

St Luke's C of E Primary School

Parent Questionnaire February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your helpful comments. Your views and those of your children are very important to us. They help us move the school forward and are an effective way of checking that we are getting things right. School leaders take them into account when we are planning for the future of our school.

We were very heartened by the huge number of positive comments about St. Luke's.

Themes emerging from parent comments

Many parents were keen to tell us that teaching is excellent and that, in their view, children make excellent progress in learning across the range of subjects in the curriculum; that the leadership is strong; that the children are well supported and their individual needs are met; and that children develop good behaviour, Christian values and social skills.

Parents said that children feel safe and secure, and enjoy coming to school; that the school is a welcoming environment, with polite, approachable staff that listen and act upon any parental concerns. Parents said that communication with parents – via text, letters and the newsletter - is helpful, keeping parents well informed about school matters, news and events.

Parents noted the improvements made in the school since September: the cleaner, tidier environment; the new, improved timings of the school day; the effective new rules and behaviour policy; the clear vision for the school moving forward; and the charitable, family, social events, such as the Family Fancy Dress Disco and Movie Night.

Positive comments really help staff to feel motivated and continue to do their best for your children.

In terms of what we might do to make the school even better, some parents have asked for more notice to be given for school events, such as concerts, trips, presentations. We try to include all events on the calendar in the newsletter, as far in advance as possible, so do check the diary of events in the newsletter every week. We will continue to send out text messages to prompt parents about key events.

Some parents requested more communication and contact with the class teacher regarding their child's progress and behaviour – in between Academic Review Days - with some asking for weekly verbal and even written feedback. We believe that the most effective means of communication is talking to each other. Teachers are always available in the playground after school. However, we appreciate that this is not the best time to talk about anything important. Therefore, we encourage parents to make an appointment with the class teacher if you would like to talk to us about something important. In this way, we can make sure that we are listening to you properly without interruption. **We are always very pleased to meet with you.** We have termly scheduled opportunities for you to meet your child's class teacher to discuss progress. In the Summer term, you will have another opportunity to look through your child's

work and receive part 2 of the annual report. In the meantime, parents can book an appointment to meet with their child's class teacher at any time.

We now have more after school clubs than we have ever had before. Some parents have asked for more after school clubs. We are very pleased that parents and children enjoy our after school clubs and that they prove so popular. We offer at least ten after school clubs and these are largely run by our staff. This is a large number of clubs for a one-form entry school. We are fortunate that a local play centre will collect children from St Luke's every day and stay open until at least 6.00pm so that working parents can collect children later. This is TABOT, based on Granville Road. An information leaflet for this service can be collected from the school office.

Many of you commented that there was nothing for the school to improve on! That is great to hear but we don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve the school, do come to speak to me and let me know.

We try our hardest to be a really good school.

Best wishes
Mr Evans
Head of School

Questionnaire responses

98 responses

Responses below 1% have not been included

1. My child enjoys coming to school
Strongly agree 56% agree 41% disagree strongly disagree don't know 3%
Overall 97% agree
2. My child feels safe at school
Strongly agree 51% agree 46% disagree 1% strongly disagree don't know 2%
Overall 97% agree
3. My child is making good progress
Strongly agree 43% agree 51% disagree 1% strongly disagree don't know 5%
Overall 94% agree
4. Most children behave well at St Luke's
Strongly agree 20% agree 61% disagree 9% strongly disagree don't know 10%
Overall 81% agree
5. Teaching is good
Strongly agree 61% agree 38% disagree strongly disagree don't know 1%
Overall 99% agree
6. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on
Strongly agree 45% agree 51% disagree 1% strongly disagree 1% don't know 2%
Overall 96% agree
7. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a problem
Strongly agree 52% agree 45% disagree 2% strongly disagree don't know 1%
Overall 97% agree
8. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best
Strongly agree 58% agree 41% disagree strongly disagree don't know 1%
Overall 99% agree
9. Staff treat my child fairly
Strongly agree 42% agree 55% disagree strongly disagree don't know 3%
Overall 97% agree

10. The school is led and managed well

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| Strongly agree | agree | disagree | strongly disagree | don't know |
| 48% | 46% | 3% | | 3% |
| Overall 94% agree | | | | |

11. The school provides appropriate homework

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| Strongly agree | agree | disagree | strongly disagree | don't know |
| 51% | 42% | 5% | 1% | 1% |
| Overall 93% agree | | | | |

12. There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable

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| Strongly agree | agree | disagree | strongly disagree | don't know |
| 29% | 61% | 4% | 1% | 5% |
| Overall 90% agree | | | | |

13. The school upholds its Christian ethos well

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| Strongly agree | agree | disagree | strongly disagree | don't know |
| 32% | 55% | 2% | 1% | 10% |
| Overall 87% agree | | | | |

14. The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development

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| Strongly agree | agree | disagree | strongly disagree | don't know |
| 30% | 58% | 2% | 1% | 9% |
| Overall 88% agree | | | | |

