



Saint John Fisher
Living out our Catholic Mission
Parent Questionnaire Feedback

***'For I know the plans I have for you;
plans to give you hope and a future.'*** Jeremiah 29:11

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As a Catholic School we are keen that our stated Mission:

*My parents and everyone who works at Saint John Fisher will work together and
always try their best to help me to make the most of my God-given talents.*

is lived out in the daily life of the school by working in partnership with our parents to provide the children with an excellent Catholic education.

Hearing your views are an important part of this.

Dear Parents

Thank you for responding to the Parent Questionnaire recently held as part of our autumn term Parents' Evening. We had 143 questionnaires returned. The findings of which are listed below.

143 returns 1= 0.7% Nat = national OFSTED Parent View Average 15/16	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	School Comment
My child feels safe at this school.	78% (111) Nat 63%	22% (32) Nat 30%	0% Nat 4%	0% Nat 2%	0% Nat 1%	Your child's safety is very important to us and we are delighted that year on year you report that your children feel safe in school.
My child is making good progress at this school.	66% (40) Nat 50%	31% Nat 37%	0% Nat 8%	0% Nat 4%	3% (5) Nat 2%	Thank you for your support in your child's learning. We are pleased that 97% of parents felt that their child was making good progress. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress.
This school meets my child's particular needs. No Nat available	63% (90)	36% (51)	<1% (1)	0%	<1% (1)	We are pleased that 99% of parents feel that school meets their child's needs.
This school ensures my child is well looked after.	70% (100) Nat 57%	30% (43) Nat 33%	0% Nat 6%	0% Nat 3%	0% Nat 1%	We are pleased that 100% of parents feel that school ensures that their child is well looked after. We are very aware of the trust you place in us by giving us the privilege of looking after your children.
My child is taught well at this school.	66% (94) Nat 49%	32% (46) Nat 37%	<1% (1) Nat 7%	0% Nat 3%	1% (2) Nat 3%	We are pleased that 98% of parents feel that their child is taught well. We continually strive for excellent teaching and learning. Again, thank you for your support, parents working in positive partnership with us has a real impact on their child's attitude to learning.
My child receives appropriate	41% (58)	51% (73)	6% (9)	0%	2% (3)	The national picture is that parents have very differing views on homework. We are pleased that 92% of parents feel that their

homework for their age	Nat 38%	Nat 44%	Nat 11%	Nat 4%	Nat 3%	child receives appropriate homework for their age. Some parents like a lot of hard homework for their children; others want it to be easier. The important thing is that the children at home read regularly and learn by heart their spellings, number bonds and tables and as far as possible enjoy it!
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	71% (101) Nat 48%	25% (36) Nat 37%	<1% (1) Nat 7%	0% Nat 4%	3% (5) Nat 3%	Thank you for this response. We are proud of your children's behaviour. Most of the time the children do follow our Mission Statement. Almost all children misbehave occasionally, on such occasions we find turning behaviour around so important. This can usually be resolved when the school and parents work cooperatively and the children are given very clear and consistent boundaries. Teachers are always happy to listen to any concerns about behaviour that is affecting their child.
This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	58% (83) Nat 37%	26% (37) Nat 31%	0% Nat 6%	<1% (1) Nat 6%	15% (22) Nat 20%	We are pleased that the vast majority of parents feel bullying is dealt with effectively. We do have a number of strategies for preventing bullying and dealing with it effectively on the rare occasions it does occur.
This school is well led and managed	63% (90) Nat 51%	35% (50) Nat 31%	0% Nat 7%	<1% (1) Nat 7%	1 (2) Nat 4%	Thank you we are delighted with this feedback.
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	64% (92) Nat 48%	30% (43) Nat 32%	0% Nat 9%	<1% (1) Nat 7%	5% (7) Nat 5%	We are pleased that most of our parents feel we do respond to their concerns. We do try hard to respond to all parents concerns.
I receive valuable information from the school	65% (93)	31% (45)	<1% (1)	<1% (1)	2% (3)	We are pleased that 96% of parents reported that they received valuable information. If you have reason to feel

	Nat 45%	Nat 38%	Nat 11 %	Nat 5%	Nat 1%	that you are missing out on information or that you are receiving information that does not apply to you do please let Mrs Harlow know.
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	76% (109) Nat 85%	22% (32) Nat 15%	0% Nat 0%	<1% (1) Nat 0%	<1% (1) Nat 0%	Thank you, we are delighted with this response. We have an increasing demand for places at St John Fisher. If you know of anyone who wishes to apply, please remind them to apply on time so that they are not disappointed.

Here are some of the positive comments you made – thank you!

‘My children are so happy.’

‘Excellent communication from the school leaders and teachers.’

‘I recommend the school for looking after the children.’

‘I am very happy and love the progress my children are making.’

‘A wonderful school for any child to attend.’

‘I am more than happy that my child is at this school.’

‘ My child has Special Needs and Saint John Fisher has been fantastic at supporting me and my child.’

Here are some of your suggestions for improvement, and again, thank you!

Please see the comments in the right hand column above.

A pupil wrote – please can we have a tuck shop. Pupils will be getting their own questionnaire after Christmas and we can look in to the practicalities of a healthy tuck shop. It is something we have thought about but have not yet worked out how best to do it.

Parent Partnership

We see our parents as a real strength of the school - do pop along to our parent/parish socials if you can. The leadership team is always available if you want an informal chat with any of them.