



Parent Feedback Document 2011 – findings and responses to the school’s Parent Consultation Questionnaire (January 2011)

This feedback document provides a synopsis of this year’s parent consultation which was conducted in January 2011. Some sections have notes to inform you of the school’s responses to the consultation process. **The figures in brackets show the results from last years 2010 consultation by way of comparison.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1 My child enjoys school	67% (48%)	32% (46%)	1% (4%)	(2%)	
Comment: <i>Half the battle in providing an excellent standard of education is to ensure that our children are engaged with their learning and that they enjoy the work that they do. It is fantastic to learn that so many of you feel that your children enjoy attending school.</i>					
2 The school keeps my child safe	74% (67%)	25% (33%)			1%
Comment: <i>The safety of the children in our care is of paramount importance. It is good to learn that parents feel that our staff ensure that their children are safe and well cared for. However, the staff and I are always searching for ways to find improvements in our practice. Thank you for your suggestions.</i>					
3 My school informs me about my child's progress	62% (29%)	38% (69%)	(1%)	(1%)	
Comment: <i>Should you have any concerns regarding the progress of your child please make an appointment to discuss the matter with your child's class teacher. Teachers are always pleased to see you. There will also be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress during your forthcoming Open Evening appointment.</i>					
4 My child is making enough progress at this school	65% (50%)	33% (48%)	1%		1% (2%)
Comment: <i>As above.</i>					
5 The teaching is good at this school	68% (60%)	31% (39%)			1% (1%)
Comment: <i>The quality of teaching and learning at St. John's has repeatedly been judged to be 'outstanding'. Our excellent teachers and teaching assistants ensure that the academic standards at our school are amongst the highest in the country and this is borne out by the findings of inspection and our very strong school performance data.</i>					
6 The school helps me to support my child's learning	62% (38%)	38% (62%)			
Comment: <i>The new school website contains some useful web links to support your child's learning and also provides an overview of what your child will be learning in class. Should you require more detail as to how you can support your child's learning please contact your child's class teacher to make an appointment or raise any matters of interest that you may have at your forthcoming Open Evening appointment.</i>					

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7 The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	56% (60%)	43% (40%)			1%
<p>Comment: As a 'National Healthy School' we are pleased that parents recognise our efforts to ensure that the children are well looked after and are taught and encouraged to make healthy choices.</p>					
8 The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	52% (50%)	42% (48%)			6% (2%)
<p>Comment: It is good to know that parents consider that the school is well focused upon ensuring that children are well prepared for the future.</p>					
9 The school meets my child's particular needs	60% (50%)	36% (44%)	3% (4%)		1% (2%)
<p>Comment: The school is committed to inclusion and the personalisation of learning for each individual. We have recently introduced a new curriculum and are extremely pleased that the evidence that we have collected from parents and from children during our recent consultations points to the positive impact of the new curriculum upon children's enjoyment of their learning.</p>					
10 The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	52% (38%)	37% (52%)	6% (4%)		5% (6%)
<p>Comment: Unacceptable behaviour is just that; unacceptable. The school will continue to work with parents to ensure that our children continue to tell us, as 100% did in the November 2010 Pupil Consultation exercise, that they feel happy and safe in school.</p>					
11 The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	52% (26%)	42% (60%)			6% (14%)
<p>Comment: The school actively encourages and appreciates the excellent support and ideas that we receive from both parents and grand parents. We are always considering new and improved ways of involving parents in the day to day life of our school and I will be writing to you in the near future with further opportunities to be involved with activities.</p>					
12 The school is led and managed effectively	77% (64%)	23% (36%)			
<p>Comment: Whilst leadership and management at all levels was found to be 'outstanding' by Ofsted, the Staff, Governors and I continue to strive for excellence in overall provision for the children and families of St. John's.</p>					
13 Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	79% (80%)	20% (19%)	1% (1%)		
<p>Comment: It is good to learn that the overwhelming majority of parents think that we at St. John's provide a good standard of educational provision for their children. We will, of course, continue to strive to secure further improvements for the school.</p>					
14 The school has good links with the church (e.g. clergy take regular services/children visit church)	83% (88%)	16% (12%)			1% (1%)
<p>Comment: We have worked hard in recent years to deepen and to extend our links with the church community and are pleased to discover that parents feel that our work has been successful. Rev'd M'Caw and Rev'd Howells continue to make regular visits to lead services in school and through our contacts with the local, national and international church and through the efforts of the 'Church and School Link Group' we shall continue to strive to make new and deeper links between the school and the church.</p>					
15 The school has a strong and clear Christian Foundation	83% (92%)	16% (8%)			1%
<p>Comment: We are proud to be the only church school in Keynsham. Our denominational status makes our school both unique and special. Our school is founded upon Christian values and high expectations which are embodied in our ethos statement. This can be found in the school prospectus and on the school website. We were, of course, incredibly proud of being assessed as being an 'outstanding church school' following inspection by the Church of England in June 2008.</p>					