

Parent Questionnaire – March 2018



Thank you to the 37 families who have taken time to provide us with feedback. We really appreciate your views and will use them to help inform our decision making, so that we can continue to build on our successes and strengths and secure further school improvement for the benefit of your children. Any further information linked to your feedback is written below the statement that it refers to. Many thanks for your continue support.

	Agree / strongly agree	Don't know	Disagree / strongly disagree
My child enjoys being at this Catholic school and is happy	100%		
I am happy with the values and attitudes that the school teaches	100%		
I am made to feel welcome in the school	100%		
The school and staff care for my child and look after them well.	100%		
My child is safe in school.	100%		
My child knows who to speak to if they have a problem or concern.	100%		
My child is being supported well to become mature, responsible and independent.	100%		
Staff treat children with fairness	100%		
Overall the school promotes good behaviour	97%	3%	

- New behaviour systems have recently been introduced so that behaviour which falls below expectation is consistently dealt with, but most importantly good behaviour is more consistently and regularly being recognised and celebrated*

The school encourages a healthy lifestyle	100%		
The school offers a range of after school activities	86%	3%	11%

- We agree that currently clubs do not offer enough variety. The way in which we plan clubs from September will change in order to make sure that all children have access to after school clubs throughout the year, and there is a wider range of clubs on offer.*

The school is effective in encouraging good attendance and addressing poor attendance.	92%	8%	
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- Weekly attendance is reported on our school newsletter, is celebrated in our assembly on a Friday, and is displayed in the hall.*
- Overall attendance is monitored each half term and where it falls below expectation, action is taken either at a school level or escalated to the Attendance Officer.*

Parents are encouraged to be involved in the life of the school	92%	3%	5%
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- A number of parents are involved in school life as a volunteer*
- The Friends of St Vincent's, our PTA, is a great way to get involved in school life either by planning and running events or through coming along with your children*
- Since October, parents have been welcomed into school on a Friday to join us for our celebration assemblies, in addition to any other special Masses or celebrations.*
- Parents are also invited to join us when Fr Malcolm celebrates class Masses.*
- Parents have had the opportunity to join us for a "Meet the teacher" evening in September, World Book Day in March and an e-safety session also in March, in addition to meetings related to residential visits or SATs*
- Other opportunities are planned during the Summer Term and will be shared on the newsletter*

The school seeks the views of parents/carers	92%		8%
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- Staff are always available to discuss anything you wish to share with us, and parents regularly contact school either to share issues/concerns, or to share positive feedback too!*
- Parents were asked to provide feedback in September when the Ofsted report was published*
- Parents were invited to a consultation meeting in October when homework was being reviewed*
- A Parent Questionnaire is distributed annually to formally gather your views*
- There will be other opportunities to share your views on specific issues during the Summer Term*

I feel able to approach staff with a question, concern or issue and be listened to.	100%		
The school responds well to my concerns or complaints (if they know about them).	97%	3%	
I am kept well informed about school life and events	97%	3%	
I know who the Parent Governors, and/or other Governors are	51%	35%	14%

- The school website contains information relating to the Governing Body of St Vincent's. Governors have agreed that their photographs be shared on the website, along with a short profile to make it easier for parents to identify them around school and to get to know about the roles that they play within our school*
- Governors will also be producing a Governor Newsletter for parents to share the work that they have been doing throughout the year*

I make use of the school website to find information if I need it	94%	3%	3%
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- The school website has recently been updated, so if you have not been on recently, please do have a look and let us know what you think.*
- We are constantly updating information and adding further information and resources to the website in order to keep you as well informed as possible*

My child is taught well	100%		
My child is making good progress	100%		
Expectations of my child are high in terms of their work and achievement.	95%	5%	
I am kept well informed about my child's progress	92%	3%	5%

- September: The "Meet the teacher" open evening provides a chance to set expectations early and share information about what your child will be learning throughout the year*
- November and March: Parents' Evening during which you will receive an update on your child's progress*
- July: written report – we are reviewing how this report will be presented in order to provide more thorough and meaningful information about your child's progress*

I am satisfied with the arrangements for setting homework.	86%	3%	11%
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- Parents were given the opportunity to be involved in defining what homework at St Vincent's looks like and in finalising the school policy, parental views were a significant factor.*
- We do however acknowledge that homework will always be an area of school life, that whilst we try to please as many as possible, we will never satisfy everyone.*

The school gives me a clear understanding of what is taught in Religious Education	76%	8%	16%
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- An overview of the Religious Education taught through "Come and See" is available on the school website.*
- Information about the class themes being taught in Come and See is contained within the Curriculum Newsletter sent home each half term, and a whole school RE newsletter is sent home each term outlining what each class is being taught and ways that you could support this at home.*

The school enables my child to enjoy and achieve a good standard of work in Religious Education	84%	11%	5%
The school keeps me well informed about my child's progress in Religious Education	81%	11%	8%

- RE books were available at Parent's Evening in order to share your child's learning and progress*
- RE progress and outcomes will be reported in your child's end of year report*

The school is well led and managed.	92%	3%	5%
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- As has been the case so far, you will continue to receive regular updates about how improvement is being achieved at St Vincent's*

I would recommend St Vincent's Catholic Primary School to others.	95%	5%	
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Any Additional Comments

Areas of strength

- “I am very pleased with school and being able to talk about my children’s progress”
- Challenging
- Listening
- Responding positively to issues and areas of concern
- Catholic ethos
- Headteacher
- Leadership
- “I have noticed an improvement in the school this year. My child is in Year 6 and is developing well. He loves school and being part of St Vincent’s”
- “I have seen a huge positive change in this school which has undoubtedly impacted positively on my child’s progress. I’m very happy”
- “I feel the support that parents and children get from the school / staff is exceptional. My child is very happy at school”
- “My child is taught in a very well structured and caring environment where she is encouraged to reach her potential – she loves school”
- Homework has greatly improved since last year
- Helping children to recognise their achievements
- Happy and safe surroundings with approachable and friendly staff
- “Love St Vincent’s. The school seems more settled and my daughters are happier this year. My daughters love their class and are thriving. They are like sponges absorbing everything they are taught”
- “Good level of teaching and the teachers all seem to care about the children, which as a parent, is so important. The majority of children are kind and well behaved which reflects well on the school.”
- “Teachers are friendly and easy to talk to. I think it’s great that they go in PE kits instead of wasting time. It’s great being text to remind me of important things especially when your child gets an award. Love that children go straight into school at 8.35 instead of parents waiting – has helped me a lot with work. I think everyone is doing a great job and we love to see the lovely caretaker every morning. My child loves school and we are very happy.”
- Promoting values: kindness, positivity, courage

What could we do better?

- Better staff-to-pupil ratio to improve things again
- More detailed progress on reports
- “My answers to the questions would have been very different in previous years. I would say keep doing what you are doing because it is improving the standards of the school.”
- “Text message reminders could be 48 hours before the event instead of the day before”
- Get children more involved in sports outside of school
- Greater range of after school clubs
- It would be nice to see some after school sport for the younger children to be involved in.
- More done to consistently deal with bad behaviour
- Clean the hall at lunchtime after Year 1 and 2