

Holy Trinity & S. Silas Primary School Parent Questionnaire – May 2018

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child likes school	68% (85)	30% (38)	0.02% (2)		
My child is making good progress	67% (84)	27% (34)	0.04% (5)		0.02% (2)
I feel welcomed when I come into school	76% (95)	23% (29)			0.08% (1)
Pupils behave well at Holy Trinity and S.Silas	73% (91)	24% (30)	0.08% (1)		3
Staff encourage my child to become confident and independent	79% (99)	19% 24			0.02% (2)
Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best	70% (88)	25% (31)	0.02% (2)		0.02% (2)
There is a good range of learning opportunities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable	67% (84)	31% (39)	0.08% (1)		0.02% (2)
I find it easy to contact my child's teacher	72% (90)	24% 30	0.02% (2)		0.02% (2)
The school provides appropriate homework	50% (63)	46% (58)	0.03% (4)		
The school gives me information about events and activities	68% (85)	31% (39)	0.08%		
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or a complaint	67% (84)	27% (34)	0.02% (2)		0.04% (5)
The school is well led	89% (111)	11% (14)			
I would recommend the school to other parent/carers	86% (107)	14% (17)			0.08% (1)

What do you like most about Holy Trinity and S.Silas

Recurring Phrases:

Strong sense of community, creative, students mentoring each other, the 3 c's, high standards, high quality teachers and support staff, incredibly welcoming, supporting, friendly and safe learning environment, Shakespeare, drama class and frequent theatre performances (including assembly!), choir, Fr Graeme, Christian Ethos, strong leadership, arts-based, students behave well, students feel safe, school inspires the children and builds their confidence, GENUINE caring nature of staff and children toward one another, instilling enthusiasm in pupils, a family, PiP, promoting individuality, children make significant progress and this is very evident to parents, school is well organised.

What would you like us to do better at school?

Repeated Requests:

MORE CLUBS: Breakfast/ sports/woodwork/homework club/art/science/coding/ technology/design/chess; School action: We are restricted in the number of clubs that we provide by the number of adults that we have available. As this is something that parents would generally like to see more of, we will look at external providers. It is important to note that this would be likely to come with a greater cost attached. In addition, we will continue to look at ways that we might be able to provide a breakfast club.

Modernising communication: twitter/ electronic letters/ newsletter link:

<u>School action:</u> We will make a more concerted effort to reduce paper in our communication with families. The weekly newsletter is now sent as a link and is available on the school website under the parents tab. Next year we intend to be ready to have an online questionnaire for you to complete.

More sports/PE

<u>School action:</u> Some parents have requested more sport. The children have their allocated PE lessons and KS2 are able to take part in sports in at lunchtime. Unfortunately, our already tight timetable does not allow us to extend PE lessons any further.

Describe the school in three words

Recurring words:

Caring, nurturing, welcoming, approachable, encouraging, creative, community, loving, safe, free, happy, inclusive, energetic, enthusiastic, artistic, warm, positive, peaceful, calm, visionary, fair, aspirational, strict, FUN, focussed, ambitious, approachable, competent, successful, evolving, kind/kind hearted.

In what ways does the Christian vision/values of the school impact on your child's development

Parents mainly think that the Christian ethos is teaching their children how to think about others and their feelings, treat them well and help others. They also believe it provides them with an inner moral compass that makes them more confident when deciding on what action to take. An important observation is that parents of all religions are unanimous one these points. Also worth noting that an overwhelming majority of parents who returned their questionnaires filled this section in with nothing but positive feedback.

Repeated themes:

Teaches love; makes them compassionate & forgiving; children enjoy reading the Bible; teaches them ethics and morals; right from wrong; being a good citizen and living by a moral code; thinking of others; thinking before acting; living the Christian values not just in words but in actions; good "foundation/framework"; a sense of belonging; strengthens community; children often mention Christian teachings to parents in very positive ways; Fr Graeme is a great role model; children are respectful and empathic; a chance to consider and reflect on their behavior in daily life.

General comments

Repeated Concerns:

Not being informed about trips well enough in advance. A clearer overview of events and deadlines.

School action: We will look at ways of ensuring that there is consistency in communication about trips and events across the school. We are looking at developing our school website so that it is easier to navigate and can support improved communication. PLEASE NOTE: Parents must talk to either their child's teacher or Ms Dolan if they have any concern. Please can we assure you that that all concerns are valid and will be dealt with – no matter how minor you might think it to be.

Quality as well as quantity of lunches not being sufficient, especially in KS2.

<u>School action:</u> We will feed back any concerns to Caterlink and continue to monitor quality and quantity. Please ensure that you communicate with school if your child is unhappy with their lunch provision. Caterlink might want to communicate directly with families.

We received 59% of completed questionnaires from you. While it would have been good to have a greater number, this was an increase from last year. Thank you for your feedback to us, we appreciate that any developments/improvements that you would like to see, are constructive and sincerely make us reflect on our practices.

I would like to remind you that we work in partnership with you and so your thoughts/suggestions are always welcome. These can be put into the suggestions box at the school office or shared with the school office via email.

Best wishes,

Ms Dolan