

PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

JULY 2016



St Paul's Church of England VC Junior School Parent/Carer Questionnaire July 2016 - Results

Thank you very much to those parents who responded to this questionnaire. We really appreciate the additional time some people have spent to voice their opinions and make constructive suggestions. As a result we have analysed the information and we are already working on the areas for improvement. During next year, I will be sharing with you, through our Newsletters, our action points to address the issues some parents raised.

In total 44% (133 out of 304 children) of our parents returned their questionnaires, which is slightly down on previous years.

Results for each statement. Percentages do not always total 100% because of rounding. These results are from the **133 returned questionnaires, only.**

Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My child enjoys coming to school	58%	40%	2%	1%	0%
My child is safe at school	59%	40%	1%	0%	0%
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	54%	44%	2%	0%	0%
My child is taught well at school	56%	40%	4%	1%	0%
My child is making good progress	55%	40%	5%	1%	0%
My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best	56%	41%	4%	0%	0%
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age	50%	40%	5%	5%	2%
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities	56%	38%	6%	0%	0%
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	52%	36%	11%	1%	0%
The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning	48%	38%	11%	3%	0%
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	53%	39%	2%	6%	0%
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	46%	40%	13%	2%	0%
There is a good standard of behaviour at St Paul's	53%	40%	8%	0%	0%
The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively	46%	40%	13%	2%	0%
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	58%	41%	2%	0%	0%
I think the school is well led and managed	59%	38%	3%	0%	0%
My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds	62%	35%	3%	0%	0%
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	57%	38%	5%	0%	0%
I would recommend St Paul's CofE VC Junior School to another family	62%	32%	4%	0%	2%

Once again, we were very pleased with the overall results which saw improvements in the majority of categories. The school continues to thrive and we are delighted that this is reflected in your feedback.

KEY AREAS OF SUCCESS

- I would recommend St Paul's CofE VC Junior School to another family

We were delighted that **94%** of you stated that you would recommend St Paul's to another family. We continue to be very proud of our school and glad that you are too.

- My child is making good progress

95% of you stated that your child was making good progress at St Paul's and again this is something which we are extremely pleased with. The progress of all children is tracked extremely carefully using a variety of systems, to ensure that children receive the right levels of support and challenge in class. Next year we will be sharing more online reports for you to view. This will hopefully improve the percentage of parents strongly agreeing with the statement - *The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress.*

- Pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other

We were very pleased that **97%** of you felt that pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other. St Paul's has a very diverse intake with over 8 languages spoken, *20% of pupils eligible for free school meals and 22% of pupils from minority ethnic groups.

- The school is well led and managed

97% of you stated that you felt the school was well led and managed. The school leadership and governors have continued to work extremely hard to raise standards of achievement, set ambitious targets for whole school improvement and maintain a firm, friendly and visible presence around the school. Next year we are moving to single year groups and we have promoted Mr Young and Mrs Muggleton to Deputy Team Leaders to support other Senior Leaders as we continue to increase in size.

However, we still need to improve regular and advanced communication with you as identified by the questionnaire. We have therefore already developed our weekly memo, the website will be regularly updated by our newly appointed Office Manager, Mrs Roberts and we have purchased Parentmail, which we believe will help parent/carers feel more involved and informed regularly.

- My child is kept safe

Finally, we were also very pleased that 99% of you said that you felt your child was safe at school. During this last year we have raised the profile of anti-bullying within the school; including an e-safety workshop for parent/carers and provided key safety talks in assembly related to using the large equipment within the playgrounds. We recognize that keeping your children safe is one of our key responsibilities and we will continue to do everything possible to ensure that your children's time at St Paul's is safe, positive and rewarding. Next year we are improving the security around school by replacing an old fence at the top of the field.

AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT

- The school sets an appropriate amount of homework

Inevitably, homework will continue to divide opinion amongst parents with some parents feeling there is too much and some parents feeling there is not enough. At St Paul's we try to strike a happy medium. We recognise that for most children homework can be a real challenge given other commitments and obstacles so we aim to provide activities which will be engaging, relevant and lasting the right amount of time. During September, Mrs Jefferies and I will be reviewing our homework policy to see whether we can make any further positive changes. We have also increased the number of homework club drop-ins during the week supported by the PFSA.

- The school is encouraging my child to contribute towards the wider community

We have improved from previous years and the number of you that stated you did not know whether the above was true is coming down, so next year we are going to continue to make sure that you are better informed of what the children do to support the wider community.

PARENTAL COMMENTS

Once again we received an enormous number of individual comments about the school, which we were pleased about. Again, there was far more consensus about the school's strengths; with particular mentions for the friendliness of the staff and how they are so approachable, St Paul's close sense of community, range of extra-curricular activities, and the warm, welcoming and positive ethos. All comments will be carefully considered as we set our school improvement priorities for 2016 - 2017.

If you have any further comments or suggestions to make, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, one of the school's leadership team or a parent governor.

Best wishes and thank you for your continual support.

Chris Partridge
Head teacher