

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

March 2019

Thanks to those of you who recently took the time to complete the parent catholic life questionnaire. We had thirty two responses in total. We are always striving to improve and your opinion is valuable in shaping our school. Thank you!



The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive!

RE questions:

84% of parents said their child enjoys Religious Education.

84% also said they are happy with our Come and See curriculum.

93% of parents said they are pleased with their child's standard of work in RE.

78% said that the school keeps them informed of their child's progress in RE. 9.4% disagreed with this.

Our response: During our termly parents' evenings, we discuss your child's progress in RE. You will have a chance to look in your child's RE book during our open classrooms. We also inform you of your child's progress in RE in their end of year report.

69% of parents say that the school keeps them informed about what their child is studying in RE.

16% disagreed with this.

Our response: We send out a text message each term with a document attached detailing the topics your child will be studying in RE. This can also be found on the RE section of our website. We used to send this out in paper form, however we are trying to become more of a paperless school!

87% said work their child does in RE enables them to think spiritually, ethically and theologically.

81% of parents think RE is a well-led subject.

What you like about RE at St. Peter's:

- You said that RE was celebrated on a par with other subjects.
- You also said we were open about other religions.
- It is consistent with thoughtful and open discussions.

What you would like to see improved about RE:

- Learning more about other religions.

Our response: We currently have two other faiths weeks per year where we study Judaism and one other faith. This is in line with the guidance from the Diocese. We also arrange one whole school visit per year to a different place of worship so the children can experience it first-hand.

Catholic life questions:

Most parents think our mission statement is very good. It is visual, prominent and attainable.
Our Core Values Day enabled us as a school community to explore our mission statement even further.

95% of parents think the behaviour at our school is good or better.

Most parents think the Catholic life of the school is well led.
We always invite parents to attend Mass and all members of the community are always welcome.
We like to give children who have not yet made their first holy communion a blessing, however due to logistics this is sometimes not possible. We will try to include this in all of our Masses in the future.

All the responses we received say that their family feels part of the school community whatever their faith background.

Most parents who responded said that our links with the parish and wider community are good or better.

Most parents said our school chaplain Mrs Connor is excellent and well utilised.

What you like about St. Peter's as a Catholic School:

- It is very evident that the staff and children live out the core values at all times.
- We have a warm, caring and family atmosphere.
- The lessons, morals and behaviours instilled into my children which I think they would struggle to get elsewhere.
- The family feel! Love and Jesus is truly at the heart of the school. This is visible upon any visit to the school and by what the children say and do when they come home.
- I like that my children will be educated in a life with Christ, that they will learn human kindness and be taught good morals. I love the smart uniform and that a level of excellent behaviour and respect is expected at all times.

What you would like to see improved about St. Peter's:

- Better notice of trips/upcoming events.

Our response:

- *We take on board the comment about giving parents more notice for trips etc and we will work on improving this for you.*
- Less homework to reduce stress levels in children or a supportive after school club

once a week for the children to do their homework that would help parents who work long hours and/or don't understand the homework themselves.

Our response:

- *We have worked hard to give a good balance of work set as homework. The basics of reading, spellings and number are set every week and the amount increases as the pupils progress through the school. This helps to prepare pupils for the demands set by the secondary schools.*

Homework is set one week and collected in the following week, giving the children a week to get it done. Practising skills for homework, which have been taught in school, really helps the children to progress more quickly and do better in school. We are very appreciative of the support which we get from our parents with this.

Sometimes additional homework is set, this gives parents the opportunity to get more involved more in their child's learning and a lot of parents value the opportunity to do this.

- More after school clubs generally. These seem to be very thin on the ground, parents should be given the option of paid sports classes etc.

Our response:

- *We will work toward putting on more after school clubs in the summer term, when the weather improves. One of the problems we have is that our After School Club uses the hall before and after school every day. If the uptake is good and the clubs are popular this indicates the need for more.*
- Some parents feel there is too much pressure on giving to charities especially when they are struggling financially themselves.

Our response:

- *Charity work is embedded in our Christian ethos. We are really sorry if parents have felt pressured to give money to charity. We are working hard at finding ways in which children can get involved in doing things for charity rather than just asking for money all the time. So for example our yr six organised their own bring and buy and the classes were involved in the Christmas Fayre with their stalls. If anyone has any ideas about how we can safely involve children in charity work please contact the school.*
- Are volunteers DBS checked?

Our response:

- *All our volunteers are DBS checked.*

Thank you for the comments that you raised here. We really appreciate your feedback on school matters. The questionnaire was around the Catholicity of our school and we feel that the feedback is very generally very positive towards what we are doing in school.

Collective worship questions:

91% of parents think that prayer is central to the life of the school.

3.1% disagree

Our response: We pray as a class or a school regularly throughout the day. We have a morning prayer, lunch time prayer and end of day prayer. Each classroom has a prayer focus table and children are encouraged to pray individually. They may have a prayer box, prayer book or prayer token to use in their classroom. Each week, children attend acts of worship where

prayer is central to this.

88% say their child enjoys and participates enthusiastically in collective worship.

94% of parents feel welcome to attend acts of collective worship.

97% are happy with the quality of collective worship celebrated in school.

94% of parents think collective worship has a positive impact on the moral and spiritual development of their child.

91% of parents think collective worship is well led in school.

What you like about collective worship at St. Peter's:

- Lots of children take part and all the children enjoy it.
- Inclusivity, and of a high quality.
- Very inclusive.
- I like that the children are involved and are encouraged to read and lead the worship.

What you would like to see improved about collective worship at St. Peter's:

- More occasions for collective worship and perhaps the odd time visiting the Catholic Church so they feel they belong and so the children can worship there.

Our response: St. Peter's and Paul's Catholic Church is too far for the children to walk to on a regular basis. We have very close links with St. Simon and St. Jude's Church who very kindly let us make use of it so that the children have the opportunity to experience collective worship within a church environment.