



The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

"As the Family of Jesus, we learn and love together"



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Dear Parents

At the Parent's meetings in October you were invited to complete a short questionnaire, "Parental Voice".

I am pleased to share with you the summary of EVERYTHING that you said about our school, and our responses to the comments you made. We collected 362 responses and I would like to thank you for taking part.

Yours sincerely

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Parent Questionnaire Analysis

October 2016

362 questionnaires

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
1	My child enjoys school.	67%	29%	1%	0%	0.5%
		96%		1%		
2	My school helps my child to be healthy	50%	44%	0.5%	0%	2%
		94%		0.5%		
3	My child feels safe when at school	70%	24%	0.5%	0.5%	0.75%
		94%		1%		
4	My child learns a lot in lessons	61%	35%	0.5%	0%	0.5%
		96%		0.5%		
5	Behaviour at my child's school is good	57%	39%	0.75%	0%	1.5%
		96%		0.75%		
6	Adults in my child's school care about them	67%	30%	0.5%	0%	1%
		97%		0.5%		
7	Adults in my child's school are interested in their views	68%	28%	1%	0%	3%
		96%		1%		
8	I know how well my child is doing at school	64%	33%	0.5%	0%	2%
		97%		0.5%		
9	Adults explain to my child how to improve their work	59%	38%	0.5%	0%	2%

		97%		0.5%		
10	My child's school helps them to get ready to move to their next class	66%	28%	0.5%	0%	4.5%
		94%		0.5%		
11	The leaders in my child's school do a good job	60%	34%	1.5%	0%	4%
		94%		1.5%		
12	Would you recommend St Mary's to another parent?	Yes			No	
		96%			0.5%	
13	Break times and lunchtimes are safe and enjoyable for my child.	62%	33%	1%	0.5%	3%
		95%		1.5%		

The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools Parental Voice
Summary October 2016

Aspects of 'The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools that I am pleased with...	Dear parents...	Current improvements to Catholic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping parents up to date • Caring teachers and staff • Learn new things everyday and want to practice at home • A very good school • My child enjoys it • School puts the safety and welfare of the children first • Child looks forward to going to school • Child has settled well, happy and they are enjoying it. • Lots of activities for my child to do • My child feels safe and enjoys it here • My child enjoys it and is taught life skills as well as usual topics • Good teaching ethics making children enjoy and want to go to school • Sense of community and family at St Mary's is lovely • Good ethics and good ways of teaching. • School is a good size and so not too overwhelming • The staff always help the children who need extra help to catch up academically 	<p align="center">Thank you for your Parental Voice returns.</p> <p align="center">Here you will find a <u>summary of everything</u> parents said out our school.</p> <p align="center">362 questionnaires</p> <p>Please note that statement have</p>	<p>An improved text / email happening about events Possible use of new tech</p> <p>SCHOOL RESPONSE:</p> <p><i>The school subscribes to a text mes Teacher2Parents. The new contract coming months parents will notice in Additionally, use of email is on the h address as we move towards using and use new technologies but we al items. Our computers are firewalled webistes can be accessed. We will a welcome new ideas from parents fo</i></p> <p>All year groups to do Ch</p> <p>SCHOOL RESPONSE:</p> <p><i>We all want all children to enjoy dra everybody takes part. We involve ch Christmas, Easter and leavers perfo celebrations each year. By the end o one.</i></p> <p>Give better feedback abo</p> <p>SCHOOL RESPONSE:</p> <p><i>Across the two sites there are 420 c children can be scrutinsed closely o lunches, the trays are monitored an on packed lunches they are not abled exactly how much is eaten. If you ha please see your child's class teache</i></p> <p>Feel that since Mr South school.</p> <p>SCHOOL RESPONSE:</p> <p><i>The school is currently in a very tran focused on the cultures and proced positive changes but at a time wher system it may mean that some prev</i></p> <p>Would have liked more o grounds / classrooms be</p> <p>SCHOOL RESPONSE:</p> <p><i>All parents are welcome to make an place. We will however take this on will incorporate a tour of the school. take place during the school day we tour the school.</i></p>

