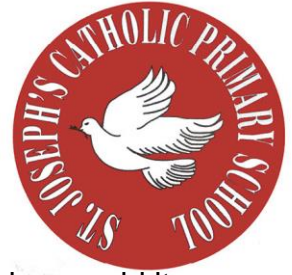




Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful half term. During the two parent's evenings last term, we asked parents to complete a brief survey whilst waiting for appointments. Many thanks to you for completing them. The questions were the 12 questions Ofsted use to gather parental feedback during an inspection. I have gone through the forms and present the results in the table below. *Please note that the % do not always total 100% due to rounding, and that there are a different number of responses for some questions, as not all questions were answered on every form. Actual numbers are written in red below % figures. Please see reverse of sheet for commentary.*

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school	67% 70	29% 31	0.9% 1	- 0	1.9% 2
My child feels safe at this school	68% 71	28% 30	0.9% 1	- 0	2.8% 3
My child makes good progress at this school	54% 57	41% 43	0.9% 1	0.9% 1	2.8% 3
My child is well looked after at this school	66% 69	33% 35	- 0	- 0	1% 1
My child is taught well at this school	60% 60	38% 38	- 0	- 0	2% 2
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	34% 34	52% 52	2% 2	4% 4	8% 8
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	58% 57	39% 39	1% 1	- 0	1% 1
This school deals effectively with bullying	30% 32	40% 42	4% 5	- 0	26% 28
This school is well led and managed	49% 52	43% 46	1.8% 2	- 0	5.6% 6
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	46% 48	42% 44	2.8% 3	0.9% 1	7.6% 8
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	48% 50	40% 42	5.7% 6	0.9% 1	4.8% 5
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	59% 61	37% 38	0.9% 1	- 0	2.9% 3



Commentary

Once again, can I thank all the parents who took the time to complete the survey. I have said it before and I will continue to say it, that I am relentless in my pursuit to create the best possible school and experience for your children. Your feedback is invaluable in helping me get a rounded picture of where we currently are on that journey.

I take great pride in seeing that in the case of every single question, the overwhelming majority of responses are 'Strongly Agree' or 'Agree'. This tells me we are indeed on the right path and that you as parents are very pleased with the progress we are making.

For some questions, there was quite an increase in the 'Don't Know' response, particularly for Q8 – 'The school deals effectively with bullying'. Many parents on this question added a note to explain that they have put this response as they have had no experience of bullying issues. Again, this is very pleasing to hear as I do want to create a school free from any type of bullying or unkindness.

I am well aware that some parents may have different views or experiences. When I was first appointed as Headteacher I wrote to you in a letter to say that as parents you may not agree with every single decision I make, but that I wanted to assure you that every decision is in the best interests of the children. Looking at the results, clearly some parents do not agree with some decisions, for example, the question regarding homework. As I explained when I brought in the new policy, it was never going to suit everyone, as when surveyed, some parents are against any type of homework, while others wanted more. The results are clear, with 86% of responses agreeing that appropriate homework is set. However, if you are in the 6% who disagree, you clearly have different views.

I would love to have a survey where 100% of all responses are 'Strongly agree', but how possible that is, I am not sure. Every parent is an individual, with different views. However, going on these results, where all but three questions have a positive response of at least 92%, I take this as evidence that we are well on our way to achieving what I have set out to do.

From those three areas where the positive responses dipped (not including bullying as the 'Don't Know' responses do indicate a positive experience), homework has already been mentioned. Unfortunately there won't be a policy that suits all, but only 6% do feel that the homework isn't appropriate.

The other areas are to do with receiving information about your child's progress, and the school response to any concerns. I will look closely at these areas during the course of the year.

Whilst I do acknowledge that this survey is a snapshot and not every parent completed one, I do feel it is a good indication of the views and experiences of a significant proportion of parents. Thank you for providing the feedback to allow me to continue to work with all the staff to make the St Joseph's experience the best it can be.

Mr Turner