

Parental Questionnaire Response Autumn 2024



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 112 families of questionnaires returned. 0/9% = 1 family

Responses to individual questions

		Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys School.	99.1%	0.9%
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.	100%	
5	The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively.	100%	
6	I am happy with the Religious Education that the School provides.	98.2%	1.8%
7	The School is preparing children to become caring, responsible, future citizens in a diverse society.	100%	
8	The school is preparing my child to become a caring, responsible citizen in a diverse society.	100%	
9	Children are given good wider opportunities e.g educational visits, visitors to School etc.	100%	
10	I am kept informed about my child's progress.	98.2%	1.8%
11	The school is well led and managed.	100%	
12	There is a good range of before, after school clubs and out of School activities.	98.2%	1.8%
13	I am happy with the values that the school promotes.	100%	
14	I am given sufficient notice about forthcoming events: weekly newsletter, website, text messaging service etc.	100%	
15	The School helps me support my child's learning e.g home reading books, homework, homework clubs (KS 2).	100%	
16	The school expects my child to work hard and achieve their best.	100%	
17	My child is treated fairly.	98.2%	1.8%
18	My child is always learning new things.	100%	
19	The School encourages good pupil attendance.	100%	
20	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....

Thank you for all the wonderful comments about our school. We work really hard as a school to meet your child's needs and give them as many opportunities as possible. All members of the staff work tirelessly to help your child grow academically, emotionally and spiritually and it is lovely to know that you all support us and appreciate what we endeavour to do every day. It always makes us feel so happy and fulfilled to read them.

Here are just a few...

- 'A sense of community and family.'
- 'A good relationship with church.'
- 'focusing on 'soft skills' as well as academic i.e anxiety workshop.'
- 'Promoting friendships across all year groups'
- 'Interesting topics, my child regularly comes home telling me about everything he has learnt.'
- 'I love how the school is one big happy family and all the children love it.'
- 'All my children thrive at Holy Trinity!'
- 'All the school have always been so kind and patient, I wouldn't change a thing about Holy Trinity!'
- 'The school is very well run, the children are well supported and looked after.'
- 'Good support through SENDCo and all the teaching staff.'
- 'The school gives children lots of opportunities they might not always get.'
- 'The school really develops a sense of community amongst pupils, this is shown in the way pupils from different year groups know and talk to each other. The staff are always friendly, supportive and helpful.'
- 'All the staff pay special attention to the children.'
- 'Strong Christian ethos. A fantastic range of opportunities given to my child to meet all areas of their development.'
- 'Very caring attitude towards the children.'
- 'All the planned activities and opportunities, school trips, extra swimming lessons in the school pool and dance competitions.'
- 'All the teaching staff and teaching assistants are very good caring towards the children. Great school overall very welcoming and supportive.'
- 'Outstanding support for my children's needs and outstanding help for me as a parent. I can't fault the school, they help me out so much as a parent and go above and beyond for any of my children's needs.'
- 'Always there to help parents as much as the children. A very supportive and outstanding establishment.'
- 'Encouragement of extra activities before and after school. They actively encourage good behaviour through praise and weekly rewards.'
- 'The Office team - they are helpful and patient.'
- 'I can't think of any negatives. Always supportive and provide the best learning experiences for the children.'
- 'I am kept up to date with anything my child needs, the attention to the children and their extra needs is second to none!'
- 'Well led- the teachers are approachable. Excellent range of before and after school activities.'
- 'Excellent communication. The school is very good at telling us what is coming up.'
- 'Fantastic extra-curricular activities, trips and holiday club. The staff care very much about the children.'
- 'My child loves coming to school, she comes home every day telling us what she has learnt.'
- 'Always supportive in any way possible, always go above and beyond in every way possible.'

What you would like us to improve....

We appreciate that sometimes we don't always get things right. Some things we can change and some unfortunately are out of our control. Thank you for your feedback, we always take on board your comments as a staff and consider what we can do to improve.

Please see the comments below and our responses....

- **'Class assemblies (twice a year back) to 9:05am instead of 10:30am. It is difficult for working parents to attend at that time.'**

This is something that was mentioned by a few families and is something we intend to review before the end of term. As I mentioned initially, this was with a view to increasing learning time for the children and allowing a smoother transition into learning time at the start of the day. We appreciate however, that for working parents, this has been an issue. I will report back to you before Christmas, leave it with us....

- **'Widen the pathways to reception class, they are too narrow and the pick-up and drop off for EYFS children is too busy. Letting EYFS and Year 1 children out before the bell at end of the day as sometimes it is so busy and crowded at the gate/ exit.'**

We appreciate that the layout of our school grounds can cause difficulties for prams etc. We do our best to accommodate prams/ wheel chairs/ mobility scooters where we can but appreciate that this can be tricky at the busy times of drop off and pick up. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, this is a project that needs a significant amount planning and finances to be able to complete at this moment in time. The Government sets a minimum requirement and expectation (in terms of hours) for all pupils on the length of the school week for all children in mainstream, state funded schools to have the opportunity to achieve their full academic potential. We have a legal responsibility and duty for all children between the set hours of our school day.

- **'If dinners could be chosen mix and match. e.g packed lunch 2 days, dinners the rest of the week. School lunch menus in advance.'**

Choosing a mix and match approach to lunches is something we feel we may be able to incorporate over time due to us onboarding the Parent Pay software. School menus are changed approximately twice a year and so we will now ensure that this is published on our school website.

- **It would be great if the school encourages the pupils to learn verses of the bible because it is a Christian school and it will help a lot with the kids.**

For many years now all year groups/classes in school have their own bible verse which was chosen collaboratively with all stakeholders in school, children, staff, Governors, Blackburn Diocese. The chosen bible verse is displayed in each classroom and the children recite it daily (sometimes twice!) at home time along with their class prayer. We also introduce a new bible verse weekly through our daily whole school worship.....just ask any child!

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

Yours sincerely,

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