- My child loves school and the teaching gives me a lot of confidence in the school.
- It is a good school in all areas and my child enjoys being here
- They encourage my child to learn
- Getting children prepared for school and their learning standard is high
- School is supportive of my child's needs
- High quality teaching and a sense of community
- Genuine interest in my child's wellbeing, education and faith.
- Child is happy to come to school and parents are kept informed at all times about events and anything else they need to know.
- Safe environment for my child
- Teachers are caring and kind and do a wonderful job of guiding the children
- Very interested and caring staff make the children feel welcome and safe.
- Informative and helpful for parents
- I am extremely pleased
- Ethos of the school
- Choice regarding free time is brilliant and the observation of staff is impressive
- Lovely school with great ethos for learning

been made anonymous by replacing names with 'my child'.

Bigger football pitch on

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

Unfortunately the school is limited a children needing to access the outside playground for KS1 and this will come ground gets too slippery for the children

Nothing

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

It is really good news that many parents as an excuse to rest on our laurels - looking for ways to get better.

Sibling photographs across

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

This is an area the school has already photographs are taken on the Infant starts (from approx 8.20am) to have More information on this will be available

More comments in diary spelling scores

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

We will look into the further use of the a topic for discussion at the next parent

More help for children and support they have

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

All children will, from time to time, and assistants; this can be to reinforce and challenge children who have support outside of normal sessions support plan.

Parking outside school /

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

There is limited street parking surrounding be considerate when thinking about and those that do need to use cars, considerate to our neighbours. It is have developed a self regulating on

Both sites have facilities for disabled children is paramount therefore access traffic. Disabled spaces can be accessed anyone needs assistance with disabled

Outdoor play equipment

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

Over £10,000 has been invested towards sites .This is a significant contribution financial support. The school budget council are asked their opinions on as far as is practicable. For example

- All my children have attended and I have been extremely pleased over the years with my child's progression and educational support.
- If you have a problem the school will help to get it sorted straight away.
- Teachers are amazing
- Good school that teaches children good values and attitudes
- Provides excellent education
- Strong values and beliefs and will help to support parents with issues
- Teachers are supportive of my child
- Friendly school, great atmosphere for the children to learn in
- I love the teacher
- Great communication to parents via the newsletter
- We're struck by the caring environment and the learning seen
- Friendly and there are lots of opportunities for parents to come into school and look around.
- School has helped my child with her confidence
- Fabulous school with teachers that really enjoy their jobs
- Lovely Religious Education and school ethos
- School engages with parents and lets you know how your child is progressing

Hippo Huts, as we call them, have been a great help to enjoy.

After School Care to be provided

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

Because the premises are only available until 5.30pm, the after school care cannot be extended beyond 5.30pm. The school building has been adequately secured and we will facilitate this.

Verbal communication with parents evenings

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

Parents are more than welcome to meet with the school throughout the year. We actively encourage parents to do so as possible. We have also introduced a 'Parent Follin'. If you are concerned about your child, please forward your concerns. They will take them into consideration.

It is not possible for class teacher to be present at a number of children in each class. The school must be giving supervision throughout the year. Appointments. Class teachers will attend to all situations during the school day that arise.

Some teachers could list out

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

If you ever have any concerns about your child, please contact the school immediately. If the concern is not resolved, we will advise on the next point of contact.

More workshops for parents

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The school provides a number of workshops across both sites. If there are specific requests, please contact the school office and let us know.

More afterschool activities sessions

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

This is a priority on this year's school improvement plan. Currently 4 sessions are provided 1 after school club at Juniors. PE activities at the Junior site. These lunchtime sessions are provided at University.

Activate Fun comes into school twice a week, providing sports sessions to all year groups. This is all in addition to the usual school activities.

