



Old Church Primary School Parent Questionnaire October 2016

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree/dis	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys coming to school	41	21	4	1	
My child is safe at school	48	18	1		
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	40	25	1	1	
My child is taught well at school	45	20	2		
My child is making good progress	38	27	2		
My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best	37	26	4		
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age	24	27	8	5	3
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra curricular activities	31	21	12	1	
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	30	32	4	1	
The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning	29	28	8	1	
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	32	30	2		
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	31	27	9		
There is a good standard of behaviour at Old Church	29	29	8		
The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively	30	20	12	2	2
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	42	20	5		
I think the school is well led and managed	47	19	1		
I would recommend Old Church to another family	48	18	1		

67 questionnaires have been returned as of 1.11.16 * Not all sections were complete on every form to add up to 67

Key areas of Success

- I would recommend Old Church to another family**
We were delighted that 99% of you stated that you would recommend Old Church to another family - We continue to be very proud of our school and glad that you are too.
- My child is making good progress and my child is taught well**
97% of you stated that your child was making good progress at Old Church and again this is something which we are very pleased with. The progress of all children is tracked extremely carefully to ensure that children receive the right levels of support and challenge in class. This is down to the good teaching in school. Part of our school improvement plan this year is to look at marking and how to support children to understand what they need to do to make progress.
- The school is well led and managed**
Over 99% of you stated that you felt the school was well led and managed. This is again something which we are very proud of. School leadership and governors have continued to work extremely hard to raise standards of achievement, set ambitious targets for whole school improvement and maintain a firm, friendly and visible presence around the school. The Early Years Results have risen 15% since last year and phonics results have risen 12% since last year. Our reading results are above the national average too in both key stages.

The Leadership has commissioned several independent audits this year in order to look at our strengths and identify areas we need to improve. These include a self- supported review (similar to an OFSTED inspection) in the Spring; a safeguarding audit and an audit of Governors in the autumn term.

- **My child is kept safe**

Finally we were also very pleased that 99% of you said that you felt your child was safe at school. The safety of your children is paramount. The additional fences and gates along with new CCTV cameras and high security doors and windows have improved the safety of the physical environment within the school. Staff have received regular training, including child protection training, first aid training, data protection training, and water safety training. We have hired a company to do termly external audits on our safety. We are now focusing strongly on our e-safety curriculum as in this day and age this is where many dangers occur. An evening for parent/carers is scheduled to provide key safety talks along with many other events this year for children. We recognise that keeping your children safe is one of our key responsibilities and will continue to do everything possible to ensure that your child's time at Old Church is safe, positive and rewarding.

Areas of Development

- **The school sets an appropriate amount of homework**

Inevitably, homework will continue to divide opinion amongst parents with some parents feeling there is too much and some parents feeling there is not enough. At Old Church we try to strike a happy medium. We recognise that for most children homework can be a real challenge given other commitments and obstacles so we aim to provide activities which will be engaging, relevant and lasting the right amount of time. We will revisit the area of homework this year. However, I never want homework to become a battle ground with children and parents. If your child is struggling please see their teacher for support.

- **Extra- Curricular activities**

In school we provide at least 1 club every night after school- these are free as I use Sport's Premium money to cover the cost. Aston Villa are starting a football club on a Thursday, which is £3 a session
Martial Arts on a Monday and Wednesday – see Mrs Spittle

We offer an expansive range of musical instrument lessons- this is from Year 1 upwards and cost £30 a term

I also believe that school is about more than just Literacy and Numeracy and we offer a wide range of trips for each year group as well as a yearly pantomime, fetes, theme days, art days, fun days and historical days. These are the days the children remember! Any other suggestion are always welcomed.

- **The School deals effectively with bullying**

10 responses neither agree or disagree that we deal with bullying well. My assumption is that parents may not know what we do. Bullying is rare in the school but on the odd occasion that bullying occurs we deal with it in a variety of ways depending on the children involved. My favourite way is to invite the children concerned to lunch where we discuss what has happened and how the children feel. This usually does the trick.

- The red card system also works very well where the child has to phone the parent and tell them what they have done. This is very effective and most children do not reoffend.
- We also have a group of Happy Helpers at lunch time who are peer mentors on the playground. They have been trained to support other children and try and intervene before a huge problem arises.
- We have an effective anti-bullying week as well as this being intrinsic in our school values and as part of our whole curriculum.
- 2 parents have also questioned the vigilance of bullying being reported from lunch times and between staff. We are currently trialling a new recording system. This should enable us to be more vigilant when incidents take place and to look at the frequency of incidents and children involved.

Parental Comments

- There have been other comments such as the qualifications of our Key Workers for our children with special needs. All our workers have at least a teaching assistant qualification; some have children with special needs themselves and we try and match workers with parents whose children have the same special need. All workers are parents and are trained in parenting programmes to support others. They are there to support parents.
- 1 parent raised concerns about Reading Diaries not being responded to in a timely matter. This is a very valid point and we will discuss this further.
- Another issue was raised about the timings of events not always being in the evening. We have extended parents' evening to 7 pm and we are always happy to make adjustments. We try and vary our times for performances but have still not come up with the ideal solution.

Thank you for your time in completing the survey and the lovely comments. If you have any further comments or suggestions to make, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, one of the school's leadership team or a parent governor.

Best wishes

Davina Clacy and the Old Church Staff and Governors