

St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

ANNUAL SCHOOL PARENTAL SURVEY - 2018



97 responses were received. Thank you! Extremely positive feedback, the vast majority of returns agree with each of the statements.

Emerging issues for parents/carers:

- Progress of pupils
- Access at KS2 Site
- School lunches
- Role of governors

We want to continue to listen to you, to help us ensure that we are working in partnership with you on our journey to 'Excellence.'

NEXT STEPS

We will use your valuable feedback to make any adjustments appropriate to ensure you are happy with our school:

Pupil Progress

We hold two formal Pupil Progress Meetings each year. Legally we are required to hold one meeting annually; however, we feel that it is important to keep parents up to date with their child's progress. We also provide an annual report for each child detailing progress of skills and identifying next steps across the curriculum. In 2018, we introduced a new report format in preparation for the new Curriculum for Wales Areas of Learning and Experience. In the Autumn Term we have ensured that there are separate evenings for Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 to make it easier for parents who have children at both sites.

Accessibility at KS2 Site

A full risk assessment has been undertaken at the KS2 Site by Vale of Glamorgan Health & Safety Team. The movement of parents and pupils were commended by the LA. The Governing Body are committed to improving the accessibility to the school. A full costed plan had been received from the LA at a cost of £. As a Voluntary Aided Catholic School the Governing Body are responsible for funding this project from the school budget. Some additional funding could be available from the Archdiocese, however, there are no available funds available in this financial year. Under the equality Act, the school has a duty to make reasonable adjustments to ensure the site is accessible. The current adjustments are to enable families with buggies or wheelchair users to access the site via the gate and to wait for their child at the top of the steps. The health and safety of all our families is important; due to well publicised budget cuts and the increased costs of running two sites the school budget 2018-19 does not allow the funding for a new entrance.

School lunches

The School lunches are provided by the Vale of Glamorgan, who set nutritionally balanced meals according to strict Welsh Government guidelines. Whilst it may seem that the pudding provided daily does appear an unhealthy choice – each part of the school meal is balanced and contains the exact amount of food groups each day. The menu is available on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website. Unfortunately, the price of the school meals is set by the Local Authority and we have no control over the pricing. It is always worth checking to see if your family is entitled to Free School Meals.

The school encourages healthy eating but can't dictate what parents put in their child's lunchboxes. The children are taught about making healthy choices through the curriculum and the work of the Healthy Schools Ministry and focus weeks and activities. As a healthy eating school the children have always brought fruit to enjoy at break time. Each child in Foundation Phase is entitled to free school milk each day and water is available throughout the day from water coolers in each classroom. We encourage the children to eat a balanced diet and recognise that we need our children to have occasional treats. With this in mind we have continued with the Tuck Shop on a monthly basis as it raises considerable funds for the school. We are grateful to members of FiSH who continue to support the school in this way. We will look in to providing fruit as another option.

Role of the Governors

We are privileged to have a very supportive Governing Body who all volunteer their time and expertise to develop the school in their role as critical friends. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Archdiocese of Cardiff with the support of their local parishes. The Head Teacher has an option to be a Governor, Mrs Giernalczyk exercises this option. The Teaching and Non-Teaching Governors are elected within school; the Parent Governors are elected by the parents of children attending the school. The Local Authority Governor is selected by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Each group of Governors are elected for a specified term of office.

The role of the Governing Body is to provide strategic advice and guidance to the Head Teacher and the School Leadership Team. The day to day operation of the school is the responsibility of the Head Teacher. The Governors play an active role in the life of the school. They keep up to date with curriculum and Staffing developments. They also oversee the school budget and building projects. They keep parents informed through the Governors Annual Report to Parents.

We will discuss the results of the Parent Satisfaction at the next governors meeting.

One school on one Site

The Local Authority submitted a bid for funding to Welsh Government for school building/reorganisation in the Band B 21st Century Schools Programme. Band A concludes in 2019 and band B commences in April 2019. The Welsh Government have recently made additional funding available to support Band B. The Governing Body will keep all stakeholders informed when information is shared with the school.

Thank you once again for time and commitment to our school

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk

"My child is very happy at St. Helen's. She always walks out of school with a big smile on her face."

