



## Old Church Primary School Parent Questionnaire July 2018

|  | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither agree /dis | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|
| My child enjoys coming to school   | 40             | 11    | 2                  | 1        |                   |
| My child is safe at school   | 34             | 20    |                    |          |                   |
| The school understands and responds to my child's needs                              | 31             | 19    | 1                  | 3        |                   |
| My child is taught well at school  | 36             | 16    | 2                  |          |                   |
| My child is making good progress   | 37             | 16    | 1                  |          |                   |
| My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best                                | 37             | 17    |                    |          |                   |
| My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age                  | 22             | 18    | 11                 |          | 2                 |
| My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra curricular activities                   | 30             | 10    | 10                 | 1        |                   |
| The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress                | 31             | 21    |                    | 1        | 1                 |
| The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning | 34             | 14    | 4                  | 1        | 1                 |
| The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities       | 31             | 21    | 2                  |          |                   |
| The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns                                 | 29             | 14    | 10                 | 1        |                   |
| There is a good standard of behaviour at Old Church                                  | 30             | 20    | 1                  | 3        |                   |
| The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively                          | 26             | 15    | 7                  | 5        | 1                 |
| The Learning Platform keeps me in touch with what my child is doing.                 | 21             | 19    | 6                  | 6        | 2                 |
| The Learning Platform is easy to use.  | 19             | 16    | 10                 | 4        | 5                 |
| The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved                  | 29             | 21    | 4                  |          |                   |
| I think the school is well led and managed   | 41             | 12    | 1                  |          |                   |
| I would recommend Old Church to another family                                       | 43             | 10    | 1                  |          |                   |

**54 questionnaires have been returned as of \* Not all sections were complete on every form to add up to 54**

### 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. The school is oversubscribed with large waiting lists.
- **My child is making good progress and my child is taught well**  
 96% 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. We track progress from the children entering school to when they leave in Year 6 and the results are very impressive. The vast majority of our children make accelerated progress during their time at Old Church.
- **The school is well led and managed**  
 100% 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 school improvement and maintain a firm, friendly and visible presence around the school. The Leadership has commissioned independent audits to monitor our strengths and identify areas we need to improve. These include a self- supported review (similar to an OFSTED inspection); a safeguarding audit and two inspections of

Governors since Ms Clacy became Headteacher. The SIAMS inspection also recognised the Leadership of the school as being 'Outstanding'.

- **My child is kept safe**

Finally we were also very pleased that 100% of you said that you felt your child was safe at school. The safety of your children is paramount. Staff regularly receive regular training, including child protection training, first aid training, data protection training, and water safety training. We have also included lots of external agencies to talk to our children about keeping safe. These include talks on knife crimes, cyber bullying, preventing extremist grooming, the NSPCC Pants programme and Street Teams. Our internet has extra securities added and we employ a firm to monitor any misuse of our Learning Platform. This adds an extra level of security on our internet system.

Fire drills are held regularly where children are hidden to check staff vigilance in the event of a child going missing in a real fire. We have also started 'Lockdown Drills' in case of an emergency where by an external event happens and we need to keep the children safe in side of school. 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. 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**

We are currently providing a large range of clubs after school and at lunchtimes run by specialists. We have also developed an exciting enrichment programme in school. All children from Nursery to Year 6 are learning the keyboard, steel pans and Ukulele. There are opportunities for the children to also join recorders, choir, iPad and Garage Bands.

On a Wednesday afternoon KS2 children have a rotating enrichment afternoon which includes golf, orienteering, mask making, Godly Play, song writing, craft, woodwork and cooking. These afternoons are by far the favourite of the children.

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 suggestions are always welcomed.

- **The School deals effectively with bullying**

7 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.

School have recently purchased a tracking system on behaviour and bullying called CPOMS. This should support the excellent work staff are already doing.

- **The Learning Platform**

This saw the most negative responses. This is an area we will look into this year and see whether we can offer more training for parents to use the system or look at a new system. Thank you for your feedback here and we will look at addressing this.

### Parental Comments

- One parent questioned the amount of lunchtime staff on the playground. Supervising the children. The official ratio of lunchtime staff to children in 1:60 for KS2. I currently employ 12 lunchtime supervisors plus a first aider for lunchtime. Our ratios are much lower than the recommendations.

- One parent asked if we could provide more support for children with more complex needs. I am delighted to say that Mrs Warren has been appointed to support our growing number of children with medical needs and as a first point of contact for parents. All children on the Special Needs register have a Key Worker and a separate school telephone number to contact staff on for support.

- "The school goes over and above to help the children and parents/ carers to achieve the best outcomes. The staff are truly amazing."

- 'Old Church is a wonderful school. Both my children love school. Everything about the school is great.'

- 'Staff go above and beyond the requirement of their jobs and are a real credit to their profession and the school.'

