

Information for Parents

At St Michael's we believe that parents and carers are joint partners with us in educating children, so thank you for your support in returning the questionnaires. They

give us a way of evaluating what you think and addressing areas of concern or improvement.

54 family questionnaires were returned out of a possible 151.

The following were seen as strengths of the school:

- A welcoming, friendly environment that feels safe and secure
- Approachable staff who are dedicated to the education and development of all pupils at the school
- The positive manner in which we embrace all beliefs and religions
- The children's respect for each other
- Strong leadership and management
- Well organised with good communication
- Support for families and the pastoral care offered to pupils and their families
- The school environment
- The positive Christian ethos of the school

The following were seen as things that should be developed or changed:

- Extra-curricular provision: 'don't run for long enough', a bit 'hit and miss', need for more sports clubs for all ages, 'what about child care?'
- Homework
- More opportunity to speak with teachers so parents have a greater understanding and awareness of what children are learning at school

To follow up the questionnaire this year we wish to establish a Parent Forum at school where there will be an opportunity for parents and carers to discuss developments within school and discuss some of the ideas recorded on the questionnaires. We are proposing to ask each class to nominate one representative parent or carer. Anyone interested in representing the parents and carers of their child's class needs to register their interest with Mrs Brown in the school office by **Wednesday 18th November**. If there is only one nomination for the class then that person will become the representative for the class; if however there are several nominations then a ballot will take place for that particular class so a representative can be elected.

When all 7 parent or carer representatives have been elected, all parents will be informed and photos of the representatives and minutes of the meetings will be made available to all parents.

We hope you will support us in developing more opportunities for closer partnership work.

Thank you.

Kate Jackson (Headteacher)

	Questions	Strongly agree		Agree		Strongly agree + agree	Strongly agree + agree + don't know + no answer	Disagree		Strongly disagree		Don't Know		No answer	
1	My child enjoys school.	30	56%	22	41%	96%	96%	1	2%	1	2%		0%		0%
2	My child is making progress.	31	57%	21	39%	96%	96%	2	4%		0%		0%		0%
3	Children at St Michael's behave well.	16	30%	32	59%	89%	98%	1	2%		0%	3	6%	2	4%
4	My child has friends at school.	32	59%	20	37%	96%	100%		0%		0%		0%	2	4%
5	I am kept informed about what my child is learning.	26	48%	24	44%	93%	93%	3	6%	1	2%		0%		0%
6	I am kept informed about how my child is getting on.	20	37%	28	52%	89%	91%	4	7%	1	2%	1	2%		0%
7	I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, a problem or a complaint.	33	61%	18	33%	94%	94%	2	4%	1	2%		0%		0%
8	The school encourages a healthy lifestyle (eating/exercise).	29	54%	23	43%	96%	98%	1	2%		0%		0%	1	2%
9	The school is led and managed well.	39	72%	14	26%	98%	98%	1	2%		0%		0%		0%
10	My child is safe and well cared for.	38	70%	13	24%	94%	98%		0%	1	2%		0%	2	4%
11	Pastoral support for pupils and their families is well catered for.	26	48%	18	33%	81%	100%		0%		0%	8	15%	2	4%
12	The school provides appropriate homework.	21	39%	20	37%	76%	89%	5	9%	1	2%	4	7%	3	6%
13	The school helps my child feel confident and listens to children's views.	27	50%	22	41%	91%	98%		0%	1	2%	1	2%	3	6%
14	There is a good range of extra-curricular activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable.	20	37%	23	43%	80%	87%	6	11%	1	2%	3	6%	1	2%
15	The arrangements for my child to settle in when they started at the school were good.	34	63%	19	35%	98%	100%		0%		0%	1	2%		0%
16	The school positively promotes its Christian ethos.	33	61%	17	31%	93%	100%		0%		0%	2	4%	2	4%