"The school shows very good understanding and care of a child's needs."

"Very happy with links to the local Church and enjoy attending acts of worship, assemblies etc."

"St. Helen's is a lovely school. All the staff are very helpful and always ready to listen if there are any problems."

"I like the religious education provided by the school."

"Wellbeing is very good."

"My child goes to school happy, excited and confident for the day ahead."

"A lovely school."

"My daughter loves reading, writing and maths and likes to share new things she is learning."

"The school never fails to improve."

"The school always puts the children's welfare first; they all work together with parents to ensure the best for all children."

"It's a lovely school just the way it is."

Section One – Wellbeing at School

1. Does your child like being at St. Helen's Catholic Infant & Nursery School?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 79%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 21%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 1%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 0%
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2. Do you think the school's Christian values/attitudes have a positive effect on your child/ren?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 67%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 33%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 0%
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3. Do you think the school is helping your child to take responsibility for his/her own actions?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 56%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 43%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 1%
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4. Do you see the school as inclusive where everyone is valued?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 54%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 42%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 2%
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5. Does your child feel safe at school?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 100%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 0%
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6. Do you feel the school ensures your child is well looked after?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 64%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 35%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 1%
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7. The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 47%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 3%
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8. If your child has a problem and need to talk to someone, do you feel that there is an adult they can go to?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
93%	7%

Section Two – Achieve and Succeed

9. Do you feel your child is making good progress at the school?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
46%	52%	1%	1%

10. Do you feel that school meets your child's particular needs?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
44%	50%	1%	5%

11. Do you feel your child is taught well at the school?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
50%	46%	0%	4%

12. Do you feel the school enables your child to achieve a good standard of work?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, quite good	<input type="checkbox"/> No, not good
79%	21%	0%

13. Does the school help your child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
56%	42%	1%	1%

14. Do you feel there is a good standard of behaviour in the school?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
55%	43%	1%	1%

15. Do you feel the school helps you to support your child's learning?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
51%	45%	1%	3%

Section Three –Partnerships

16. Do you feel the school keeps you well informed about your child's progress?
e.g. curriculum meetings, parent pupil progress meetings, informal teacher conversations

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
41%	52%	4%	3%

17. Do you feel the school keeps you well informed about the curriculum and school events?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
50%	47%	3%	0%

18. Do you find it easy to approach the school with questions or problems to do with your child?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
50%	47%	3%	0%

19. Are you made to feel welcome when visiting the school?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 62.5%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 33.5%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 1%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 3%
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20. How useful do you find the school newsletters?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, very useful 77%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, quite useful 23%	<input type="checkbox"/> No, not useful 0%
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Section Four – Healthy Schools

21. The school lunches are healthy and well balanced

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 26%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 49%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 3%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 20%
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22. The school provides good opportunities for physical exercise (PE, playtimes, Five A Day)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 54%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 3%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 3%
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23. The school helps the children lead a healthy lifestyle

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree 49%	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree 48%	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 3%
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Section Five – Leadership

24. From your experience do you think the school is well led and managed?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 94%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 3%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 3%
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25. Do you know who the governors are?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 45%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 55%
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26. Do you feel you are well enough informed about the work the governors do?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, very well informed 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> yes, quite well informed 52%	<input type="checkbox"/> No, not well informed 38%
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Section Six – Catholic Characteristics of the School

27. Do you believe this is a good Catholic School?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 99%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 1%
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28. The school is caring community based on clear Christian values

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 99%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 1%
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29. I am happy with the Religious Education provided by the school.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 98%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 2%
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30. As a parent I am able to enjoy and participate in the Christian ethos of the school.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 98%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 2%
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31. I am happy with the Collective Worship provided by the school.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 98%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 2%
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32. I am invited to attend acts of worship provided by the school.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 99%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 1%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 0%
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33. The school has excellent links with the local church, parish and clergy.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 98%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 2%
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Section Seven – General comments

34. I would recommend this school to another parent

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 99%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know 1%
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35. The school is highly thought of in the local community

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 100%	<input type="checkbox"/> No 0 %
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