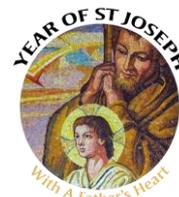




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
Faith, Hope, Love

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Dear parents/carers

Here are the results from the last parental survey that we did. 33/118 (28%) parents completed the survey. Thank you to all of you who were able to take part.

Please see below the results and responses or actions that we plan to take as a result of your feedback.

Q1. My Child is happy at school – 97% of parents who took part in this survey agree.

Q2. My child feels safe at school – 97% of parents who took part in this survey agree.

Q3. The school enables my child to behave respectfully – 97% of parents who took part in this survey agree.

Q4. The school is a supportive and joyful community – 94% of parents who took part in this survey agree.

Q5. Staff at this school are positive role models for my child – 97% of parents who took part in this survey agree.

Q6. The school works well with the local parish – 67% of parents who took part in this survey agree. Whilst 30% said, they did not know.

Q7. I understand the school's Catholic Mission and I am supportive of it - 88% of parents who took part in this survey agree. Whilst 12% said, they did not know.

Q8. The school supports me in my roles as the first educator of my child - 94% of parents who took part in this survey agree.

Q9. My child enjoys learning Religious Education - 85% of parents who took part in this survey agree.



Q10. I know how well my child is doing in Religious Education and how to improve - 53% of parents who took part in this survey agree. Whilst 47% disagreed/did not know.

Q11. The school supports my child's spiritual and moral development - 88% of parents who took part in this survey agree. 12% did not know.

Q12. I am invited to be involved in the prayer life of the school - 40% of parents who took part in this survey agree. 33% felt sometimes, 21% felt not very often and 9% said never.

We are obviously really pleased with the responses for the majority of the questions. I am personally delighted that 97% of parents say that their child is happy, feels safe and that we enable children to behave respectfully. There are a few questions that I feel I need to explain or let you know what actions we will be taking.

Q6. The school works well with the local parish

We endeavour to work closely with Fr Philp and make the most of having the beautiful St Joseph's Church, which is just next door. We have whole school Mass there at least 3 times a year – New School Year Mass, St Joseph's Feast Day Mass and our Year 6 Leaver's Mass. Mass is celebrated on a Thursday at 10am every week. Our Year 5 and 6 children who have taken their first Holy Communion (and who would like to be) can be altar servers. The classes go to Mass at 10am on a Thursday on a rota basis. The date that your child is going to Mass is advertised in the newsletter. Although we do not send out a reminder, all parents are welcome to join us and are invited via the school newsletter. We also supported the parish this year by sharing information about the children's service that took place at St Dominic's at 6pm on Christmas Eve – it was lovely that some of our families responded and our children took part in various roles throughout the service. We have a key to the church and classes will often go into St Joseph's Church when it is relevant to support their learning in RE.

Q7. I understand the school's Catholic Mission and I am supportive of it

12% of parents say that they don't understand our mission statement.

Our Mission statement is:

'Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through **Faith, Hope** and **Love**'

St Joseph's has always had faith, hope and love in its mission statement. But several years ago, I worked with the children to consider who we are at St Joseph's and what we want to be. The children came up with **REACH** and so their **REACH** Curriculum began to evolve. **REACH** Friday was introduced, the children came to school in their PE kits, the outdoor learning area began to be developed, and the school garden began to grow as did **REACH** activities.



Resilient – never give up

Empathetic – love one another

Aspirational – we are the future

Confidence – to give it a go

High expectations – be the best that you can be

Through **faith, hope** and **love**, these are the virtues that we live by in school, woven through everything that we do and at the heart of our school family as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. As times have moved on and our curriculum has developed, we will be re-visiting our mission statement in the coming terms.

Q10. I know how well my child is doing in Religious Education and how to improve

47% of parents either disagreed or said that they did not know.

Currently all parents are informed of their children's performance and next steps in RE at the end of the year in their written report which comes out in July. However, this is not a topic of discussion at parents evening. So, moving forward, class teachers will also report to you about RE during parents evenings.

Q12. I am invited to be involved in the prayer life of the school

40% of parents who took part in this survey agree. 33% felt sometimes, 21% felt not very often and 9% said never. We clearly need to improve our efforts to make sure that our invitations to events reach as many parents as possible. This academic year, parents/carers have been invited to:

Harvest Festival Celebrations

Remembrance Service

The Advent Retreat

The KS1 Nativity

KS2 Carol Concert

Christingle Service

Parents are invited to join their child's class on a Thursday for Mass.

In addition to that, the children bring home the prayer bag (this is only once a week so not all children have had the opportunity to take it yet).

All events are added to/updated on the school website, an eSchool invitation is sent out and events are advertised in the school newsletter. This year we had the highest number of parents joining us for the Advent retreat, which was lovely. However, the parents who came said that they were not sure what the retreat was so enquired before deciding to come. Moving forward we will also send the dates in list form at



the start of the academic year and aim to be clearer about the events that we are inviting you to. If there are other ways that you feel we could communicate to ensure all parents are aware of up and coming events in the school calendar, then please do let me know.

Equally, if there are other ways you would like to be involved in the prayer life of the school, then please do let me know. I would be only too willing to consider any suggestions.

Once again, I would like to thank those parents who were able to take part in this survey. If you have any suggestions at all about ways we could improve, then please do not hesitate to let me know. All ideas are most welcome.

Best wishes

Clare Howells

