

Parent Questionnaire- April 2018

Thank you very much for completing the short questionnaire at open afternoon/evening.

There were 70 responses.

The feedback was very positive and included the following comments-

1) In your opinion, what are we doing well?

- I cannot fault this school. I believe it is the best school ever- academic wise, morals and good behaviour etc.
- Our Lady's staff care about all the pupils. Nice relaxed atmosphere, while being firm and fair
- Helping support a positive community feel to the school within the Catholic religion and ethos at the centre
- I feel this school exceeds in every way. My child is exceeding and has picked up in every aspect of their learning
- My girls love coming to school. I feel that the school is doing fantastic!
- Caring, nurturing environment for children and an open door policy for all parents- which is very welcoming
- Keeping the children together as a community to get on with each other and learn
- Great parent/teacher communication (lots of replies)
- Homework is interesting
- Well organised school trips
- Good support with working with me as a parent to promote good behaviour
- Everything!
- School dinners have been made easier which is excellent
- My children love coming to school every day- so that makes me feel very happy as a parent
- Dojo messaging is fabulous!
- Children enjoy school and all the trips. They generally enjoy their activities and topics
- Teaching the children great values and manners
- Building children's confidence
- Everything that is done for the welfare of families
- I am very happy with all of the learning and good manners

- My child has learnt very quickly how to read and write. His teacher picked up on the fact that he struggled to hold his pen correctly and dealt with it straightaway
- I am delighted with everything that the school does
- The quality of teaching and subject matter is brilliant
- The focus on individual needs and working at their level is great
- Communication- keeping us updated on the newsletter and dojo messages is brilliant. We find out everything that is going on in school
- Good interaction between staff and pupils
- In my opinion, learning is on point. Discipline is excellent- overall well done
- Attentive teaching staff
- I feel you are doing everything you should be
- Caring managers who teach the children to be polite
- Teachers respond to messages
- I feel the school offers lots of opportunities to the children and family members. The school is run to a very high standard
- Good structure and discipline for children. Incentives via class dojo are good
- Great provision and resources

2) In your opinion, what do we need to improve further?

- Maybe play more football matches at home
- Give more homework
- More school trips (particularly for the infants)
- More consistency with dojo awards- some teachers give them more than others
- Nurses visits
- To create more parking spaces- maybe inside the school
- More after school clubs
- First come first served allocation of after school places is unfair
- Nurture provision/children to talk to teachers should be done at playtimes or after school so children don't miss their lessons
- Help with how to support school and our child's progress at home
- More communication with parents of children with additional needs

- Homework set over a weekend would help us spend more time focusing on learning as time is short mid-week, due to work commitments
- Some weeks lots of dojo's, some weeks not many
- Finishing at 1.30 before the holidays can cause quite a headache

As a result of this feedback-

I talked to some of you personally at open night and listened to your feedback. I was able to respond to some of your concerns.

Some things are beyond our control, ie, making more parking, regular school nurse visits.

Other items will be discussed with staff and some changes may happen, eg weekend homework (if not already doing that), parental help if needed/requested by parents.

- The 1.30pm finish has just recently happened at the end of a term (and childcare is available if needed)
- Dojo awards can never really be consistent across classes as it depends on the tasks being completed
- Communication with parents of children with additional needs- parents are invited to attend meetings with Mrs Casson (our SENCO) to discuss children's needs/achievements etc. and we do have an open door policy where parents can discuss their child with staff at a suitable time
- Nurture provision happens during school time as it is a valuable, educational and supportive experience
- After school club places- are offered to the first returned replies currently. I would be happy to receive any other suggestions.

Thank you very much once again for your replies and very positive feedback.

If anyone would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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