

## Parent/Carer Questionnaire March 2026



### Responses

| Question                                                                                  | % of positive responses    |
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| 1. My child is happy at this school                                                       | 100%                       |
| 2. My child feels safe at this school                                                     | 100%                       |
| 3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved                                      | 94%                        |
| 4. My child has been bullied and the bullying was dealt with quickly and effectively      | 38%<br>Not Applicable- 59% |
| 5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn throughout the year              | 97%                        |
| 6. When I have had concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly            | 72%<br>Not Applicable- 25% |
| 7. My child has Special Educational Needs and gives them the support they need to succeed | 25%<br>Not Applicable- 72% |
| 8. The school has high expectations for my child                                          | 100%                       |
| 9. My child does well at this school                                                      | 97%                        |
| 10. The school lets me know how my child is doing                                         | 97%                        |
| 11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school                | 100%                       |
| 12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school                         | 94%                        |
| 13. The school supports my child's wider personal development                             | 100%                       |
| 14. I would recommend this school to another parent                                       | 97%                        |

### **Strengths of the school:**

- Teachers
- Sense of family and belonging
- Support offered and given
- Communication

### **Areas of the school which could be improved:**

- More clubs for children

### **Our response to this:**

- We agree that more clubs need to be offered to pupils. Starting in the summer term more lunch time and after school clubs will be offered to pupils- look out for letters about these coming out soon!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less donations and fundraising</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are a Catholic school and part of our mission is to support the vulnerable in our community and wider world. Around Christmas time (which we understand is an already expensive time of year) we limit monetary donations and ask for items for the Christmas Fair. Parents are given notice of events such as the pantomime, which occur around Christmas, weeks in advance so families have longer to save and pay. Any money raised for school goes into school funds; this is used to make the cost of trips for your children much cheaper. School usually pays for the transport cost of all trips meaning families are only paying for the actual event.</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behaviour of some children with SEN</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of pupils at St Mary's have additional needs. There may be the perception that pupils with SEN 'get away' with poor behaviour however this is not the case and these pupils are managed alongside our behaviour policy and in a way which is understandable to them and their needs and in conjunction with their parents. All mainstream schools are seeing an increase in pupils with SEN and we need to be inclusive of this.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult behaviour on the playgrounds</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School has written to parents before about behaviour and conduct on our playgrounds and this is disappointing to read that this is still an issue. We absolutely do not condone any swearing or vaping on school premises and would encourage anyone with concerns to come and speak with a staff member so we can address this quickly and directly</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent/ carer activities and the times of these</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We love having families in school taking part in activities but these are usually during school time so you can experience school with your child. Events such as discos are run periodically however we have no PTFA in school- if anyone is willing to lead and run a group or plan events then please get in touch</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rewards for attendance</li> </ul>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We appreciate and promote that 100% attendance in school is the ideal but we</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|  | <p>are equally realistic and know that this is not always possible. We understand that many of our children have medical needs and appointments and also that some of our children cannot always get to school through no fault of their own; therefore, we feel rewarding 100% attendance would not be fair although we do appreciate this is an amazing achievement.</p> |
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