



Questionnaire results Summer 2023



Thank you to those parents who completed our Summer 2023 parent questionnaire. We had 31 responses and the results were generally very positive. Please see the results of the questionnaire below. Please do continue to offer your ideas and suggestions for improvement throughout the year; we are always seeking to improve.

Question	Strongly agree or agree	Disagree or strongly disagree	Don't know	Other
My child is happy at this school	94% (30)	6% (2)		
My child feels safe at this school	100%			
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	88% (28)	9% (3)	3% (1)	
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	9% (3)	9% (3)	13% (4)	69% - my child has not been bullied
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	85% (27)	13% (4)	3% (1)	
When I have raised concerns with a member of staff at school, they have been dealt with properly	81% (26)	9% (3)	9% (3)	
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	13% (4)	9% (3)		78% - my child does not have SEND
The school has high expectations for my child	85% (27)	6% (2)	9% (3)	
My child does well at this school	94% (30)	6% (2)		
The school lets me know how my child is doing	88% (28)	12% (4)		
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	91% (29)	3% (1)	6% (2)	
My child can take part in activities,	97% (31)	3% (1)		



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educational visits and clubs at this school				
The school supports my child's wider personal development	72% (23)	12% (4)	16% (5)	
I would recommend this school to another parent	97% (31)	3% (1)		

Strengths of St Matthew's

- Fantastic school with a wonderful ethos - St Matthew's has high aspirations for my child and they love coming to school.
- Warm, welcoming school with a good sense of community. My child is encouraged to show empathy and kindness towards others. My daughter has thrived at St Matthew's; thank you so much for your hard work and commitment, we really appreciate it!
- The teachers and all the staff, you all make the school a happy place for our kids. Thank you
- Positive, safe and approachable school. My child loves coming to school and has made great progress. Miss Aitchison is a fantastic teacher!
- A lovely caring school, with an inclusive family feel to it. All teachers seem to know all children's names, no matter what year group they're in. The extra-curricular activities and wrap around provision is a great offer from the school and the events are a fantastic addition to the school's offering (summer fayre, Christmas fayre, discos, Easter hunt, etc).
- Welcoming positive environment. Range of subjects and after school clubs
- Great community ethos and values
- Friendly environment, really helped my daughter settle in to reception and come out of her shell.
- Great communication especially when getting in touch with class teachers. Responses always quick. Office staff couldn't be more helpful when you ring in. Fantastic choice of school dinners offered to children. St Matthews is a fantastic school, they have a brilliant enrichment programme for all year groups.
- Lovely, positive atmosphere which supports every child to be the best they can.
- Caring and sees needs of all children
- Close community where all the staff know all the pupils
- Very caring/family orientated school.
- Supporting our children and getting the best out of them
- Encouraging a real community spirit. Open and welcoming. Supportive.
- Friendly community
- Lovely to be part of the St Matthews community. A caring school, feel that each child is valued!
- Supportive, empowering, friendly



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- Friendly, approachable staff, sense of community
- After school clubs
- friendly staff and happy pupil
- Miss Jackson and Miss Wiblin are a credit to the school.
- Community and caring environment
- Family ethos, supportive staff who know each child well, responsive to parental concerns, the teachers know my child's development needs
- The strengths of this school are its strong Catholic ethos, the commitment to the faith teachings, special days celebrated too. The staff are always friendly and helpful
- The staff are nice and try their best
- The staff at St Matthews are the back bone of the school. All staff members go above and beyond to ensure the children thrive. Often working extra hours and using their own personal time and resources to make sure the children are at their best.
- Strong community

Response to improvements suggested

We strive to ensure that all parents are happy with the education that we offer your child at St Matthew's. We have noted all comments and suggestions made in our questionnaires and would like to inform you as to how we will act upon these.

- It was suggested that one area where parents can receive communications and check dates would be helpful. We strive hard to ensure that we communicate in a variety of ways (newsletters, online calendar, texts and emails) in order to reach parents in a way they feel helpful. However, we are moving towards a system called 'Arbor' this year, which will provide parents with an app in which they can see communications, check dates and also book clubs/parents evenings. More information will follow regarding this system in due course.
- Having more dairy free/vegan choices for our school meals and also the milk scheme was requested; our catering team offer bespoke menus for any children that require them so please do just get in touch and we can help to support this. Cool Milk can also accommodate dietary requirements where necessary.
- Requests were made for information regarding what children are learning in school. We have our curriculum evenings, led by teachers at the start of the year for all year groups in which the learning taking place in all subjects are discussed and we also have long term plans on our school website in the year group sections. We have also sent these out to parents this year. Please also see our curriculum pages for subject specific information.
- More educational visits were suggested, along with more regular school discos. Please note that we strive to provide children of all ages with a wide range of educational visits and extra-curricular activities, whilst also being mindful of the cost implications this can bring. This year, we are aiming to provide all year groups with an educational visit each term and also a sporting festival. We are also hoping to hold school discos twice over the school year. We welcome feedback regarding any ideas for educational visits.