



St. Mary Magdalen's RC Primary School

Parent Questionnaire July 2019



(Whole School Parent Response Results)

| <i>"The family of St Mary Magdalen's is centred on Christ to create inquisitive individuals who feel empowered to engage in the world in which they live"</i> | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. My child enjoys coming to school | 61% | 39% | 0 | 0 |
| 2. My child is safe at school | 74% | 26% | 0 | 0 |
| 3. The school understands and responds to my child's needs | 51% | 48% | 1% | 0 |
| 4. My child is taught well at school | 59% | 41% | 0 | 0 |
| 5. My child is making good or better progress | 54% | 43% | 3% | 0 |
| 6. My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best | 57% | 43% | 0 | 0 |
| 7. My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age | 28% | 64% | 8% | 0 |
| 8. My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra curricular activities | 23% | 49% | 23% | 5% |
| 9. The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress | 41% | 51% | 8% | 0 |
| 10. The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning | 38% | 54% | 5% | 3% |
| 11. The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities | 59% | 41% | 0 | 0 |
| 12. The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns | 31% | 58% | 10% | 1% |
| 13. There is a good standard of behaviour at St. Mary Magdalen's | 53% | 46% | 1% | 0 |
| 14. The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively | 18% | 80% | 2% | 0 |
| 15. The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved | 41% | 54% | 5% | 0 |
| 16. I think the school is well led and managed | 53% | 47% | 0 | 0 |
| 17. My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle | 44% | 51% | 5% | 0 |
| 18. School lunches are good | 16% | 69% | 13% | 2% |
| 19. The school's website is easy to use and has information I need to know about my child's school | 30% | 62% | 8% | 0 |
| 20. My child finds their work stimulating and interesting | 39% | 58% | 3% | 0 |
| 21. I would recommend St. Mary Magdalen's to another family | 63% | 37% | 0 | 0 |

Some Key areas of Success

It was lovely to read so many positive comments about our school and for parents to have acknowledged all the good work we do for our children in our care. Areas which were highlighted as strengths of the school were the following:

- **The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved**
We were delighted that 95% of you stated that you felt St. Mary Magdalen's was a welcoming school. Our door is always open if you need to speak with us or if you have any concerns. As a school, we warmly welcome the support parents provide in a range of school activities.
- **My child enjoys coming to school.**
It is great to see that all of our children enjoy coming to school and that 100% of parent responses, highlighted their confidence in our ability to keep their children safe, to teach them well at school and that they are encouraged to always work hard and to always do their best.
- **There is a good standard of behaviour at St. Mary Magdalen's**
We were very pleased that 99% of you felt that the behaviour in school was good or better – this is a further improvement from the high rating we received last year! We work hard with our children to promote Gospel values and to teach them to treat each other with respect, love and compassion. We recognise that sometimes they can make mistakes or can make the wrong choices, as most children do, and we work hard to support both children and families when this happens. If you have any concerns regarding behaviour please feel free to come into school to discuss this – our door is always open!
- **I think the school is well led and managed.**
Finally, we were delighted to see that 100% of you said that you thought the school was well led and managed and that you would recommend this school to another friend or family. Leaders, at all levels within school, will continue to strive to provide the children with the very best-rounded education during their time at St Mary Magdalen's Primary School.

Areas for Development

- **Providing a range of stimulating extra-curricular activities**
Each term we provide extra-curricular activities and clubs for the children to take part in. We recognise there remains room for improvement and we will continue to look at further ways to provide greater opportunities for your children to take part in extra-curricular activities. We will be introducing an after school care provision for parents to access in the Autumn term 2019.
- **School Lunches could be better**
We recognise that our children need a healthy, nutritious, filling and appetising lunch in order for them to get through their busy day of learning. Improvements in this area are continuing although some parents feel further improvements could be made (14% responses). We have invested heavily in order to improve our school cooking facilities and this will hopefully continue to enhance the quality of our school meals. If your child is on packed lunch why not encourage them to try a school lunch? They may be pleasantly surprised!

Parental Comments

Once again we received an enormous number of individual comments about the school which we were very pleased about. All comments, together with those from our summer questionnaire, will be carefully considered as we set our school improvement priorities for 2019 - 2020. If you have any further comments or suggestions to make, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, one of the SLT or a parent governor. A sample of parent comments can be seen below

Best wishes,
Mr Duncan (Headteacher)

"I have seen a good improvement in my child's reading and writing over recent weeks. He has good relationships with all teachers at the school and he is known by name by school leaders etc which he likes! He enjoys going to school. "

"My son is the happiest he has ever been in his school life and making the most rapid and sustained progress he's ever made in both reading and maths. His teacher and her support staff inspire and encourage him at every turn. I was touched by the extra mile his teacher has gone to nurture his love of history. I cannot praise the school and his teacher highly enough."

"I think the teacher has superbly guided year 2 through their SATs and she's very supportive to the children. "

"My child loves coming to school and learning."

"The school has a lovely atmosphere whenever we visit and the buddy scheme creates a great family feel to the school. The expectations of pupils is high. We are very happy with our decision to send Charlotte to the school. Thank you"

"The Catholic ethos of the school is also exercised by the various community events that the school is engaged with; the positive way in which the school is portrayed to the public and from the commitment of the children to also want to do more for people both within school and outside in the community."

"I could not thank the school enough for supporting my son and my self through some difficult times. They are very driven to support SEN to their fullest and every child is accepted for who they are. The staff go above and beyond and any family are luck to have such caring people on hand to support when needed. I couldn't recommend this school high enough to other families absolutely amazing. "

"We love the school and feel that the care, guidance and support that our children receive is great."