

# PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

JUNE 2015



## St Paul's Church of England VC Junior School Parent/Carer Questionnaire      June 2015 - Results

Thank you very much for the **fantastic** response to this questionnaire. We really appreciate the additional time some people have spent to voice their opinions and make constructive suggestions. As a result I have analysed the information and we are already working on the areas for improvement. During next term, I will be sharing with you through our Newsletters our action points to address the issues some parents raised.

**In total 68% (192 out of 281 children) of our parents returned their questionnaires, which sets a new record!**

**Results for each statement.** Percentages do not always total 100% because of rounding. These results are from the **192 returned questionnaires, only.**

<b>Statements</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree or disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
My child enjoys coming to school	59%	35%	5%	1%	
My child is safe at school	66%	30%	3%	1%	
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	60%	34%	5%	1%	
My child is taught well at school	65%	30%	5%		
My child is making good progress	68%	27%	4%	1%	
My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best	66%	30%	3%	1%	1%
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age	57%	35%	5%	3%	
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities	63%	31%	5%	1%	
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	60%	32%	5%	2%	1%
The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning	56%	34%	6%	3%	1%
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	57%	35%	4%	3%	1%
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	55%	32%	11%	2%	
There is a good standard of behaviour at St Paul's	56%	35%	8%	1%	
The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively	53%	29%	16%	3%	
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	67%	31%	2%	1%	
I think the school is well led and managed	72%	26%	3%		
My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds	68%	29%	1%		
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	63%	28%	8%	1%	
I would recommend St Paul's CofE VC Junior School to another family	73%	25%	2%		

*Once again, we were very pleased with the overall results which saw improvements in all categories. The school continues to thrive and we are delighted that this is reflected in your feedback.*

### KEY AREAS OF SUCCESS

- I would recommend St Paul's CofE VC Junior School to another family

We were delighted that **98%** of you stated that you would recommend St Paul's to another family - a significant improvement. We continue to be very proud of our school and glad that you are too.

- My child is making good progress

**95%** of you stated that your child was making good progress at St Paul's and again this is something which we are extremely pleased with. The progress of all children is tracked extremely carefully using a variety of systems, to ensure that children receive the right levels of support and challenge in class. Last year we were delighted to receive a high overall value added score which placed St Paul's in the top 15% of schools in Somerset.

- Pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other

We were very pleased that **97%** of you felt that pupils from different backgrounds get on well with each other. St Paul's has a very diverse intake with over 5 languages spoken, 20% of pupils eligible for free school meals and 17% of pupils from minority ethnic groups. This year we have been able to recognise and celebrate these differences in lots of different ways.

- The school is well led and managed

**98%** of you stated that you felt the school was well led and managed. The school leadership and governors have continued to work extremely hard to raise standards of achievement, set ambitious targets for whole school improvement and maintain a firm, friendly and visible presence around the school. This year we have worked particularly hard to ensure that we have addressed key areas of concern which arose from parental communication and previous questionnaires which have included: more open mornings including one on a weekend; better communication between infant and junior schools for example: same INSET days and joint events; increased range of after school activities and breakfast club. However, we still need to improve regular and advanced communication with you as identified by the questionnaire. We have therefore already developed our weekly memo which we think will help parent/carers feel more involved, informed and appreciated.

- My child is kept safe

Finally, we were also very pleased that 96% of you said that you felt your child was safe at school. During this last year we have raised the profile of anti-bullying within the school; including an e-safety workshop parent/carers and provided key safety talks in assembly related to using the large equipment within the playgrounds. We recognise that keeping your children safe is one of our key responsibilities and will continue to do everything possible to ensure that your children's time at St Paul's 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 St Paul's 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. During the coming few weeks, we will be reviewing our homework policy to see whether we can make any further positive changes. We have also increased the number of homework club drop-ins during the week.

- The school is encouraging my child to contribute towards the wider community

8% of you stated that you didn't know whether the above was true, so this coming year we are going to make sure that you are better informed of what the children do to support the wider community.

### PARENTAL COMMENTS

Once again we received an enormous number of individual comments about the school, which we were pleased about. Again there was far more consensus about the school's strengths; with particular mentions for the friendliness of the staff and how they are so approachable, St Paul's close sense of community, extra-curricular activities, and the warm, welcoming and positive ethos. All comments will be carefully considered as we set our school improvement priorities for 2015 - 2016.

If you have any further comments or suggestions to make, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, one of the school's leadership team or a parent governor.

Best wishes and thank you for your continual support.

*Chris Partridge*  
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