

Parental Questionnaire Autumn 2023



Holy Trinity CE Primary School is striving to be a fully inclusive school that serves our local community. Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are preparing our children to be future caring, responsible citizens in a diverse society. Our children will be given every opportunity to grow spiritually, academically, socially and to achieve their full potential within a safe, happy Christian school family.

'Life in all is fullness' - John 10v10

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year at Parents Evening, we conduct a parental questionnaire to find out the viewpoints and opinions of our parents. As a School we value your opinions and try to make improvements within budgetary constraints. This year we had 104 families of questionnaires returned.

Responses to individual questions

		Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys School.	98%	2%
2	Children are safe and well cared for at this school.	100%	
3	I think that the teaching at this school is good.	100%	
4	Any unacceptable behaviour is dealt with by the School.	97%	3%
5	The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively.	98%	2%
6	I am happy with the Religious Education that the School provides.	100%	
7	The School is preparing children to become caring, responsible, future citizens in a diverse society.	100%	
8	Children are given good wider opportunities e.g educational visits, visitors to School etc.	100%	
9	I am kept informed about my child's progress.	98%	2%
10	The school is well led and managed.	100%	
11	There is a good range of before, after school clubs and out of School activities.	100%	
12	I am happy with the values that the school promotes.	100%	
13	I am given sufficient notice about forthcoming events; weekly newsletter, website, text messaging service etc.	99%	1%
14	The School helps me support my child's learning e.g home reading books, homework, homework clubs (KS 2).	100%	
15	The school expects my child to work hard and achieve their best.	100%	
16	My child is treated fairly.	100%	
17	My child is always learning new things.	100%	
18	The School encourages good pupil attendance.	100%	
19	There is good support for children who need it - SENDCO, learning mentor, social worker, speech and language therapist etc	100%	

What you like about our School....

Your Comments

- *'Children all encouraged to use good manners, respect others and to have good morals all round.'*
- *'Good support, brilliant teachers and teaching assistants.'*
- *'Amazing school, can talk to any staff about anything.'*
- *'Good school ethos and partnership with church.'*
- *'Excellent communication from staff, children enjoy all activities.'*
- *'Staff being supportive and caring during periods when my child is anxious or worried.'*
- *'Keep up the great work, staff are great and it's a welcoming school.'*
- *'Massive support for me as a single parent, teachers are uplifting and offer any support they can.'*
- *'The children feel safe, happy and nurtured; the staff are friendly and encouraging.'*
- *'The Christian values the school promotes.'*
- *'Holy Trinity has welcomed both my children and myself into school and have shown great support when it has come to personal issues or any issues in general.'*
- *'Office staff are very friendly and approachable.'*
- *'Breakfast club to support parents that work.'*
- *'Great leadership and staff togetherness.'*
- *'Helps children to reach their full potential.'*
- *'I think the school and all the staff are amazing, wouldn't change a thing.'*
- *'I am very happy with the progress of both of my children are making and thank all the staff dearly.'*
- *'Excellent communication.'*
- *'My child loves school and has developed so much since starting. We are very grateful to all the school staff.'*
- *'The star of the week system seems to really encourage the children, especially with some being awarded by the older pupils in school.'*
- *'So much support from the staff and the SENCO, the school is like one big happy family.'*
- *'Opportunities for school trips. Children are awarded for good behaviour and for doing well with their learning.'*
- *'Teachers within the school have always been brilliant with my child. Any problems have always been dealt with quickly and they are always helpful.'*
- *'Great informational newsletters and reminders to keep us informed and up to date with everything.'*
- *'I love it that my child gets homework every week which she loves doing with us. She comes home happy and excited every day and looks forward to coming back.'*
- *'All staff are lovely and go above and beyond to help with anything they can.'*
- *'I think that the school and the teachers are doing a remarkable job thank you, and this shows through the attitudes of the children.'*
- *'The school works hard to support the children with SEND and make them feel equal.'*
- *'There is a very friendly, family feel within the school and both pupils and staff always seem happy. The school has been a fantastic support throughout my child's education so far.'*
- *'Encouraging kindness, compassion and friendship between pupils.'*
- *'The school is a refreshing place to be under this leadership, all the staff are a pleasure to be around.'*

What you would like us to improve....

Your Comments

- **Pay for lunches by card/online/ app to allow payment for clubs/lunches and to complete consent forms.'**

We have looked into this in previous years and the financial implications would be too costly considering the limited number of times this would be used. As you will be aware, we do not charge for school trips or before and after school clubs and only a minority of parents are not entitled to free school meals. We also charge a minimal amount for breakfast club provision. With this in mind, the amount we would be charged from an app company would have financial consequences for us as a school.

- **'Year round educational boosters.'**

This was a Government initiative to boost children's academic progress on the back of the pandemic. We did offer this in school but this is not feasible to run long term as funding has now decreased. Children have many interventions in place during the school day which, of course, fits within our normal school budget.

- **'Punishment for bullying.'**

Inappropriate behaviour is dealt with efficiently and effectively, and sanctions are issued in line with our Behaviour Policy (a copy of which can be found on our school website.) As a church school, we encourage children to make responsible decisions based on Christian teachings and gospel values such as, respect, honesty, care, compassion, and forgiveness. We aim for children to consider the consequences of their actions and to be able to make amends if their behaviour is not acceptable. We have high standards of behaviour in school and this is reflected in our recent Ofsted report but also commented on by many visitors who come to school, and also our pupils.

- **'Multiple text options for awards, forthcoming events posted to both parents.'**

We have looked into this but it would have a significant financial cost to us as we would have to purchase this as a premium option. It would also mean that EVERY parent would then get a text sent to their second contact which we hold on record in school. We are currently looking into other text companies to see if they can offer something more suitable. As I am sure you understand, we have many children in school who do not live with both parents, however the newsletter does have all forthcoming events and dates, and is posted on our website weekly. Our new website also has a copy of all letters sent home for your information.

- **'Earlier notification of Star of the Week award so working parents can attend.'**

We listened! We appreciate that Thursday afternoon (late) can be tricky for working parents to request time off to attend worship the following morning. Obviously, we do need some time to establish the star of the week but going forward we will endeavour to get this message to you by Wednesday (late) in order for you to make the necessary arrangements.

- **'Maybe have a timetable for afterschool & before school clubs online.'**

Mr Little does update the school sports section of our website regularly for his clubs and all extra – curricular clubs are listed on there.

- **'Dinner logs, how much eaten.'**

This would be impractical for us to issue to every child but in exceptional circumstances where there are issues with regard to how much a child eats regularly at lunchtime, practical strategies are put in place and the school works with the family to overcome these difficulties.

We appreciate the time taken to complete the questionnaires and consider all responses; thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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