



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Responses to the Parent / Carer Questionnaire 2017

36 responses

1	Do you feel that a Catholic ethos is evident in school life and the school lives up to its Mission Statement of 'Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life'	36/36 100% Yes / No	0/36 0% No
2	If you have any concerns about the school do you feel that you can explain them to a member of staff ?	36/36 100% Yes / No	0/36 0% No
3	If you have had cause to raise concerns have we dealt with them to your satisfaction ? Not had concerns 9/35 25%	24/36 67% Yes / No	3/36 8% No
4	Do you feel prayer is a regular part of school life and that you are welcome to attend Acts of Worship and celebrations ?	35/36 97% Yes / No	1/36 3% No
5	Do you feel the school encourages individuals to develop high moral standings by following the example of Jesus Christ ?	36/36 100% Yes / No	0/36 0% No
6	Is your child happy at school?	35/35 100% Yes / No	0/35 0% No
7	Does your child feel safe in school ?	36/36 100% Yes / No	0/36 0% No
8	Do you feel your child is taught well about e-safety?	35/35 100% Yes / No	0/35 0% No
9	Are you happy with the information you are given about your child's learning?	32/36 89% Yes / No	4/36 11% No
10	Are you happy with the progress your child is making with his / her learning ?	34/36 94% Yes / No	2/36 6% No
11	Do you feel that the school communicates well enough to keep you informed about events and issues affecting the school ?	34/35 97% Yes / No	1/35 3% No
12	Do you feel the school deals effectively with accusations of bullying ? I have not had cause to ask the school to deal with bullying.15/34 44%	19/34 56% Yes / No	0/34 0% No
13	Do you feel that the school prepares children to become considerate and caring members of the community ?	36/36 100% Yes / No	0/36 0% No
14	Do you feel that the school promotes a healthy lifestyle for your child ?	36/36 100% Yes / No	0/36 0% No
15	If your child joined the school within the last two years how successful do you feel their transition into St Joseph's was? 9/28 32% Outstanding 19/28 68% Good 0/28 0% Requires Improvement 0/28 0% Inadequate		

16	What do you feel are the main strengths of St Joseph's ?	
17	Are there any particular areas that you feel St Joseph's needs to improve in?	
18	If you had a close friend looking for a school for their child would you recommend St Joseph's to them ?	36/36 0/36 100% 0% Yes / No
19	What have been the highlights and / or lowpoints of your experience of St Joseph's over the last year. Low points Highlights-	
20	Overall which word do you think best describes St Joseph's ?	
	13/34 38% 21/34 62% 0/34 0% 0/33 0% Outstanding Good Requires Improvement Inadequate	

As you can see the overwhelming response is that the parents who completed the questionnaires are happy with the education we are providing for their children. We have never had so many 100% positive answers before. Below are some of the comments given in answer to the questions regarding **strengths and highpoints**.

- Teachers are very friendly and approachable
- Importance of the pupil/teacher relationship
- I love that all the children from Foundation to Year 6 know each other and are very thoughtful to each other
- PSA is very helpful
- Good info regarding child's learning and upcoming events
- Excellent teachers
- The honesty and kindness values that you teach them
- Good communication with parents
- My child has gone from strength to strength
- Brilliant teachers
- Fantastic caring ethos
- I have had SEN concerns...and the support provided so far has been excellent
- Promotes a sense of family
- Teachers' teamwork
- Family atmosphere
- Sitting in a class and observing teaching maths / fractions lesson with other parents, really informative
- Involvement of other classes with younger children
- Members of staff
- The children feeling very safe at St Joseph's
- My child was eased into St Joseph's very well and all of his, and my, anxieties were put at ease
- Academic focus
- Enthusiasm for sport, good outdoor facilities
- Well motivated children
- Good teachers who you can turn to instantly
- A fantastic learning environment
- Can't point to one strength because there are so many
- Watching our daughter being happy
- Good headteacher
- Breakfast club and the lovely lady who runs it
- Community feel – my child is happy
- Friendly learning environment, acceptance
- Watching my child grow and improve as the year goes

- Foundation assembly
- Our children are able to demonstrate the values of Islam and the school embraces this fact
- Great morals giving our kids the best start in life
- Keeping children safe
- High standard of teaching
- Communication to parents
- Teaching the Catholic ethos at a young age
- Mrs Spry is awesome
- Nativity and liturgies, school events
- My child is always excited to go to school because she is challenged
- Football for St Joseph's Day, pancake race
- Help is given when needed, everyone is kind and friendly
- Professional work of teachers, very good headteachers
- The friendship and community the school provides is as important as the academic structure
- Village school closeness in the middle of a city
- GREAT TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF- OPEN AND HONEST
- World Maths Challenge
- Seeing my child flourish...learning to read is a massive achievement
- Good family vibe
- Village feel to the school

Low points and areas identified for improvement included

- Fewer trips than before
- Would like an increase in arts and craft based skills
- More awareness of multicultural society
- Digital learning
- Using the wider Plymouth community to bring in workshops, fun learning and events for children
- As a parent I have no idea what my child is learning throughout the week
- Don't do enough trips or activities
- Clear reminders of when classes go to Mass on Thursdays
- It takes a while for problems to be noticed
- More school clubs
- Needs to improve how to deal with bullying
- Phased transition problematic
- Homework doesn't always work or is tricky to complete
- Not telling parents what is going on with their children on a regular basis
- Keeping more gifted children interested in learning
- Not getting enough parent engagement for extra curricular activities
- Dealing with bullying not very well
- Fun challenges for the more able
- Not telling parents what is going on with their children on a regular basis
- Lack of after school care
- Headteacher isn't very friendly to parents or approachable
- Play football on the field before school
- After school clubs

Thankyou to all of the parents who replied to the questionnaire. We are grateful for the recognition of good things about the school and will bear in mind the areas for improvement identified. During this term we have already extended our range of after school clubs and will expand that further to include clubs run by members of staff that will not necessarily be sports based.