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'Living in the LIGHT of Christ'
'I am the Light' John 8:12

Parent Survey September 2022

Twenty Five parents completed our parent survey.

Question	Strongly Agree & Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school	92%	72%	20%	4%	4%	
My child feels safe at this school	96%	96%		4%		
The school prioritises Christian values	80%	40%	40%			16%
The school has high expectations for my child	88%	28%	60%		4%	8%
My child receives the right amount of homework	60%	25%	40%	25%		25%
This school makes sure the pupils are well behaved	96%	44%	52%		4%	
This school deals effectively with bullying	56%	28%	28%	4%	8%	32%
The school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit	92%	56%	36%		4%	4%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	64%	28%	36%	16%	4%	16%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	72%	36%	36%	4%	4%	20%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	88%	32%	56%		4%	8%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	84%	48%	36%	4%	4%	8%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	88%	36%	52%		4%	8%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	76%	36%	40%		12%	12%
The school provides a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities	56%	24%	32%	20%		24%
The school prioritises school sports	44%	12%	32%	16%	4%	36%
The school is managed well by the school leaders	88%	44%	44%		4%	8%
I would recommend St John with St Michael to other parents	92%	60%	32%		4%	4%

In your opinion, what are the best things about St John with St Michael Primary School?

1	Receptionist (Bev) Close to home.
2	The staff who know all the children well. The before and after school staff who have gone above and beyond to help as we rarely see the child's class teacher due to the fact that we work. The office staff who always respond promptly to any questions and the staff who help with this.
3	Friendly staff, welcoming, and my child is always happy.
4	Very loving environment.
5	Teachers. Amazing. And Tapestry.
6	My son enjoys coming to school and that speaks volumes when a child is excited to go to school. His teacher and TA have been very approachable and supportive with any problems. I also like how the classes aren't overly crowded and the mixture in years so they get to mix with different age ranges.
7	Close by.
8	All staff are pleasant and helpful and the school is well maintained.
9	The teaching and support staff. Staff visibility. The way school makes my child feel about himself and his learning.
10	The school is a small village school, which I like. The extra support for the children after Covid, helping them to catch up. The new uniform, the values and the SEN support is brilliant. The teachers are really supportive and easily approachable.
11	It's a very friendly inviting school; any problems are dealt with quickly and effectively. The teachers genuinely care about the students.
12	The morals by which it stands. The teachers.
13	Lovely school where pupils are people and not numbers. Fantastic teachers and assistants with time to spend talking about my child. My child enjoys attending school very much and speaks highly of those who look after him.
14	We like the Nursery sharing with Reception.
15	Small class groups for more focused learning and staff know the pupils well across all age groups.
16	They help the children to learn in different ways so children with different learning levels are treated as equals and learn at the rate needed for them to excel.
17	St Johns with St Michael is small school, because of the size of classes etc, it makes for the best learning.
18	The closeness of us all. The approachable feel the teachers and all staff give us parents and the students.
19	The relationship my child and myself have with their current teacher.
20	My child had ups and downs but now he adores coming to school, everyone is very helpful and welcoming.
21	In the past couple of months, the school took part in several sporting activities and we loved this and think it's such a good thing for the pupils to look forward to frequently. 🐼
22	The staff of the school are just amazing from the admin team in reception up to management.
23	I like that it is small and personal, always has a nice feel when I visit and my kids are happy.
24	The size and familiarity.

25	A lovely welcoming school, with friendly staff.
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Is there anything in particular that you'd change about the school?

