

ALL SAINTS C.E. (V.C.) FIRST SCHOOL & BUSY BEES PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our parent questionnaire following the recent Parent Evening. We currently have 51 families on role and I am delighted that 86% of you have returned your questionnaires and 35% have added your views to Ofsted's Parent View online questionnaire. You can add your views to Parent View at any time so please visit the link below if you have not already done so.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

This is, once again, an incredibly high percentage of families sharing their views and we are all very grateful of the level of engagement that you continue to demonstrate within school. If you have not yet returned your questionnaire, or have misplaced it, please feel free to ask for another copy and return it as everyone's views are important to us.

The results from the questionnaires are incredibly positive in all areas as you can see below:
(Please note that 1 family is equivalent to approximately 2%)

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child enjoys coming to school	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%
My child is safe at school	89%	11%	0%	0%	0%
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%
My child is taught well at school	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%
My child is making good progress	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%
My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age	72%	26%	0%	0%	2%
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	78%	20%	0%	0%	2%
The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning	62%	36%	0%	0%	2%
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%
There is a good standard of behaviour at All Saints	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%
I am confident that the school would deal with any incidents of bullying effectively	80%	16%	0%	0%	4%
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%
I think the school is well led and managed	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle	75%	23%	0%	0%	2%
My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	84%	14%	0%	0%	2%
I would recommend All Saints to another family	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%

As you can see from the results overleaf, 100% of families agree or strongly agree with the overwhelming majority of statements. I am delighted to find that we do not have any negative responses. For those families returning 'don't know' comments in the vast majority of cases this was because families are new to our school and as such do not yet feel they are able to make a judgement.

There were lots of fantastic reasons given as to why you would recommend All Saints to other families. These mainly fell into the following categories:

- Quality of teaching staff - friendly, caring & approachable
- Quality of learning environment - high standard of resources and facilities
- Positive leadership
- Caring ethos
- Family atmosphere
- Community orientated

I would like to share with you some of the comments that clearly capture our ethos, vision and values:

“Wonderful small school where every child is special.”

“All Saints is a very caring, nurturing school that caters well and helps children of all academic abilities to develop and become confident individuals. Children leave All Saints as the best version of themselves.”

“A small, successful school, committed to children’s needs with dedicated staff.”

Whilst it is good to celebrate all that we are doing well here at All Saints, we recognise that in order to further improve we need to act on those areas that you feel we are performing less well in. Of the 44 questionnaires returned 7 had suggestions for improvement. Below is a brief summary of our future plans and how they will address some of the suggestions made.

1. More team sport opportunities

We currently offer Year3/4 children at least one opportunity per half term to take part in a team sport competition run by premier Sports. With increased Sports Funding this year, it our intention to offer more competitive sport opportunities through our partnership with Mr Standbridge and Active Education. It is our aim to introduce more opportunities for Year 3/4 and introduce some competitions for Year 1 & 2.

2. Home-school support for homework

As you are aware we already run a weekly homework club to support children with homework and are always happy to meet with parents individually to address specific needs. We have also for the first time this year held an information evening for parents of Reception children to offer advice on support at home. In the Spring and Summer term it is our intention to hold Maths and Spelling/Grammar workshops to offer further support and guidance with regard to our current teaching methods.

3. Car Parking

As the number of families in school has grown so to has the pressure on our start and end of day parking situation. We are incredibly grateful to those of you who walk or cycle to school as this eases the pressure enormously. It would be wonderful if we could encourage more families to park further away from school and walk or cycle in. In order to develop confidence in this area I have been able to arrange for children in Years 3 & 4 to receive Level 1 Bikeability training free of charge and have also organised a parent workshop to support parents in safely riding to school with their children. These workshops will take place early next half term and details will be sent out before we break for the holidays.

As ever, if you have any comments, compliments or suggestions please contact us at any time. Thank you all for responding so positively and we look forward to working together to continue improving the school for the benefit of all of our children and their families.

Warm regards,

Vicki Bradley

Headteacher