

St John with St Michael CE Primary School

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Parent Survey September 2023

Thirty-two parents completed our parent survey.

Question	Strongly Agree & Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school	100%	81%	19%			
My child feels safe at this school	97%	75%	22%	3%		
My child does well at this school	100%	72%	28%			
The school has high expectations for my child	100%	72%	28%			
My child receives the right amount of homework	67%	35%	32%	13%		19%
This school makes sure the pupils are well behaved	97%	69%	28%		3%	
This school deals effectively with bullying	69%	44%	25%		3%	28%
The school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit	97%	81%	16%		3%	
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	94%	47%	47%	6%		
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	87%	60%	27%	3%		10%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	97%	59%	38%	3%		
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	97%	72%	25%	3%		
The school supports my child's wider personal development	100%	68%	32%			
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	78%	59%	19%			22%
The school provides a wide range of extra- curricular clubs and activities	59%	31%	28%	3%		38%
The school prioritises school sports	69%	31%	38%			31%
The school is managed well by the school leaders	97%	72%	25%	3%		
I would recommend St John with St Michael to other parents	97%	91%	16%	3%		
The school priorities Christian values	87%	66%	22%			12%

In your opinion, what are the best things about St John with St Michael Primary School?

1	They have been extremely supportive of Ralph and his medical needs.
2	The ethics and how my child has settled in.
3	EYFS is brilliant, the perfect mix of learning and play. It has been the best introduction to school life and Mrs Camps and Mrs O'Leary are real assets to the school.
4	It is a lovely welcoming school, with amazing teachers and staff.
5	The continued support. The small class sizes make for so many benefits for all children. It is a warm and loving school.
6	My children have always felt safe and looked after at school. Their needs are always met and they practice Christian values wonderfully. I have had lots of support from the school too.
7	The school has a lovely atmosphere and very friendly helpful staff.
8	The teachers and teaching assistants! My daughter absolutely adores them, and they have helped her massively with her confidence.
9	It is a very caring and supportive learning environment. As the class sizes are small, the teacher gets to know each child really well, which helps them improve and grow in confidence by recognizing their strengths and focusing on areas for development.
10	The community feel to the school. The fact that all students know each other no matter what year and are always friendly.
11	Friendly staff. Class teachers respond promptly to concerns.
12	1) The ethos of the school. 2) The school's focus on general wellbeing of children and not just academics.
13	My child enjoys going and is doing really well.
14	The teachers and other staff that run the school.
15	The Christian values.
16	Location, small school so more sense of community than would be in a larger school.
17	It's a well nice school and staff always value the children.
18	Supporting both me and Toby through difficult times, also helping Toby to flourish and deal with his difficulties. Toby has come on in leaps and bounds and it's all thanks to all the help of the teachers! Thank you.
19	Friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Ensures high expectations in learning as well as behaviour. Supportive teachers who create an exciting and engaging learning environment. My child often tells me about all the lovely things he has been doing. I enjoy the extra-curricular events like school fairs etc. It is lovely to be able to come into school and see him in school plays, sports day and the graduation.
20	Good learning ethics, teaching values in alignment with our family values.
21	All teachers are happy and friendly and very approachable, kids all seem happy,
22	Staff are friendly and welcoming and very helpful. Staff are approachable and Mr Rooney is the breath of fresh air that the school needed. He has done an amazing job.

23	The school has a great communication system via texts to parents, super easy and effective. The teachers are exceptional at what they do.
24	I like that it is a small school and everyone seems to know each child. When I have needed to speak with staff, this has never been difficult, and always been managed with professionalism and a caring manner.
25	The staff are the best! My child has come on so much this year. Her classroom and outdoor area is great. I am so glad I have sent her here.
26	The early years staff are fantastic and have helped massively with settling Louie in at school, which I knew was going to be a challenge.
27	The class teacher that teaches my son, she has been a great asset and support over the last year.
28	Small and friendly. Approachable staff.
29	My Maxwell has settled in so well since January, and the teachers are so friendly towards myself and Maxwell can't seem to do enough for him. It's really helpful for me as well that you have after school club service which Maxwell also enjoys with Mrs O'Leary.
30	Small size, this ensures the Head knows each child well. This can be more difficult in a larger primary.
31	The size of the school and all the staff members

Is there anything in particular that you'd change about the school?