1	Not change but possibly an earlier opportunity to meet staff in my child's class.
2	To be told sooner about things that are going on, especially when it's non uniform, or they have to wear a certain colour as my child doesn't necessarily have that colour of clothing.
3	Staff pictures with their names on the website, as I'm not always sure who is who. My child also talks about someone called 'Pickle' and I'm also unsure as to who that is.
4	School trips. Afterschool clubs in sports for Reception and KS1.
5	School activity clubs after school for EYFS. There are very little activity clubs for 3-5 year olds, so it would be nice to have a football, netball, cricket etc for the younger ones.
6	More opportunities for the younger children. Athletics, choir, any other clubs.
7	More detail about what the children are learning. My child can rarely tell me what he has been learning, even though I know he enjoys himself. I have to piece bits together to work it out.
8	I think we need a PTA and also organisation of activities. Need communication with parents and more notice before activities or trips. Bev needs help in the office, she works so hard and has so much to do, she could do with another pair of hands. Afterschool activities, be more consistent and more notice given if cancellation or stoppage of the activity is happening. Also autumn, Christmas, spring and summer fairs would be a benefit to the kids, as well as financially to the school. Bring back the school summer club to help working parents with childcare during the summer holidays.
9	I would love to see different after school clubs other than sports eg sign language classes, cooking classes, art classes.
10	Asked my child about this, she said about snow days and being able to sledge down the hill. The dinner structure. My child orders her lunch in the morning but usually someone else gets her lunch and she is left with something she might not like and therefore won't eat it. They should get what they order so maybe send the list over to the dinner staff and ensure the correct food goes to the correct child.
11	Communications aren't always absolutely clear.
12	More regular updates to parents on child progress in between parents evening sessions. Extra-curricular after school activities that are not predominantly sport focused, maybe a group for children to socialise with friends, doing a focused activity, board games/arts and crafts etc. Welcoming parents in to school for events at regular intervals and to be actively involved in their child's learning. Child prefect roles per school year or something similar to give children more sense of responsibility.
13	Not the school, but the access to school on drop off and pick up needs attention. Cars persistently going down Moss Side Street and parking at school gates is a hazard waiting to happen.
14	Communication! Texts are vague, not relevant to me and last minute. There is no physical newsletter, not everyone can access it online. Expecting the children to relay messages home doesn't work. The entrance to the school from Moss Side Street is awful, with bins, drains, bushes (I understand it's not down to the school).
15	I personally think all schools should be more sports involved and is just as important as Maths, English & Science.
16	To be made aware more of what my child is learning, to then support them further at home. More homework to guide us at home with extra learning.
17	Allow PE kits back into school as having to wear them all day on PE days creates issues for me as I have messy kids. Would like to be able to return for celebration assemblies when my child is getting an award, loved that and helped make the school feel more welcoming and inclusive.
18	Maybe more variation of extra-curricular things like drawing art /music etc.

In what ways would you like to see the school develop over the next three years?

1	Strong links with the community, in the past, the children have linked with the local old people's home. Good transition links with local high schools.
2	Continue with the updates on social media/tapestry. Continue to build strong relationships with children and parents.
3	School outings.
4	Stability, there has been a lot of change the last couple of years, so it will be nice to see the school settle with their new ethos, uniform and teachers.
5	Library, Choir, Girls Soccer, Athletics, and Science Club.
6	More after school activities.
7	I would like to see the school participate in more sports, not just football matches with other schools, I would like the school to put more time in to the choir for competitions and also do things for the local community.
8	More homework. SATS Club to continue. Pushed harder. More sports.
9	Holiday club.
10	Tailored and flexible approach to adapt to individual learning needs for children. Work in partnership with BRGS to support children in the junior years to prepare and take the examination as the learning style and methods differ from the national curriculum - focus learning groups for children looking to sit the 11+ examination. More parent involvement in their child's day to day learning.
11	Less homework for younger children.
12	I'd like to see a return to the holiday club. The after school activities could include other things and not just sport e.g. cooking, craft, sewing, practical skills etc. I'd like the return of assemblies where parents can attend.
13	I think with a permanent leadership/headteacher like it has now, it will keep on thriving.
14	To continue to progress with the children and their learning. To continue to improve the quality of learning.
15	Less staff turnaround.
16	Stability of staff.
17	More activities in the big playground.

Have you any further comments about the school?

1	Just a great big thank you for all the hard work you do.
2	I'd like to thank you for everything you have done with my son over the last 12 months.
3	Top job EYFS staff! You rock!
4	I am looking forward to seeing the school grow. It is nice to see new teachers joining the school.
5	The school is really fantastic and has always been great with my child. Multiple teachers have supported her since she started, which is evident in her love for each individual. It's a wonderful school and we're so blessed our daughter is happy with you.
6	I think the school is great. My child's enthusiasm is very reassuring.
7	What a breath of fresh air Mr Rooney has been, he has started turning the school around in the 1 year that he has been here. All three of my kids have enjoyed this year more than any other years of school and I have seen a massive improvement in their work, as well as their attitude towards work. The staff have been brilliant with the new changes, supporting all the kids, with transitioning back to

	school after Covid, and I am so pleased that my children go to SJSM. I expect this year will be even better for them, now they have consistency and a happy learning environment.
8	The school is brilliant at helping children with additional needs reach their full potential. I have seen massive improvement since the new head has started. The school was in desperate need of a good headteacher that can help the school and the children thrive.
9	More firm on the uniform. I understand there is a change since Covid but some children are not adhering to the set uniform. PE days should be PE kit not random pumps and clothes. I'm sure with the issue of the new PE kit, this should improve. In general, like the school, staff and what they are achieving. More preparation for sports events going forwards.
10	The teachers are thoughtful, mindful and are good models for teaching, in the sense they push if required, praise when needed and discipline if needed.
11	Nothing, I'm happy. Thank you.
12	I feel that this questionnaire has been sent at the wrong time of year. My particular child is moving from 1 class to another, so some of the questions are hard to answer. I feel it would be best in January.
13	Overall just a lovely school!