their classrooms to ensure the children are welcomed and supervised. Teaching Assistants are placed around the entry points of EYFS, KS1, KS2 and the front of the school to ensure children arrive into the school building safely and are always happy to speak to parents. If you need to speak to someone please pop into the school office and you will be looked after.*

*'Swimming in Reception class' We do recognise that swimming is an important skill and swimming is in the National Curriculum for KS2 children only. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 go swimming during their time in our school, but unfortunately the ratio of adults to children needed to take Reception class swimming would involve more adults than school can spare to ensure the safety of all children within the school.*

*'Teachers to have more time to talk to parents' Teachers are always happy to speak with parents, and regularly phone and speak to parents before and after school along with during their lunchtimes. Teachers can't always be released to speak to parents during the day as they need to be in the classroom teaching the children to fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum, but teachers will always get in touch if you leave a message in the office.*

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*'With growing overweight children PE 3 times per week instead of 1' PE is taught for 2 hours each week in KS1 and KS2. We offer a number of sports clubs for children to attend as well as a range of physical activities available for children at play and lunchtimes. With the demands of teaching all curriculum subjects teaching PE 3 times each week would have an impact on the time available to teach other subjects e.g. English, Maths, Music, History etc.*

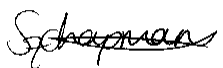
*'Hiring more teaching assistants', We would love to! The more adults we have in school to support children's learning is obviously beneficial. Unfortunately, we have a school budget which we have to adhere to and we already have many more teaching assistants in our school than other schools to support the children.*

*'Closure of school notices as soon as possible in the day' The decision to close school is based on health and safety. If the site isn't safe for children or we can't provide meals – no longer an issue when we have our own kitchen – the school cannot open. As soon as a decision is made, and confirmed with our Chair of Governors, parents are informed. Regretfully this year the notification to parents has been very last minute and we can only apologise. We will always aim to inform parents as soon as possible.*

Once again, thank you so much for taking the time to complete the surveys and sharing your views with us, we do really appreciate it.

The safety, happiness and educational progress of your children is the reason we are here. Never hesitate to contact the school to ask for help in resolving any matter – big or small. We would never wish for you as parents or for any of our children to be unhappy in any way. Myself as the Principal, Mrs Cheema as Acting Assistant Principal and Miss Oakley as Senior Teacher and SENCO are here to help support and resolve any issues you may have. Never hesitate to get in touch.

With every kind wish as always,



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