



St John's Infant School Parents' Questionnaire July 2024

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. This year parents' views were also part of our OFSETD and SIAMS inspections. Please do read our reports.

We are again delighted with such positive and supportive responses and really pleased that people are happy to share any points for development they would like to see. Thank you all for responding to all the surveys this year. Please find below a summary of the findings from the school survey:

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

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

100% of responses agreed that the headteacher and staff were approachable.

100% of responses believe that the school has good links with the church and local community and provide 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 responses 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 so they felt they could not answer.

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

100% of responses felt the school takes a balanced all-round approach to education and would recommend the school to another parent.

We are overwhelmed with these responses and we will always keep areas of focus and strive for continual improvement in our lifelong learning journey.

The responses were extremely positive, although there were fewer contributions than in previous years on the question 'If there were any areas in which people would like to see improvement?' There was a point made around needing longer hours on offer at our afterschool club, which we have now addressed by outsourcing our afterschool provision - it is now available until 6pm. It was important to us that also included a nutritious meal, and they do have an option for hot food. There was a comment around a weekly lunch planner and this is available already on our website. There was one suggestion around more ELSA provision which unfortunately is limited by the number of hours in a day and is designed to be blocks of support once a week for children, after which then they should be given time to implement the strategies taught. Children do blocks of sessions based on their needs, and then receive check-ins after support. There is also lots of daily support offered by staff to all children and help sought to tackle any concerns. There was a question around increasing music and art provision and we are delighted to say we are completing the Arts Mark with Year One and Year Two which we hope will be a biannual event. This will also incorporate parents coming to assemblies to demonstrate their talents in the arts.

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

The kindness and care the teachers show towards all children and the focus on their individual needs. Thank you for all you have done for both our children this year. We feel very fortunate that they attend a school with approachable staff who have the best interests of pupils at the heart of all they do.

The lovely children and teaching staff

The caring environment, where children feel safe and seen. Also, the forest school and many additional activities like Class Assemblies, dancing at the village fete, Singing Spree etc. which help to increase children's confidence and creativity.

Very nurturing

Our daughter is really happy at St John's - we like that it's an infant school so it's small. Everyone is really nice and approachable and there is always a lovely atmosphere. Good energy and good feelings! It's clean, tidy, and bright and all the staff are just wonderful!

The nurturing environment and warm, supportive family feel. Plus, forest school.

The best thing is the nurturing and caring environment. We are extremely happy and so is our child.

All of the staff are incredibly supportive and the school nurtures every child.