

## Parent Questionnaire – 2024

Thank you for your honest feedback and for taking the time to complete our parent questionnaire. The results from the survey can be seen below and some of the comments made this year have been included. Personal remarks that have been made about individual staff, some of which were very critical, have not been included, these are unnecessary and are unhelpful. I have also removed the many positive remarks made about individual teachers, but these have been shared with the member of staff concerned.

As a staff, we do everything in our power to make school a welcoming environment for children and their families, to inspire the pupils in our care so they make the most of their God given talents and to share as much information as possible with parents, so they can support their children at home. We recognise that there are always things that can be improved in school and as such value your feedback. We appreciate you taking the time to read our responses to some of the comments made.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
<p><b><u>Home - School Relationships</u></b> The communication between home and school is good. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on (Home/school diaries, parents' evening, school reports, newsletters, conversations with teachers, Twitter etc).</p>	40%	50%	8.8%	1.2%	
When I have raised concerns with school they have been dealt with swiftly.	26.3%	48.3%	7.9%	5.4%	12.1%
<p><b><u>The Learning Experience</u></b> Children have the opportunity to develop their wider experiences outside of school. (Residential experiences, day trips, physical health day, theatre trips, sports tournaments).</p>	40.6%	48.1%	8.8%	2.5%	
<p><b><u>Making a Contribution</u></b> The school gives my child opportunities to make positive contributions to their class group or school (Earth Ambassadors, Science Ambassadors, fund raising, selection of Head Boy and Girl, Mini Vinnies).</p>	31.9%	56.7%	9.7%	1.7%	

The school gives my child opportunities to make positive contributions to the community outside of school (Supporting residents of Aaron Court Care Home, Links to the Parish, Year band fundraising)	25.5%	64.7%	8.9%	0.9%	
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
<b>Wellbeing</b> My child feels safe in school (Information shared regarding online safety, good relationships with staff so comfortable to report concerns).	43.9%	47.7%	6.7%	1.7%	
If my child has been bullied, the school have dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	18.8%	38.1%	9.6%	2.9%	30.5%
My child understands what constitutes bullying (bullying is unwanted aggressive behaviour that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumours, attacking someone physically or verbally and excluding someone from a group on purpose).	41.8%	52.3%	4.6%	1.3%	
School encourages a healthy lifestyle (Regular exercise, walk to school week, drink water, healthy lunchbox, two hours of PE a week, after school clubs, My Happy Mind, PE coaches in school, Life Bus).	37%	61.8%	1.3%		
The school gives age appropriate information on how to deal with such things as internet safety, sexual relationships, alcohol and drugs (Life Bus)	36.3%	57.4	5.5%	0.8%	
The school works hard to develop my child's self-esteem and confidence (Buddy work, My Happy Minds, mentoring support, play therapy, self- esteem group and nurture groups, reward systems in school - Star of the Week).	32.2%	56.2%	9.4%	2.1%	

## School Experience and Christian Character

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
<p>I am familiar with the School's Mission Statement and moto.</p> <p><b><u>Mission Statement</u></b></p> <p>At St Bernadette's Catholic School, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative.</p> <p>We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special.</p> <p>We show respect to all and welcome you.</p> <p><b><u>Motto</u></b></p> <p>Learn to Love. Love to Learn</p>	53.1%	44.8%	2.1%		
I am happy with the moral standards promoted by the school through our behaviour expectations and promotion of Catholic virtues	46.2%	49.6%	3.4%	0.8%	
I am satisfied with the opportunities for Prayer, Collective Worship and Celebration of the Holy Mass (Year band masses, whole school masses, Stay and Pray sessions, Key stage masses, Monthly prayer services, prayer clubs, prayer bags).	44.4%	48.5%	0.8%		6.3%
I am happy with the opportunities for pupils' Social, Cultural and Vocational Development (Vocations Day, RSE (Relationship & Sex Education) Curriculum, International Week etc).	37.8%	55.9%	5%	1.3%	
Is your child in Year 3 or Year 6 and is preparing for the sacraments?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>			
My child is in Year 3 or Year 6 and preparing for the sacraments.	20.5%	79.5%			

Is your child in Nursery, Reception or were they new to school this academic year?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>			
My child is in Nursery, Reception or was new to school this academic year.	28.6%	71.4%			
<b>Nursery/Reception/New to School this Academic Year</b>					
	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
My child's induction into Nursery/School was effective. (Please tick not applicable if your child is not currently in Nursery or Reception).	53.8%	46.2%			
Is your child on the SEND register?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>			
My child is on the SEND (Special Educational Needs) register.	15.2%	84.8%			
<b>SEND Provision</b>					
	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
My child is on the SEND register and school gives them the support they need (Speech therapy support, Occupational therapist support, small group support, involvement of educational psychologist).	30.8%	56.4%	5.1%	5.1%	2.6%
My child accesses a full and varied curriculum	38.5%	53.8%	5.1%	2.6%	

## The wonderful comments include:

My son has completed his primary schooling at St Bernadette's and I highly recommend this school as they set high standards and fulfil their mission and vision helping children to grow as mature and responsible individuals. Our family has made wonderful memories in this school. We will surely miss this school as my daughter is finishing primary this year but will continue to support in our little way if needed.

I'm happy with my daughter's performance and thankful to the teachers who are doing a great job in supporting her.

I think the school is absolutely fantastic. I can't thank all the teachers enough for all the hard work and effort they put in.

St Bernadette's is a great school where my child makes good academic progress each year and good interventions are put in place when needed. The school behaviour policy and ethos help to shape my child for the future.  
Well done

The school has great discipline and rules that the children need to adhere to, which I personally think is what young children need when growing up.

The teachers and the whole school team work really hard to nurture relationships and help us as parents to raise responsible children. We appreciate all the support given to us as well.

After being a St B's parent continually since 2011, I will be very sad when my youngest child leaves Year 6 in the summer.

I'm always pleased with the parent partnerships links with the school. I can see the school try hard to promote good partnerships including the ease of use of Parent Pay and school trips. A good range of after school clubs are available and visitors including the Police for safer Internet day and a wide variety of authors. This has strengthened the home school links and collaborative working relationships.

### Things you've suggested we need to work on and our responses:

It would be great to see the school consider working parents, giving parents plenty of notice so we can make ourselves available when it comes to notifying parents of meetings/ Mass taking place at the school and parents are welcome to join.

#### Our response

We send a list of dates to parents in September for the entire academic year. This states the date and times of all class and whole school masses, the dates for parent meetings, sports days, nativity plays and open mornings. These dates are also included in the fortnightly newsletters and are also documented in your child's diary. Parents are then sent a message the day before a meeting as a reminder. As a school we cannot do any more than this.

When you send children home with food vouchers because parents can't afford to live or feed their children, I think it's wrong you then ask us for money or donations when life is hard as it is. You shouldn't ask the parents for money or food donations

#### Our response

The children in every year band select a charity that they would like to support. Each year band will fund raise for a half term and parents are always very generous, we raise thousands of pounds every year. Whilst we do recognise that many of our families are struggling financially, we cannot ask for a donation from some children and not from others. As a staff, we try to support our families by organising things like coat swaps, distributing food hampers and signposting families to agencies who can offer support. In future we will ask parents for a reduced donation of 50p on non- uniform days rather than a pound.