

**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR SCHOOL?  
PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS**  
St. Mary's Catholic Primary School      July 2017

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	
1. The ethos of the school is good (distinctive character, attitudes)	56%	44%				<p>Questionnaire results are based on 73 responses, some representing families and most individual pupils.</p> <p>In a couple of instances parents did not tick in boxes for certain questions, so percentages are based on the number of responses for each question. Percentages have also been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.</p> <p><b>Responses Received:</b>  Reception – 13  Year 1 – 14  Year 2 – 7  Year 3 – 18  Year 4 – 13  Year 5 – 8  Year 6 – 6  Some of the questionnaires were for more than one child – i.e. were for families</p>
2. My child enjoys school	64%	36%				
3. My child feels safe at school	73%	26%			1%	
4. The school ensures my child is well looked after	53%	45%			1%	
5. St. Mary's pupils usually behave well	45%	51%			4%	
6. The school operates an effective system of rewarding and praising children	44%	52%	4%			
7. I am kept well informed about how my child is progressing	40%	58%	3%			
8. The school has high expectations for my child	45%	48%	3%	1%	3%	
9. My child is taught well	48%	51%			1%	
10. My child is making good progress	53%	44%			3%	
11. The school is helping my child reach his/her potential	51%	45%		1%	3%	
12. The school responds well to my concerns	45%	49%	1%		4%	
13. The school provides appropriate homework	45%	52%	3%			
14. I am kept informed about school developments, events and matters of interest	52%	45%	3%			

### Comments:

A BIG THANK YOU!! You have all been great with my children. Both children have had small group and 1:1 work – this is brilliant. The school always goes the extra mile.

A brilliant school ethos!

I am so happy with the progress my daughter has made in her first year at school. The teachers are all welcoming and so friendly and it genuinely feels like a family.

My son finally enjoys going to school and learning. He also made some great progress this year.

The school report was fabulous and not only told me how she was doing in class and learning, it also gave me information on how she gets on with peers, which was a real insight.

I'm so happy that my daughter goes to this school!

The teaching has been wonderful – my son has developed into a boy who now loves reading.

We cannot thank you all enough. We wish he had started in Reception at St. Mary's!

The staff at St. Mary's are kind and caring towards the students.

My son has absolutely flourished since being at St. Mary's. What is immediately noticeable about St. Mary's is that it is child-centred; this is very different to other schools. Children feel nurtured and loved by everyone.

I feel that every concern, however small, has been listened to and understood.

A very well-organised school office – thank you!

My daughter has really enjoyed her first year, especially being in a Catholic environment.

I know that without all of your help and support my daughter would never have achieved such amazing Key Stage Two results. She is leaving St. Mary's well equipped for high school and ready to move on. Thank you so much for everything you have done for her.

I think school expectations could be higher.

We are very pleased with the school, teachers and the care given this year.

Everybody is very friendly and supportive – thank you for all the hard work you give to the children. God bless you all!

We have had a great first year at St. Mary's. All staff members are very kind, helpful and approachable. Mrs Clark is a real treasure.

My daughter really enjoyed coming to school and completing her homework.

I really like that during some lessons children had an opportunity to observe nature and plant their own plants outside.

We loved St. Mary's. It is the best school, with the best staff we could have for our children. It is "our family" and my children loved every single day spent here. We will miss you all.

We have felt very included and welcomed into the school community. The teachers are very friendly and any concerns that I have had have been resolved quickly and efficiently.

### Ideas and Suggestions

Sometimes expectations are too high, especially for children who struggle.

I would like to see more PTFA events, which at the moment are repetitive.

Sports Day could be more of an event, with more of the traditional races (i.e. 3-legged, egg and spoon)

I would like a better understanding of the rewards system.

Please can homework be put into books and not on noticeboards on windows; some parents do not pick up from school.

If teachers suggest they will implement something to support a child then please make sure it is done.

More frequent informal updates on progress would be beneficial – maybe in a student diary.

Could the P.T.F.A. try some new fundraising ideas and ask for help for events with more notice?

I wish there wasn't quite as much homework.

I think there should be more homework.

I am a trained fitness instructor and could offer Zumba kids clubs or any other fitness activities.

Could we have a greater range of after-school activities?

Can the school recommend books that parents can buy to help children with difficult subjects?

I would like to know when the children are completing the longer running races (part of Sports Day) so that I/parents could attend.

I would like to know more about playtimes and lunchtimes and who is looking after the children.

Parents' information evenings would be useful so that parents can understand the expectations of each year group.

Could the report summary be sent home before Parents' Evening so that the teacher knows of any issues to be discussed at the meeting?