1	I think maybe involve Reception in events higher up the school.
2	Some of the communications can be a little unclear or short notice. Appreciate sometimes it's unavoidable
3	Slight organisation on out of school activities could be better, such as activities to represent the school. but this has definitely improved over the past year by Mr Rooney.
4	Nothing, all is great
5	Maybe a more structured approach to homework. It's just a personal preference but I'm not a fan of online tasks.
6	To be more aware of the curriculum.
7	Nothing comes to mind now.
8	Better fundraising, more interactions with PTA and planning of school fairs.
9	More one to one with kids and parents if child is struggling.
10	I'd like a breakdown of what is taught termly. E.g Knowledge organisers would help parents cement knowledge and discuss learning with children. I'm not sure if this is something you already do further up school, but it would be nice to see what topics they cover.
11	Better communication system, so more than 1 parent can receive text messages about changes to the school's plan for particular days or events.
12	Getting regular updates of how your child is throughout the year.
13	I would encourage them to do a Christmas Carol service or concert for the older children.

14	Nothing I can think of.
15	Communication. I would much rather have a printed newsletter to read rather than a link sent via text. Social media needs to be on all platforms rather than just the one (twitter). Messages sent need to be relevant to the person, i was quite annoyed to receive a text asking me to pay the next instalment before the deadline, even though i had already paid it. Messages need to be sent at an appropriate time, there no point sending a text at 8.30 as a reminder for something that's happening that day.
16	More lunchtime supervision to ensure dinners are being eaten.
17	A little closer to home! (Obviously this is impossible!)
18	Nothing in particular.

In what ways would you like to see the school develop over the next three years?

1	Care plans.
2	Helping children in all ways.
3	Would be nice to see extra-curricular activities offered, maybe martial arts or gym classes. Would be happy to pay, maybe as an alternative to after school club. These may be available just not to EYFS age group.
4	More sports and clubs.
5	As planned, a better playing field and sport teams to represent the school.
6	Not sure.
7	Nothing that I can think of at this time.
8	Maybe more school trips for education reasons.
9	I wouldn't change anything.
10	Continue with their educational growth and become an outstanding school.
11	Diverse range of after school activities.
12	Learn the fundamentals of good behaviour and principles of Christianity.
13	School talent shows to let the kids express there favourite things.
14	I'm not sure really, as I'm very happy with Jake's progress and the school as a whole.
15	Further development into technology.
16	Can't think of anything.
17	I would like to see more activities for the community, like movie nights for local kids.
18	I'm not sure.
19	More after school clubs for the younger children.
20	For my child to continue to develop well.

21	Great as it is.
22	My son only has 1 year left, so as long as it continues as it has over the last year, that would be ideal.
23	More sport and music. Maybe drama clubs?
24	I am very pleased with the service provided so far.
25	Maybe increase in size.
26	Just for the school to continue improving overall.

Have you any further comments about the school?

1	I can't thank you enough for the support of Ralph.
3	Big thanks to everyone for settling Ellis into his first year at school, he's really looking forward to Class 2.
4	Thank you for everything.
5	Fantastic school from start to finish. Staff are fabulous and caring. Keep being amazing all of you.
6	Thank you for being a wonderful school.
7	Thank you for creating a safe space and welcoming environment for my daughter in her first year at school.
8	Fantastic school and would recommend it to anyone.
9	Thank you for all of your help and support.
15	Keep the good work.
18	Thank you.
19	Thank you for your continued support, care and love you show towards Jake. I know he can be a little testing at times but staff have been wonderful with him this year and I truly appreciate it.
20	The teachers do an excellent job of educating my children and have a similar view on how core values are taught.
21	Great school, gutted my child is going to be in her last year in September.
22	Fantastic little village school and my daughter is going to miss everyone.
23	I just want to say a massive thank you to all Olivia's teachers, she has learned so much in the last 7 months. She's sounding out words and reading, which I didn't think she would be doing, I'm so pleased I made the choice to move her to the school.
24	Both my daughters attend this school. Mrs Worsley, Miss Dalton, Mrs Camps, Mrs O'learly, and Miss Murray are a group of the most amazing people. My daughters love them all. I feel that they are well supported and very well cared for. I know I can approach them with anything. The girls have had an amazing start with these teachers as role models and I can't thank you all enough. Both children speak highly of all the staff from dinner ladies to playground staff and all teachers in the school.
25	It's a great school!

27	Although school has lots of afterschool activities, they all seem to be sport related, I'd like to see other activities like cooking, textiles, woodwork, arts and crafts and other practical skills.
29	I'm very happy with the school. I feel confident my children are receiving excellent teaching and support.
31	I have only been a foster parent here for 4 months, but I can see the school cares about our little one. They have put a lot of time and understanding into his education and well-being. His class teacher is extremely kind and nurturing, with a Headteacher who is well versed in a trauma informed approach to education.
32	It is great to see the school getting back on track and improving.