



## End of Term Parent / Carer Survey

End of Spring Term 2024

Responses from 34 parent / carers

### **What has been going well?**

Happy with everything and would like to thank you for everything!

Improvement is going well

We are very happy with how things are going at the school

Very happy with how it's all going.

All is going well in my opinion.

I think it has been a fantastic term.

Everything.

Every thing going good

Everything has been moving on well

### School Ethos:

- The value, discipline and the belief system are commendable

### Children's happiness and enjoyment of school:

- Having attended some trips and events I have noticed that children at the school are very happy and it is really uplifting to see.
- Everything has been going well, my child is improving day by day and enjoys school very much.
- Daughter has been coming into school a lot more happier.
- She's made the transition to a traditional school model well.
- School continues to be a happy and safe place for my child. Staff are helpful and considerate for his needs.
- My son is settling in very well and he's developing every day. Very happy with our school choice.

### Teaching and Learning:

- Teaching and organisation
- Our daughter has a fantastic teacher, Our daughter wasn't happy with the reading books she was being given so she is allowed to now choose her own books which is working much better.
- Our daughter enjoys school and we can tell how much she's learning.
- Reading books have been very helpful and lovely to see our daughter developing
- I am really impressed by both my children's teachers. They are clearly passionate about what they do, providing a nurturing, fun and engaging environment for the children.
- I just want to say to my child's Teachers, Teaching Assistant and School "Thank you so much "
- My child's teacher is great and the children's problems are resolved quickly (not that there are many!)
- Pretty much all the learning,

- Amazing teachers!!
- Huge improvement in learning : reading and writing
- My son has learned English
- New book for reading every day in the school bag- great for home reading
- Writing, Reading, speaking, spelling and mathematics are better

Curriculum Enrichment:

- Great job from the PE lead with all recent sports activities.
- Reception Stay and play sessions and school assemblies that invite parents are great initiatives.
- The school trip program is excellent compared to other schools in the area.
- I really feel the combination of fun activities and focussed learning is excellent.
- Our daughter enjoyed the school trip
- Improvement in number and quality of the after school clubs
- There have been lots of interesting trips, events and opportunities to learn in a fun and engaging way
- I like the after school clubs.
- Trips and activities have been great.
- I like the fact that there are lots of external clubs/extracurricular for the students to partake in.
- It is great that children get to attend trips regularly outside of school.
- Events- Mother's day and trip to the Farm

Communication:

- Ping is good and being able to submit the forms online rather than paper copies.
- Teacher feedback
- I think clearer communication between the school and parents has improved. Ping is really helpful in receiving information and keeping an eye on the calendar
- Opportunities to communicate with other parents and the school (i.e. via coffee mornings)
- Communication and teacher's support has been amazing
- Communication with the teacher and having updates on how my daughter has been getting on.
- Communication via the WhatsApp groups, school ping and newsletters, plus flyers and information of local events
- WhatsApp groups have been very helpful
- communications have been going well.
- The new 'Ping' app is preferable to the emails we used to receive as a way of keeping us informed (although it would be good if there was a function to respond to the pings in 'My Messages')
- The newsletter is very useful because I always review what has been done during the week with my son. It's also very handy to know what it is being done at school.

Catholic Life of School:

- Enjoy the inclusion of parents for class assemblies.

Other:

- The school pickup time is really good.
- The Headteacher's support also much appreciated!

**What could be even better?**

Nothing we can think of at present  
 Cannot think of anything at the moment.  
 Nothing. I am happy with the school  
 Nothing all good

Everything is fine

#### Teaching and learning:

- More emphasis on academics. For instance, the Primary Math Challenge didn't happen this year.
- Computer/technology access from younger ages, as an opportunity to teach and encourage educational and safe use"

#### Homework

- Really like the card games to help with phonics - love to have more game like activities to support what is happening in class
- I think it would be helpful if there was more guidance given to parents about how to help with homework and/or what instructions have been given. On more than one occasion our daughter has felt that the topics in the assigned mymaths work have not been covered in class (or I assume if they have been then not in a form that's necessarily relatable), and on a couple of the more open-ended assignments such as the science week poster it's clear she hasn't really understood what she's been tasked with.

