

# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Parent Questionnaire February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your helpful comments. Your views and those of your children are very important to us. They help us move the school forward and are an effective way of checking that we are getting things right. School leaders take them into account when we are planning for the future of our school. We were very pleased with the huge number of positive comments about St Patrick's. Positive comments really help staff to keep motivated and to keep doing their best for your children.

Parents told us that communicating about their children's progress, safety and wellbeing is very good and that it is 'easy to get in touch' with school leaders. Also, parents are kept up to date about school life and events in general, particularly through the weekly newsletters. The school also sends emails and text messages, and the Head of School greets the parents and children every morning.

Parents said that the school is very well organised and well led. Everything runs smoothly and on time and they are happy with how the school performs. Also, that everyone is very welcoming, especially the adults in the office, who are supportive.

Parents also told us that there are good Catholic links and activities, including the weekly visits to church. This provides a strong Christian/spiritual upbringing and supports parent inclusion and participation.

Parents said that they feel their concerns are listened to and dealt with quickly, including behaviour issues. Problems are solved and appropriate support is provided. They said that the school supports the children really well in their learning and helps them to improve and make progress. The school provides the additional help needed to support children and keeps parents informed about this.

Parents told us that their children are taught well in all aspects of their learning. The school has a 'fun' way of teaching the children curriculum subjects and making the overall school day fun. This includes the weekly homework that the children are given, and the additional lessons (Y6 boosters) that are organised.

Parents said that the teachers have really helped the children with confidence, encouraging them to speak in class and know it is ok to be wrong. They know their child always has someone to talk to if they are upset, and support staff go above and beyond to support individual children and classes.

In terms of what we might do to make the school even better; a few parents think that there should be even more homework and a homework club. We will look at a homework club for the next academic year. We also make sure that alongside providing homework, children have enough time to spend quality time with their families.

Some parents commented that they would have liked the after school childcare to remain on site. PACE Camden Square now provide provision until 6pm and we

have a daily walking bus to get the children there. By moving the after school childcare to PACE, we can also offer more subsidised after school enrichment clubs from the summer term. Support staff will also be available after school to meet with teachers and plan learning for children.

A few parents commented on the school dinners, saying that they would like more selection available. There is always a meat and vegetarian option available every day. The menu works on a three-week rota. We have a new meeting every term.

Some parents said they would like even more fair events and musical assemblies. In the summer term we have the Family Summer BBQ, music concert and the Year 6 performance to look forward to. Our choir also regularly sing at concerts which parents are invited to, for example at the Camden Choir festival, the Royal Albert Hall and Young Voices at the 02.

Another suggestion was more playground equipment and board games for breaktime. The children can play board games in the indoor club and Coach Smokie will be ordering even more equipment for playtimes for the summer term.

One parent said they would like to be informed weekly/monthly about what children are learning at school. We send a termly curriculum overview to share this information with parents. There is always a copy of this on the website for you to refer to. We also ensure that children's Friday homework always follows what the children have been learning in class.

Thank-you for your suggestions for Parent Coffee Mornings, they will help us to plan for the future. These sessions are ongoing every week at our partner school, Our Lady's.

Many of you commented that you couldn't think of anything that might improve the school! That is great to hear, but we don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet us and let us know.

Mrs O'Reilly and Ms Fearon

1. My child enjoys coming to school.	Mostly yes 94%	Mostly no 6%	Don't know
2. My child feels safe at school	Mostly yes 98%	Mostly no 2%	Don't know
3. My child is making good progress	Mostly yes 92%	Mostly no 7%	Don't know 1%
4. Most children behave well at St Patrick's	Mostly yes 93%	Mostly no 3%	Don't know 3%
5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no	Don't know
6. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a problem	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no	Don't know
7. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no	Don't know
8.. Staff treat my child fairly	Mostly yes 97%	Mostly no 3%	Don't know

9. The school is led and managed well	Mostly yes 93%	Mostly no 7%	Don't know
10. The school provides appropriate homework	Mostly yes 93%	Mostly no 5%	Don't know 2%
<b>Religious Education</b>			
1. The school keeps me informed of what is taught in Religious Education lessons	Mostly yes 90%	Mostly no 5%	Don't know 4%
2. My child is making good progress in Religious Education	Mostly yes 93%	Mostly no 3%	Don't know 3%
3. My child enjoys learning in Religious Education lessons	Mostly yes 93%	Mostly no 2%	Don't know 5%
4. I understand the school's Catholic Mission and I am supportive of it	Mostly yes 93%	Mostly no 3%	Don't know 3%
5. The school provides clear moral teaching	Mostly yes 93%	Mostly no 3%	Don't know 3%
6. The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development (for example through daily prayer or Christian Meditation)	Mostly yes 93%	Mostly no 2%	Don't know 5%
7. These are sacramental celebrations of Mass and Reconciliation	Mostly yes 92%	Mostly no 3%	Don't know 5%
8. There are opportunities for my child to serve others and support those in need	Mostly yes 95%	Mostly no 3%	Don't know 2%
9. The school actively promotes strong partnership with parents	Mostly yes 95%	Mostly no 5%	Don't know
10. There are strong links between the school and our local parish	Mostly yes 95%	Mostly no	Don't know 5%