

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY.

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OUR LADY

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Parent Voice Outcomes

At the last Parent Consultation in the Advent term, parent/carer views were gathered. The table below shows the analysis of the 56 responses we received. Many of these responses are from parents/carers with multiple children in school.

Statements	Strongly Agree or Agree	Strongly Disagree or Disagree	Not sure
My child is happy at this school	100%		
My child feels safe at this school	100%		
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	100%		
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn through the year	96%		4%
My child makes good progress at the school	100%		
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	95%		5% I haven't raised any concerns
Does your child have special education needs and/or disabilities?		Yes 10%	
My child has SEND and the school given them the support they need to succeed		Yes 100%	
The school has high expectations for my child	98%		2%
My child does well at this school	100%		
The school lets me know how my child is doing	100%		
There are a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	98%	2%	2%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	100%		
The school supports my child's wider personal development	98%	2%	2%
This school supports the Catholic Education of my child.		Yes 100%	
Would you recommend this school to another parent?		Yes 100%	

The results indicate that the overwhelming response is positive in many areas. School works hard to ensure the children feel safe, secure, happy to learn, feel motivated to live out the school's mission statement and provide the best possible education and experience for our pupils.

Please find a response to some of the outcomes below:

The school makes me aware of what my child will learn through the year: Yes 96% No 4%

During the Advent and Lent terms, we offer an appointment at Parent Consultation evenings. At these events, the content for the term ahead is discussed along with ways to support your child. There are details for each curriculum area on the school website which provides information about content coverage and the topics your child will be studying along with key vocabulary. Class teachers are also happy to answer any questions you may have about topics covered and ways to help. Please click here to learn more about class topics.

There are a good range of subjects available to my child: Yes 96% Disagree 2% Not sure 2%

At St Patricks, we pride ourselves in our curriculum offer to children. Along with a comprehensive maths and English programme, the children are taught a range of subjects from RE, English, Maths, French, PE, Art, D&T, Science, Music, Modern Foreign Languages, PSHE and computing. We have specialist teachers who teach certain subjects in school including PE, French and Music. All children have the opportunity to participate in Forest Schools each year within our onsite Forest School area. Each class enjoys a number of educational visits each year which range from theatre, museum and park visits and some classes will enjoy a company called Partake who visit school to immerse the children in their current topics using drama. A number of extra-curricular clubs are also offered to our children to complement and enhance the subjects taught in school which include Spaghetti maths, Makaton, Dance, Dodgeball, football, basketball and Faith In Action for Year 6. We are looking at further opportunities for extra-curricular clubs, especially for Reception children. More details to follow soon. To see the content of the full range of subjects offered at St Patrick's, please click here.

The school supports my child's wider development: Yes 96% Disagree 2% Not sure 2%

The school's PSHE curriculum (personal, social, health and economic) education is an important and necessary part of the pupils' education and part of the children's wider development. Our PSHE curriculum is based on the TenTen Live Life to the Full programme which is highly recommended by the diocese. Details of this programme can be found here. This curriculum includes aspects such as drug education, first aid and lessons based on healthy lifestyles and money management.

In addition to this, as a school we celebrate national events in the school year such as Anti-Bullying week, World Mental Health day and Internet Safety Week.

To support children's wider development further, the school encourages children to be leaders in a number of roles which children can apply for at the start of the year. These include Learning Ambassadors, Eco Warriors, Digital Leaders and Faith Ambassadors to name a few. These opportunities allow children to speak publicly at assemblies and lead on initiatives through the year.

British Values, Protected Characteristics and Catholic Social Teaching Principles are woven throughout each curriculum area and within school life to ensure the children are prepared for life in modern Britain. We ensure that the fundamental British Values are introduced, discussed and lived out through the ethos and work of the school. All curriculum areas provide a vehicle for developing understanding of these concepts and, in particular, RE, PSHE and assemblies provide opportunities to deepen and develop the children's understanding further.

We encourage our children to be creative, unique, open-minded and independent individuals, respectful of themselves and of others in our school, our local community and the wider world. We aim to nurture our children on their journey through life so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British Society and to the world.

Additionally, the curriculum is planned and delivered so that our pupils develop age appropriate knowledge and understanding about Catholic Social Teaching principles and the nine protected characteristics in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church. Our PSHE scheme explores the protected characteristics at an age appropriate level. For further information, please click here for links to our British Values page on the website and here for further information regarding Protected Characteristics.

Suggestion For Improvement – School Response

A suggestion for improvement included having a Homework Club for children who need additional support. Extra-curricular opportunities depend on external organisations or staff who volunteer to lead the clubs. At present, we are unable to provide this provision however we will continue to review our extra-curricular offer throughout the year and continue to explore the possibility further if there is an increased. Class teachers are always on hand to offer advice and help if your child is struggling with homework or if support is needed in any way.

Parent Comments

Overall, it was wonderful to read the positive comments from parents. These included:

"All fabulous and inspirational. Thank you!"

"Such a fantastic, friendly school environment. Staff are amazing."

"Excellent work."

"This is a wonderful environment with staff that genuinely care."

"I love this school!"

"I'm happy with the progress of my children."

"My children are very happy"

"Well done. Keep up the good work"

"You are all amazing professionals. Keep going!"

"My child loves this school. Always happy and feeling proud."

"Great school - kids love it."

"I would like to thank all the St Patrick's staff for all the teaching and activities they are doing. My children are making good progress."

"Having multiple children is difficult as a single parent. The staff here are so supportive."

teaching and activities
homework for kids
school staff
children are very happy
staff for all teaching children

Staff are amazing school

wonderful environment
school - kids
school is very nice
Staff

school club environment with staff school environment

single parent good progress

staff here are so supportive

extra suppport

The word cloud above illustrates the frequency of comments noted within the Parent/Carer feedback which overall shows a positive picture.

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.

With kind regards,

Miss Ferrara