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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to thank you for taking the time to complete the school questionnaire at last term's Parent's Consultation. Your comments and responses are valued and help us to review and improve our work as a school. The results have been collated and analysed and I would like to present them to you with some feedback on what we are doing to address some of the issues raised.

The table below shows the analysis of the 54 responses we received.

Statements	Strongly Agree or Agree	Strongly Disagree or Disagree	Don't Know
The school offers a distinctively Catholic education	100%		
The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development	97%		3%
There are opportunities for my child to serve others and support those in need	97%		3%
I feel included in school events and I feel welcomed when I visit school	100%		
Worship and prayer has a positive impact on the moral and spiritual development of my child	100%		
My child enjoys RE	98%		2%
My child is making good progress in Religious Education	93%	2%	5%
During the Covid-19 period, the school provided effective remote education for my child	80%		20%
The school keeps me informed of what is taught in RE lessons	Yes 85%		
The school supports the Catholic Education of my child	Yes 100%		
I would recommend this school to another parent		Yes 100%	

The results indicate that the overwhelming response is positive in many areas. This is pleasing to hear as we work hard as a school to ensure we live out our school mission statement and provide the best possible education and experience for our pupils, particularly in RE.

Please find a response to some of the responses gathered below.

There are opportunities for my child to serve others and support those in need: 97% Strongly Agree/Agree

Throughout the year, we aim to implement a school fundraising calendar. We aim to fund for local, national and global events to ensure that our children are involved and understand the impact of helping those both near and far. So far this year, we have supported many charities in order to live out our missionary discipleship duty, as encouraged by Bishop Patrick.

During Lent last term, every class led a fundraising activity for various causes. Our EYFS children have completed a walk for CAFOD and to date have raised over £150! Years 3 and 4 sold Easter eggs and prayer beads to raise money for a Prayer Garden for the school which led to an interview on BBC Radio Nottingham who were interested in the school's efforts with this. Years 5 and 6 donated items for our Food Bank and we have also had a number of staff members give up their time to make and sell 'Chocolate Egg Rabbits' for the Prayer Garden too.

Our Year 5 children continue to be ambassadors of the Sharewear foundation; the donation box is situated in the library and is regularly filled with donated clothes. Spare school uniform is also regularly donated to one of our parents (Claire Davies) in order to be sold at a significantly reduced cost for our families. We continue to offer food bank items to families who need help in challenging times.

My child enjoys RE: Strongly agree/Agree 98%

It was wonderful to see such a positive result with this statement. We have currently renewed the children's RE books with brand new beautiful, personalised front covers and special handwriting pens in order to encourage the children to have the upmost pride in their RE work. We consider the RE books to be the most precious books in school and a portrayal of the children themselves, hence the careful and meticulous efforts in planning, teaching and presenting the work.

My child is making good progress in RE: Strongly Agree/Agree 93% The school keeps me informed of what is taught in RE lessons: Year 85%

RE is a key discussion point in termly Parent's Consultations. Books are provided in the Spring term Consultation for parents to view and celebrate in order to see first-hand the progress, pride and presentation in books. Termly progress meetings are also held with class teachers and Senior Leaders to discuss the attainment and progress of children in class.

To further strengthen how we keep parents informed of what is taught in RE, we will be sending out termly newsletters of RE topics as well as posting these on the school website too. Please find this term's RE information on the school website here.

During the Covid-19 period, the school provided effective remote education for my child 80%

During Covid-19, the children were provided with daily lessons using the digital learning platform, 'Seesaw.' Learning activities were set daily with a focus on English, Maths and RE. The children received input from their teacher daily in the form of a live lesson or a pre-recorded lesson. Live lessons were held in the morning and repeated in the afternoon and careful consideration was taken in the timetabling of these to ensure that families with multiple children could all attend a live lesson. We continue to use Seesaw for your child's homework.

Parent Comments

Overall, it was good to read the positive comments from parents. Here are a few of the highlights:

"The St Patrick's Primary team has supported both our children to become resilient, confident and happy learners who aspire to achieve both in their learning and in extra-curricular activities."

"Confident in the knowledge that the Lord is ever present in their lives with love and forgiveness, they are happy to tackle new challenges, push to aim higher and know that should mistakes happen these will be forgiven by their friends, by staff and by the Lord."

"I would love to see more photos on twitter or seesaw.it gives a lovely insight into what my child is doing."

"I really enjoy the inclusivity and opportunities to let parents spend time with their child in the classroom"

"Thank you so much for St Patrick staff in supporting all the children during school"

"Lovely school, great community"

"Overall I am happy he is enjoying himself at school."

"So grateful with the extra support from his teachers. The school is there for my child."

"St Patrick's always feels so welcoming. My child feels happy here - thank you!"

"I'm happy for everything that school provides for my child. Everything is really good and all staff helpful."

"Thank you! My children are happy! Staff are very welcoming and polite. Fantastic school overall!"

I would like to thank you all for your feedback and your support of our school community. It is in working together that we can achieve so much.

Kind regards,

Miss Ferrara