

St. Michael's CoE (A) Infant School

Parent and Carers' Survey - March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

A huge thanks to our parents and carers who responded to the recent survey. We received forty-one responses (61% of families) and your feedback is very helpful to us.

The survey dealt with three main areas: Children's Wellbeing, Teaching, Attainment and Feedback and Leadership.

Results, overall, were quite positive and are detailed below. There are a few areas where additional work and effort is required.

Once again, thank you for your assistance with the survey.

Jeremy Smith
Headteacher

Children's Wellbeing

Responders report that they feel their children are happy and well looked after at St. Michael's. All responders reported that their child is happy at school and that their child feels safe at the school, with a majority saying they strongly agree with the statements. On the question of whether the St. Michael's makes sure its pupils are well behaved, all responders except one agreed (we would be grateful if this person will contact us so we can discuss their concerns).

A question regarding whether the school deals effectively with bullying provided some interesting responses. 56% of responders answered that they "did not know". The comments reveal, for the most part, that as they are not personally aware of any bullying instances, they are not in a position to answer the question. Better efforts need to be made to make sure parents and carers are aware of the policies and efforts that are made to ensure that children understand what bullying is and how to seek help, if required.

My child is happy at school (Q1).

Agree – 100.0% (Strongly, 58.5%)

My child feels safe at this school (Q2).

Agree – 100.0% (Strongly, 85.4%)

The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved (Q5).

Agree – 97.6% (Strongly, 56.1%)

Disagree – 2.4% (No comment provided)

This school deals effectively with bullying (Q6).

Agree – 43.9% (Strongly, 14.6%)

Don't Know – 56.1%

Teaching, Attainment & Feedback

Nearly all responders report that their children are making good progress and are well taught at St. Michael's, with majorities saying they strongly agree. One responder noted that they did not agree but provided no comment of explanation (we'd be grateful if this person will contact us to discuss their concerns).

Regarding receiving feedback on progress, although 90% agreed the information they received was valuable, only 34% strongly agreed. There continues to be a desire for more timely and frequent reports on progress. We'll look into additional ways to improve in this area.

There were expressions of concern regarding the various and unfortunate changes to teaching staff that we have experienced. Although unavoidable, we will continue to work to ensure your children receive greater continuity in the future.

My child makes good progress at this school (Q3).

Agree – 95.1% (Strongly, 53.7%)

Disagree – 2.4% (No comment provided)

Don't Know – 2.4% (Comment "Really pleased with how much he is learning")

My child is taught well at this school (Q4).

Agree – 92.7% (Strongly, 51.2%)

Disagree – 2.4% (Comment "unsettling to have had multiple changes of staff")

Don't Know – 4.9% (No comment provided)

I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress (Q9).

Agree – 90.2% (Strongly, 34.1%)

Disagree – 5.0% (Strongly, 2.4% - No comment provided)

Don't Know – 4.9% (No comment provided)

Leadership

Parents and carers provided very positive feedback regarding the school's leadership, with 98% saying they agreed that the school is well led and managed and 59% reporting that they strongly agreed. One responder reported that they disagreed but provided no comment (we'd be grateful if this person can contact us to discuss their concerns).

Respondents feel quite happy that their concerns, when raised, are dealt with and all agree that they would recommend the school to another parent.

This school is well led and managed (Q7).

Agree – 97.6% (Strongly, 58.5%)

Disagree – 2.4% (No comment provided)

This school responds well to any concerns I raise (Q8).

Agree – 95.1% (Strongly, 46.3%)

Don't Know – 5.0% (No comment provided)

I would recommend this school to another parent (Q10).

Agree – 100.0% (Strongly, 70.7%)