



Parental Survey – October 2018

Thank you to all those parents who completed a survey at our recent Parents' Evening. We had 85 responses. The results were as follows:

	agree	disagree	don't know	n/a
My child is happy at St. Ethelbert's.	100%	0%	0%	0%
My child feels safe at school.	99%	1%	0%	0%
My child makes good progress.	98%	0%	2%	0%
My child is well looked after.	100%	0%	0%	0%
My child is taught well at this school	100%	0%	0%	0%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age. (reading; spellings; maths; grammar etc.)	92%	2%	5%	1%
Pupils are encouraged to behave well and to recognise that they are responsible for their own behaviour, attitude and choices.	99%	0%	1%	0%
Where issues of bullying might arise, the school deals effectively with these.	82%	0%	16%	2%
This school is well led and managed.	99%	0%	1%	0%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise.	97%	1%	2%	0%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress (e.g. parents' evenings / meetings; model lessons; school reports; comments in reading records)	98%	0%	2%	0%
I would recommend the school to other parents.	99%	1%	0%	0%
The school is welcoming and there are regular opportunities to come into school for class assemblies, masses and other events.	99%	1%	0%	0%

Comments and Suggestions:

Thank you to all those parents who wrote such positive comments about our school; these included:

"The school provides lots of different sessions for parents to take part in with their child so they can learn the methods and strategies at home..."

"...good communication between teachers & parents; I feel my child is enjoying school and if issues & concerns arise, they are dealt with well..."

"St. Ethelbert's is a welcoming school and makes children's learning a priority."

What can we improve?

Homework is an issue which divides opinion. Some parents feel the children get too much, other not enough. The school feels that the amount of homework set is reasonable, depending on the age of the children. For those parents who think there is too much, please take advantage of our Y3/4 and Y5/6 homework clubs which take place every week. There is no charge and the children have the opportunity to receive support from a teacher within the session. Also, it ensures that deadlines are met, which is

always a cause of stress to many households. For those parents who would like more homework, please understand that teachers' workload is already very heavy. However, additional reading, practising of times tables and number facts etc. at home are always welcomed. There are many online activities which allow the children the opportunity to practise skills learned at school.

One parent commented on the difficulties of working parents keeping up to date with their child's progress, when it is not always possible to come into school regularly. Please be aware that staff will always be happy to meet with parents regarding pupil progress outside of the termly parents' evenings. Please contact school to arrange a mutually convenient time.