Improved payment facilities

- St Mary's is a good school and recognises a child's ability
- Communication between parent and teachers is really good. I feel they listen and try to help as much as possible.
- My child is happy and receives a Christian education and that is very important to our family
- We love the quality of teachers and assistants. The teaching is varied and enjoyable.
- Newsletter is really informative and gives a good insight into school activities and encourages parents to be part of the school community
- Love the family environment
- Dinner menu choices at home help to plan meals
- Everyone cares about the children
- Parents and teachers work together for the best of the children
- Take time with children and are patient towards behavioural issues
- High standard of teaching
- Motivated and inspirational teachers inspire children to have a polite attitude
- Reinforces manners and Christian values
- Opportunities to look at new schemes such as Accelerated Reader
- Before and After School facilities and staff

easier

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The school business manager is currently on time due to the schools being on two weeks within the next 12 months this will be

Improved Anti-bullying P

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The school's policy follows all the steps of the points within the policy. If you have your child's class teacher and discuss

More school trips

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

Class teachers will look for opportunities. We are mindful that parents are asked to minimise this ask by limiting the number of educational purposes, as guidance is to have fun days out. Unfortunately the school does not have without parent contributions.

Possible use of systems and sanctions

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The school currently uses this system. Once the trial is completed we will look

Safety on school playground

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The school has a regular health and safety. Additionally, the ratio of adult to children follows guidelines. If you have a specific concern, please contact your class teacher to discuss it further.

Feedback on homework should give for homework rather than all-class work

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

Children should be accessing the homework. It has been covered in the classroom. Although parents who would like less and the enhanced feedback is not always practical, we would not be asking anymore from them would not be a based homework programme and it is in our website development plan, inter alia, resources should they wish to provide

When a serious concern Headteacher needs to be

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The Senior Leadership team consists

- Well led school and good education
- Extra work set challenges my child and makes them work at the level they need
- Thank you for welcoming my child into the school and helping them to settle well
- Fantastic school and all the staff are approachable and my child is having a brilliant education
- Lovely school where they teach my child and keep me updated on their progress
- Good environment
- High expectations and give goals for my child to achieve.

Head, and 2 Assistant Heads. All 4 concern has been raised or an incident Headteacher and therefore others in Parents are advised that any concern Parents should feel assured that school necessary.

Supervision of children v activities

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

As this is a new system we are still supervised from a monitoring point of the tasks completely independently Stage. There are times we have not children will need this when they co shown to be a need.

Greater preparation for H

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The school works with the children in secondary education. The children move onwards in Year 6. We are a feeder them on transition. We have developed the transition experience through the

Better maintenance of th

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

This is an ongoing issue as the fitting returned to school in very recent weeks imminently.

Some shelter on the Junior playground

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

It is difficult to put full shelters on the young people onto the playground of children on the Junior Site are not kept something we will give further cons

Behaviour of some impact class

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The use of 'blanket punishments' is reflect the actions of the individuals usually down to having more than 5 your child has had unfair consequences will be able to advise on the actions

Staff Stability

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The school has a very low turnover changes of staff in their school journey etc. We will always endeavour to make it as possible.

Better temperature control

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The age of both buildings does not mean they cool down very quickly. The new buildings have two sites full temperature control systems.

Better communication and

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The school sites do have record sheets. However, this system is still in need of improvement and will be discussed at the next parent forum. If you have any queries please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

More time for children to

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The school is evaluating the marking process to ensure more time is given to the children.

Christmas Parties

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

Each school year group from Nursery to Year 6 have a Christmas party in Autumn Term. The children have fun and have a gift provided courtesy of the school.

Office / Admin staff not r

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

The use of email is not yet fully part of the school's communication with reference to receiving emails directly from parents and parents will have a chance to discuss this at the next term.

Full Day Nursery Places

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

Our School Nursery is very popular. Places are applied for and given. There are places for lunch place etc.

Both schools on one site

SCHOOL RESPONSE:

Currently the school is based at 2 sites. A Headteacher for both schools, a Deputy Headteacher for Infants and Juniors have never been

*bring both sets of pupils together and
facilitates both have to offer. It is our
this is unlikely.*