#### Playtimes / Lunchtimes:

- Too many accidents happening at school.
- Obviously it's a bit tricky when we only hear one side of it, but it would be good to understand the expectations about escalating issues during playtime/lunchtime.

#### Communication:

- Information on potential donations for pupils/classes/the school eg food, uniform, toys, books etc.
- Updates regarding getting EHCP. Would be great.
- SchoolPing does not work for all parents. Not easy to get to. There could be another way for parents or teachers to reach out.

#### Parental Involvement in school:

- Just to bear in mind the parents that have to work, I worry about coming into late assemblies as my daughter then expects to come home like the other kids when I have to go back to work and she's to go to after school club. I missed the last one purposely because of this. We have taken her home but it causes work issues. Not sure how this can be managed but maybe saying something after the assembly about the children going to after school clubs as well as the children being collected straight after. I hope this makes sense. Many thanks.

#### Curriculum Enrichment

- We are keen for our child to get more into learning musical instruments and was wondering if there was going to be after school clubs available to her in Year 3. Perhaps ukulele for example.
- Perhaps offering more than one choice of after school club so if parents need one on a specific day due to other commitments then the child has a choice.
- Could the school bring back discos for children before Christmas and at the end of school year? It

used to be on Friday evening for couple of hours before Covid.

- Encourage students to participate in academic competitions, similar to sports  
After school clubs, creative activities (i.e. art club, lessons for wider range of musical instruments)
- It would be great to offer the children an after school club where they learn video editing and online safety.
- School nativities are overcrowded, it would be better to have a performance per class/ year  
No after school clubs for reception children.
- More activity for the kids  
Extracurricular classes such as Piano and French etc do not communicate well with carer/parent and are (from my knowledge) often cancelled/rescheduled without us or child knowing and have therefore been missed on occasion, so there need to be better communication around this. This has been similar with the French class on Wednesday afternoon.
- I think it would be an improvement if extracurricular classes provide some form of Quarterly/monthly update on what the child has been doing and what they have achieved etc, as currently feels like we are paying for something we are not seeing value in.
- Piano tutors in particular have been very difficult to make contact with but are very keen to chase payment.
- Would have liked to have seen cricket as an option for the summer clubs. Never-the-less he is happy with what he has been allocated.

#### School Dinners

- Children who arrive last at school lunch don't receive enough food. General complaints about food quality.

#### Premises:

- In the winter needs some lights in the MUGA and playground for after school clubs kid's activities such as football and archery.  
It's unfortunate that girls toilets are limited due to repairs. It also seems that hand wash and paper towels run out frequently and are not replaced immediately. The water fountains sometimes look very grubby. I appreciate it is difficult to keep on top of all of these things but I do think they are essential.
- The area around the school is not always safe, large dogs walking without owners.
- Parents being mindful of not blocking the school gate to allow little ones through, particularly those rushing to make it in on time.
- Dog mess around the path to the estate - though out of your control.
- Cars and child drop offs on the red brick estate.
- It could be better if KS1 parents can be allowed to pick up their children from the entrance of their classrooms. My reason is that, whenever it rains you will see teachers and the children standing in the rain and getting wet because they have to wait for parents. I find it worrying so I will appreciate if this can be looked into.

#### Additional:

- KS1 children to be picked from their classrooms.
- Weather if anything ;)

#### **Anything else you would like me to know?**

- Always she wants to play she doesn't want to do her homework and also I want you to help her to write faster etc. Thank you very much
- Thanks for all your hard work
- Good progress overall and appreciate the fact that feedback is being requested and followed up through implementation

- Overall very pleased
- I am very happy with the school.
- Just want to thank you for always being present. It isn't easy as I can only imagine the task you have to fulfil. Your present and assistance is always noticed.
- Lunch is still a mystery
- Thank you for teachers, teachers assistants and staff of St Winifred's for everything you do !
- Keep doing what you are doing.
- No