



Governor news Summer Term 2019

Parents' survey 2019 results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parents' survey, which this year was online for the first time. We had 134 responses in total. The Governing Body reviewed the results of the survey at our meeting on 9th May and was pleased to see the overwhelmingly positive feedback. As in previous years, the survey contained 13 questions (the Ofsted Parent View questions), and gave an opportunity to make comments about the school.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Response Total
My child is happy at this school	59.8% (79)	34.8% (46)	3.8% (5)	0.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (1)	132
My child feels safe at this school	62.1% (82)	33.3% (44)	3.8% (5)	0.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	132
The school has a strong Catholic ethos based on Gospel values	65.2% (86)	31.8% (42)	0.8% (1)	0.8% (1)	0.8% (1)	0.8% (1)	132
My child makes good progress at this school	47.7% (63)	46.2% (61)	3.8% (5)	1.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (1)	132
My child is well looked after at this school	60.6% (80)	34.1% (45)	3.8% (5)	1.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	132
My child is taught well at this school	55.3% (73)	40.2% (53)	4.5% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	132
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	39.4% (52)	44.7% (59)	10.6% (14)	3.0% (4)	1.5% (2)	0.8% (1)	132
The school ensures pupils are well behaved	40.9% (54)	46.2% (61)	9.8% (13)	3.0% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	132
The school deals effectively with bullying	28.8% (38)	38.6% (51)	13.6% (18)	3.8% (5)	0.8% (1)	14.4% (19)	132
The school is well led and managed	44.6% (58)	49.2% (64)	3.8% (5)	0.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.5% (2)	130
The school responded well to any concerns I raise	41.9% (54)	46.5% (60)	7.8% (10)	1.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.3% (3)	129
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	46.2% (60)	47.7% (62)	3.1% (4)	2.3% (3)	0.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	130
I would recommend the school to another parent	61.2% (79)	31.0% (40)	7.8% (10)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	129

The comments listed here are those which 5 or more parents highlighted (along with the number of times each comment was made).

Is there anything you particularly like about St Laurence?

Themes mentioned most often:

- Quality of teaching / teachers (x 19 comments)
- Catholic / Christian / caring ethos of the school (x 17 comments)
- Amazing office staff - extremely friendly and helpful. (x 10 comments)

The Governors are very grateful to all our staff for their commitment and dedication, and are aware of how tirelessly they work within our Catholic Ethos to make the school a friendly, happy, safe environment where children are taught well and make good progress. We are delighted to see that parents continue to share our positive view of our school. Here are just a few of your comments:

- *I like the atmosphere, from the moment you walk into reception your greeted with a smile and everyone is so efficient and kind.*
- *The enthusiasm of the teaching team. Especially like that you're bringing fresh people with new teaching methods to the school.*
- *Staff are professional but friendly. St Laurence has a family/community feeling, which we love. Children are taught to be well behaved and disciplined. St Laurence has a strong catholic ethos.*
- *A caring, nurturing school; not just focused on academic progress and achievement, but devoting a huge amount of time to children's spiritual, social and moral development.*
- *It has extremely good teachers.*
- *Great learning environment with caring and attentive staff*
- *Lots of competitive sports for children to participate in.*
- *The school is fantastic - it has inspired my son, taken him out of his learning lull and pushed him on to a different level! Thank you.*
- *Lots of initiatives from the teachers who give their time and energy to sport, social or educational activities outside their duties.*

Is there anything that St Laurence could do better?

Themes mentioned most often with responses from the Senior Leadership Team and Governors:

- More adult supervision in the playground at lunchtime, to reduce behaviour problems/bullying (x 7)

School takes the safety and wellbeing of all our children very seriously. Adult supervision levels at lunchtime are high. In order to ensure our high expectations of behaviour are consistent at all times of the school day, many of our lunchtime supervisors are school teaching assistants who know the children very well. We continue to invest considerable time and resources in ensuring positive lunchtimes. We regularly train our lunchtime supervisor team and also support positive, social play at lunchtime through providing a wide range of play equipment, pupil led play leaders and peer mediators. We also have an alternative adult led, small group lunchtime provision. Behaviour in school is reviewed regularly by the school senior leadership team and all reported incidences of bullying behaviour are rigorously investigated and dealt with in line with our Anti-bullying and Behaviour policies (see school website)

- Offering more after school clubs run by staff (x6)

We are proud of the number and variety of extra-curricular opportunities we are able to provide in school, particularly when compared to other similarly sized schools. This term we are offering 18 clubs - 9 of which are free to access. Staff run clubs at lunchtime and after school; some clubs are for particular year groups or targeted 'by invitation'.

All teaching staff have at least two after school professional training meetings every week and we need to balance staff workload and wellbeing (including daily after school marking, planning and preparation) with the time given to running a club. We do expect every teacher to run at least one club during the course of each year to ensure we can offer a range of free of cost and paid clubs from external providers. We are very grateful to our staff for their commitment in providing these extra-curricular opportunities for our children. Feedback from pupils is that they enjoy school clubs and think that there is a good range of different options available. Please see the school website for more information on our clubs offer.

We always welcome parents/volunteers with a skill or hobby they would like to share through a club. Please contact the school office if you would like to run a club in the next school year.

- Homework – either more or less roughly equal (x 5)

If you're unsure about the amount of homework your child is being set, please do check the weekly class curriculum letters and talk to your child's class teacher.