

Parent/Carer Survey

We value your feedback as this helps us to improve our school for all the children.

	Disagree strongly	Disagree somewhat	Neutral	Agree somewhat	Agree strongly
My child is happy at this school				14%	86%
My child feels safe at this school				21%	79%
My child makes good progress at this school				14%	86%
My child is well looked after at this school				14%	86%
My child is taught well at this school				14%	86%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age		7%		21%	71%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved				17%	83%
This school deals with all types of bullying very well		8%	17%	8%	67%
This school is well led and managed		17%			83%
- Curriculum		8%	8%	8%	75%
- Trips					
- Requirements on parents		8%			92%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise			14%	7%	79%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress			8%	25%	67%
I would recommend this school to another parent			7%	14%	79%

What do you most value about this school?

- I value the family feel of St Mary's which is built upon respect, love and compassion. Because of this my child is extremely happy and engages fully in their learning. As a result, she is making good progress.
- Core values and teachers who take great care and pride in their teachings.
- The school nurtures each child's individually personality and educational needs.
- The care and understanding of pupils needs.
- The safeness of children.
- The curriculum.
- Staff genuinely care about the children. They are happy coming to school and feel safe. They are making fantastic progress and developing confidence . The Christian ethos helps instils values that are important to us as parents.
- The school empowers my children to be open about their faith. They are excited and proud of their learning. When they are worried, they can share with teachers and are confident support will be in place for them.
- The school is warm and welcoming.
- Both my children are happy at the school and the staff are very friendly and helpful.
- The education the children receive is paramount and the children get that here.
- The teachers and staff put their all into helping the children be the best that they can and achieve their full potential. Any issues are always dealt with.

What could the school do even better?

- More tailored homework.
- Allow children to come to school in PE kits.
- Support families who take their children on holiday during term time.
- Quieter lunchtimes.
- More trips.
- More after school clubs.
- Put on an end of year production for KS 2

Some responses from school

- Thank you so much for the positive feedback. Everyone works very hard, so we appreciate that you recognise that.
- Homework. School leaders have put a lot of thought into what we expect. We have used the Education Endowment Foundation – an independent, expert body, findings on the value of homework. They have found that there is definitely value in setting homework tasks that reinforce school learning, however no task should be too onerous. Staff have considered this when setting homework. We also believe that if children are asked to complete anything, there is no value in not expecting them to do so. Thank you to those families who support us in this. However we also seek to understand any barriers to completing homework - for example, a lack of access to a quiet space or learning materials. Please let us know if this is the case.
- PE kits and changing in schools. Last year the Governing Body were asked to consider this and agreed that children should not come into school in their PE Kit for many reasons. School does however accept that parents want to get more wear out of their trainers. If this is the case, please feel free to take trainers home each night and on weekends, we just ask they are in school on PE days.
- School takes attendance very seriously. Missing a week or two for holidays can have a big impact upon learning. For that reason we do not authorise holidays during term time.
- We aim for every class to have a trip each term and will try to make at least one of those a local trip. School is very aware of cost implications during these hard times and for that reason we try to stick to three trips a year.
- We do run afterschool clubs but take up again this year has been poor. We are continually looking at the offer .