

St John's Infant School

Parents' Questionnaire July 2021



We are most grateful for the responses received to our annual questionnaire, they help us to shape the future of St John's by recognising and celebrating the things that work well, and evaluating and adapting areas that can be improved upon. We then use this in our school improvement plan each year and for planning further ahead into the future.

We are delighted to say that responses were overwhelmingly positive and supportive, with 60% of our community responding. Please find below a summary of the findings:

100% of respondents agreed that their children were happy, safe and well looked after at school.

100% of respondents agreed that their child was well taught, they were making good progress and the school provides an all-round education.

100% of respondents agreed that the headteacher was approachable and 94% felt staff were approachable - this was said to be affected by COVID restrictions.

100% of respondents believe that the school has good links with the church and local community, and provides opportunities for a rich, spiritual, moral, social and cultural education. The responses also showed the respondents felt they had a good understanding of the school's values that underpin our Christian ethos.

100% of respondents believe the school has high expectations of behaviour which reflect its Christian values, with bullying being dealt with effectively, or having had no experience of this they felt they couldn't answer.

100% of responses show that the school meets their child's needs with 97% saying the school helps support parents with their child's learning.

We are delighted with these responses and will always keep these areas of focus and continual improvement in our life long learning journey.

The vast majority of responses were positive, whilst some people feel we could improve the visibility of governors, so please watch out for their upcoming newsletters. And now that we can all be together again you will see them on a more regular basis around school and at events. Communication is always an area that is focused upon and continual improvements made - 89% stated they were completely satisfied whilst some comments even stated how good they thought it was, however others still feel there is room for improvement. We do have, whenever possible, weekly newsletters, Marvellous Me communication from teachers, an updated website, a class rep system, emails and telephone

calls as required. We know it can be a challenge to reach everyone but we strive to continually improve. We look forward to face to face parents’ evenings in the autumn, spring and summer.

We have already spoken with the school community about parents requesting that families do not provide cakes for the class on their child’s birthday and we have suggested instead that the child buys a book as a present for the class. We are sure you will agree a much healthier alternative and supports our work on the importance of reading. It could be the child’s favourite story or ask the class teacher if they have any requests. This is not compulsory however the giving of cakes/biscuits or sweet treats whilst never encouraged, will not be supported by school.

We are grateful for people taking the time to respond and we are happy to address anyone’s views/ opinions throughout the year so please do contact us if you have something to share before the next survey.

Finally, we wanted to share with you some of the amazing comments people made:

“The friendly approachable manner of the head and all the teachers. The constant communication. Plus, forest school!”

“The warm and nurturing environment. It has a strong sense of community and is a very friendly school. The children are all known as individuals.”

“Not only do St John's provide a wonderful education but they work hard to deliver really special experiences for the children. It really is such a special place.”

“It’s warmth... it’s immediately evident that the staff love the school and this shines through in the children.”

“The loving, family ethos, the all-rounder approach to education with the whole child in mind. Great curriculum in operating outdoor learning, lots of lovely events. Great clubs. Good standards.”

“The warmth, enthusiasm and encouragement for each and every pupil, so keenly displayed by all the fabulous members of staff.”

“It's nurturing, loving environment that allows our children to reach their true potential through their own desire to do so,”

