

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE July 2013 RESULTS
St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Many thanks to all of you who completed our questionnaire back in July - we had 66 responses, representing 70 pupils. Two questionnaires were not included as they were not named.

	Strongly Agree/Agree	Disagree /Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. The ethos of the school is good (distinctive character, attitudes)	100%	0	0
2. My child enjoys school	98.5%	1.5%	0
3. My child feels safe at school	100%	0	0
4. The school ensures my child is well looked after	97%	3%	0
5. St. Mary's pupils usually behave well	100%	0	0
6. The school operates an effective system of rewarding and praising children	97%	1.5%	1.5%
7. I am kept well informed about how my child is progressing	90%	10%	0
8. The school has high expectations for my child	85%	7.5%	7.5%
9. My child is taught well	97%	0	3%
10. My child is making good progress	90%	4%	6%
11. The school is helping my child reach his/her potential	84.5%	3%	12.5%
12. The school responds well to my concerns	94%	4.5%	1.5%
13. The school provides appropriate homework	91%	7.5%	1.5%
14. I am kept informed about school developments, events and matters of interest	95.5%	3%	1.5%

Completed Named Responses (pupil numbers, not questionnaire numbers returned):

<u>Year R</u> 16 questionnaires completed	<u>Year 1</u> 7 questionnaires completed	<u>Year 2</u> 14 questionnaires completed	<u>Year 3</u> 10 questionnaires completed
<u>Year 4</u> 12 questionnaires completed	<u>Year 5</u> 8 questionnaires completed	<u>Year 6</u> 5 questionnaires completed	

Some of your questions, comments and suggestions:

(Responses will follow in newsletters and on the website)

- * Thank you so much to all the staff for your hard work at St. Mary's. It is a wonderful, calm and happy place to be - I know my son is thriving here and I am looking forward to my daughter starting. Many thanks!
- * I would like to express my thanks to all the staff of St. Mary's for their hard work and dedication, ensuring a positive experience for both my children

- * My daughter has really enjoyed the topics she has covered and has therefore made good progress. Thanks to the teachers 'or making learning fun and keeping the children interested!
- * I am very happy with the progress my child has made this year
- * Teachers are always very helpful and they are open to talk to parents
- * I know my child is cared for well
- * The curriculum is designed to interest and excite the children
- * I'm very happy with St. Mary's!
- * Love the discipline and strictness, the uniform and the emphasis on respecting and looking after each other
- * They enjoy school every single day!
- * My children have reached their potential and above all have been very happy at school. It is like a big family
- * My child has developed a very positive and conscientious attitude towards attendance
- * St. Mary's: an excellent school. Parent communication has been brilliant, thank you
- * A wonderful school: I feel lucky my children come here!
- * The school listens to and responds to any concerns or issues
- * The newsletter is excellent!
- * Thank you so much for the support my child (with special needs) receives
- * Both my children have been cared for and challenged this year (particularly with Big Maths)

- * I would like more information about my child's progress
- * We would like more homework
- * Sometimes homework demands are too high
- * Texts and emails are great - just a little slow at coming through
- * Sometimes expectations are too high, particularly for those children with learning difficulties
- * Concerns raised about friendship issues at playtime - parents should be informed. A buddy system of Year 6 pupils may help
- * I have concerns about the old-fashioned practices used to motivate, encourage and discipline children. I find some behaviour management strategies unacceptable

- * Could we have more information as to what progress children make from year to year - in terms of reaching age-appropriate expectations?
- * Children don't drink enough in hot weather: could they have quiet drinking times during the day?
- * Will Key Stage 2 pupils be learning Spanish in order to prepare for the St. Benedict's MFL curriculum?
- * Any chance of St. Mary's educating other schools in parent communication?
- * Could we have more information about after-school clubs and other opportunities?
- * I was not able to get an appointment for parents' evening as all slots were taken
- * A small point: could parents please wait for children on the playgrounds, rather than blocking the paths around the school?
- * Could more work be given to children who are struggling, for them to do with their parents at home?
- * Could St. Mary's consider the cost of school trips?
- * Could the website be improved and updated regularly?
- * Could we have 'Forest School' at St. Mary's?
- * Could performances be moved to the Arts' Centre due to the size of St. Mary's hall?
- * Could we please have a breakfast club starting at 7.45 or 8 a.m.?
- * Can you clarify what is happening with regards to foreign language teaching?