

# *St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School*

Dear parents

19.4.2018

This table represents the responses of parents to our recent **parental questionnaire**. 88 questionnaire sheets were returned. Your responses in each category are very positive overall. Strongly agree or agree – 96% to 100% in every category.

Thank you so much for taking the time to do this. Some parents didn't answer every question – for example, less parents answered the question about bullying - some said they didn't have enough experience of it to answer the question.

Numbers indicate the percentages of responses to each question.

There were a few issues that were mentioned several times, as the questionnaire had some extra boxes for other parents' points. These are summarised and responded to overleaf. We are grateful for your ideas to improve our school; and for all your positive comments too. We assure you that all individual points been read and noted.

	<b>Percentages of answers for each question</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
1	My child is happy at this school.	77	23	0	0
2	My child feels safe at this school.	81	19	0	0
3	My child makes good progress at this school.	78	21	1	0
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	82	18	0	0
5	My child is taught well at this school.	80	20	0	0
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	59	38	3	0
7	This school ensures that pupils are well behaved.	68	31	1	0
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	55	44	0	1
9	This school is well led and managed.	65	33	2	0
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	69	27	2	2
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	68	29	2	1
12	I would recommend this school to another parent	YES ; 98%	NO ; 2%		

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### **The additional questions;**

Thank you to all who gave suggestions in the boxes on the additional page. I hope a general summary here is helpful to you. This information has been shared with staff & governors.

Firstly we asked you about communication. You were overwhelmingly positive, saying that communication was generally very good, especially the text messaging service. Some people said they use the website, and the diary there, more than texts, to stay informed. More people are now using online payments, which is good for everyone, as it's safer to have less cash in school and parents paying for trips and lunches from the comfort of their own home.

Some people said that they didn't always receive sufficient notice of events, in time to take leave from work. We note this and will be more careful here. However, a couple of letters this term have asked parents to check the website diary for all events, as these are constantly updated; so you do need to do this as well, as there's so much going on. We only have 1.5 staff members in our office, in order to afford maximum TA support for pupils; so office time is at a premium and we must work smartly.

Some people would like 10 minutes instead of 5 minutes at parents evening; and that's a fair point, so we will sort this out. However, be assured that, you can always come and see your child's class teacher, at any time of the year – not just parents' night. Teachers do have booster classes and staff meetings after school; but if you contact the office, we'll get you a slot, before or after school, to meet the teacher at the earliest opportunity, we promise.

A few people said they would like more information about their child's progress. We are now sending home half-termly report cards, to all classes from Y1 to Y6; and will continue to do so each half term, from now on. This shows how your child is doing – as well as giving an effort grade, for their attitude to learning. It also shows key targets for the next half term. Many people find this useful. In Reception, we have 'stay and play' sessions each term, so you can come into class. However this is unmanageable in older classes. But don't forget that on parents' evenings, you can look through your child's work, and take as long as you want looking around the classes and school, as well as having your 'one to one' appointment.

Our new system for homework is working well for the vast majority. Just a couple of people think homework is not challenging enough, or on the other hand, they don't agree with primary age children doing any homework, due to the stress it puts on them. The Homework Policy that we sent to you last term makes it clear that homework here is for (a) embedding key skills and (b) for practising school-taught sessions at home. We hope you also like the new 'Times Tables Rock Stars', which is making a big impact in our junior department!

Many thanks and please do stay in touch,

Mr Hughes, Miss Thwaite & the staff team.