



St Dunstan's Catholic School

Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2024



Thank you to all those parents and carers who took the time to respond to our Parent Questionnaire.

Here is a summary of the replies and some actions that we have made in response to the feedback received.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My child feels safe at school	52	41	4	2
My child is happy at school	43	46	8	2
<i>We want all children to be happy at school. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if there are particular issues. .</i>				
There are opportunities for families to worship together at school	43	49	5	2
<i>All parents are invited to weekly Mass at St Dunstan's Church every Wednesday at 9.30am. Each class lead Prayer and Liturgy once a year, where parents are invited to attend.</i>				
My child is taught well at this school	42	49	6	2
I receive regular updates about what my child is learning via Marvellous Me	19	41	26	13
<i>See response below</i>				



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I am kept informed about my child's progress at school	30	46	14	9
This school provides a wide range of enrichment activities including activities, trips, and visitors.	34	43	14	8
<i>See below – Wellness Wednesday SLT will be planning further enrichment opportunities in due course</i>				
My child's teacher is helpful and supportive of my child's learning	48	42	6	3
The school is well led and managed by school leaders	42	45	7	5
When I have concerns, I know how to raise them and who with	31	53	13	2
<p><i>The first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher. This can be arranged through the school office, or please wait until the teacher has dismissed the whole class at the end of the day to speak to them. Any concern can then be in turn raised to the Phase Leader, Deputy Headteacher and finally the Headteacher. For serious concerns, a member of SLT should be approached or contacted.</i></p>				



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The standard of behaviour is generally good at this school	38	56	3	2
<i>We are so pleased that the majority of you agree with us that behaviour is very good at school. In our recent Ofsted feedback, inspectors found: 'Pupils behave well, both in lessons and around the school. They are motivated and show respect and kindness towards adults and each other.'</i>				
My child is rewarded appropriately for good behaviour or good work	32	48	15	4
<i>See response below</i>				
My child is aware of behaviour expectations in school, and sanctions for poor behaviour	48	46	5	0
The school deals with any cases of bullying	33	51	10	5
<i>The school takes any allegation of bullying seriously. In a recent child survey, all children were able to name an adult in school who they would go to if they were worried about anything. We're also very lucky to have Mrs Dowling in school who works tirelessly with children and parents to resolve friendship issues. Our PSHE curriculum educates children as to what bullying actually is as sometimes, children will think a one off incident can be classed as such. Poor behaviour choices will never be tolerated at St Dunstan's and we will do everything we can to reduce such incidents and deal with them quickly if they do occur.</i>				
The school keep me well informed about my child and other important school information.	34	52	8	5



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The schools helps me to support my child's learning at home	38	49	9	3
My child gets the right amount of learning at home.	28	61	7	3
Parent workshops are valuable	37	51	6	5
The Orchard Club wrap around provision is of good quality and provides value for money *52 N/A	23	23	2	0
The importance of good attendance and punctuality are promoted and encouraged by school.	65	32	1	1
Attendance and punctuality continue to be a high priority for our school, and nationally. We were pleased that our recent Ofsted report commented positively on the 'robust systems and procedures for ensuring pupils attend school regularly and for rewarding good attendance.'				
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	41	49	5	4
My child enjoys school dinners.	14	46	17	22
See response below				



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Parents are aware of the Code of Conduct of Parents, Carers and Visitors and know how to deal with issues appropriately	31	47	13	8
Please visit the Policies section on our website				
I would recommend this school to other parents	44	47	5	3

Other Comments:

It's lovely to come to school with the welcoming staff and management on the gate to say good morning to everyone and goodbye at the end of the day. My child enjoys school and always comes out happy and wanting to go back to learn and will always come home and say what he has been learning.

SLT response: Thank you for the many comments from parents and carers about how happy their children are at St Dunstan's. It is lovely to see the children coming in to school so happy in the morning and eager to say good morning to us all.

Include more after-school clubs (for EYFS also), it would be a great help for working parents. Currently, only drama and numbots club for them.

SLT response: Our parent and child feedback revealed that more clubs across the school would be welcomed, so from September we are introducing 'Wellness Wednesday.' All children from Reception- Year 6 will have the opportunity to attend an after school club on a Wednesday 3.30-4.30 **for free!!!** These will be a range of sports, arts, drama etc. More information will be sent out at the beginning of next academic year including how to sign up for one of these.

I think the school has been fantastic for both of my children- thank you for everyone's efforts. I would say that rewards could be better though. Some children



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can go weeks and months without being rewarded and this could do with improving at a young age.

Marvellous Me is hit and miss. For example one class in year X will receive regular updates but another class will not.

SLT response: Next academic year, we will be relaunching 'Marvellous Me' to ensure consistency in parent feedback and rewards across the school. We understand the importance of recognising children's many achievements, whether this be academic, effort or behaviour in and around school more regularly. Watch this space!

X is happy at the school but he does not enjoy the dinners.

SLT response: We have made a decision to bring our school dinner 'in-house.' Our wonderful cook and , the school's (DFE) Healthy School Food consultant met with the school council to discuss what the children liked and disliked. As a result, we have developed a new menu with the children that will be launched in September! Meals will also be ordered via School Gateway from September. If your child has any allergy or dietary requirements, please arrange to speak to our school cook.

Some parents, and children, mentioned that cakes aren't allowed in lunchboxes but school dinners provide these. Any deserts on the menu comply with the school food standards, most are made with vegetables!