

St George's Hanover Square C of E Primary School

Parent Questionnaire February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your helpful comments. Your views and those of your children are very important to us. They help us move the school forward and are an effective way of checking that we are getting things right. School leaders take them into account when we are planning for the future of our school. We were very heartened by the huge number of positive comments about St George's. Positive comments really help staff to keep motivated and to keep doing their best for your children.

We were glad to hear many parents say that their child enjoys school and that children are encouraged and praised in school. Parents were pleased that the school teaches children to behave well and use good manners using the 'Golden Rules'.

Many parents told us that they find the school and its staff welcoming, friendly and approachable. Parents felt that they are welcome to discuss any questions or concerns with the school and that they are treated fairly and with respect. Many parents commented on the good relationships that staff have with children and said that they are encouraged to do their very best. Parents also said that the school addresses issues or concerns they may have, such as bullying.

Many parents told us that they appreciate the ways that the school provides excellent communication with parents and regular information through the weekly newsletter, curriculum information leaflets, text messages, Academic Review Days, after school meetings with the class teacher, SEN parent review meetings, Parent Information coffee mornings and on our school website. Parents said they appreciate when staff meet with them to discuss their child's progress and any concerns. We welcome parents to book a meeting with the teacher whenever you need to. Teachers are pleased to meet parents to answer questions, to talk through your child's work and offer advice for things to work on at home. Parents do not need to wait for Academic Review Days to do this. Do phone the school office to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher. Teachers send home a Curriculum Information leaflet for parents at the beginning of each term for parents to know in advance what their child will be learning that term.

Many parents said that the school does a good job teaching their child and helping them to make good progress through working hard, regular praise and supporting children where needed. We do expect children to work hard and learn lots when at St George's. Many parents commented on how much their child enjoys the programme of educational trips and visitors and the school events, such as the Family Disco, Movie Night and the Family Summer BBQ.

In terms of what we might do to make the school even better; a few parents commented that they would like to see more after school enrichment clubs. We have looked at this for the coming terms, but we have to balance the number of different clubs with the number of children in the school – many external providers of clubs need a minimum number of pupils for the club to run. We try to vary some clubs

each term, while continuing popular ones, and currently have many after school enrichment clubs for a school this size.

We had the usual split between a few parents who think that there should be no homework or less or easier homework and another small group who think there should be more homework. Homework is to reinforce learning completed in class that week and an opportunity for parents to work with their child at home. It sets good habits for children. Parents are always welcome to choose other materials to work on at home in addition to school homework.

Some parents have said that they would like to try the school lunches. Every term we run a parent lunch tasting session alongside the school cook. Please look out for this date in the Summer Term and join us to see and taste the high quality lunches available each day. Some parents also asked for snacks to be provided for children whilst they are at school. We are pleased to say that all children in Nursery to Year 2 are offered a piece of fruit at break time each day. Children in Year 3 to Year 6 can bring in a healthy snack to eat at morning break time.

Some parents asked for information coffee mornings about bullying, managing behaviour at home and how to keep your child safe online. Other parents have also enquired regarding how we teach children who are new to learning English. We run coffee mornings each term on a range of topics and will include these topics again. Please look out for them being advertised in the calendar section of the newsletter next term and come and join us if you can.

Many parents said that they could not think of anything to improve and that the school should keep doing what it does well. This is reassuring to hear, but we don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet me and let me know. We try our hardest to be a really good school.

Best wishes,

Ms Barnes

Questionnaire responses

We received responses from nearly all parents – thank you for your help with this

1. My child enjoys coming to school
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
67% 31% 2% (1 parent)
Overall 98% positive
2. My child feels safe at school
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
80% 20%
Overall 100% positive
3. My child is making good progress
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
69% 29% 2% (1 parent)
Overall 98% positive
4. Most children behave well at St George's
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
53% 45% 2% (1 parent)
Overall 98% positive
5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
73% 25% 2% (1 parent)
Overall 98% positive
6. I feel comfortable approaching the school about a question or problem
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
71% 27% 2% (1 parent)
Overall 98% positive
7. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
69% 31%
Overall 100% positive
8. Staff treat my child fairly
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
75% 25%
Overall 100% positive
9. The school is led and managed well
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
78% 22%
Overall 100% positive
10. The school provides appropriate homework
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
50% 36% 4% 2% (1 parent) 8%
Overall 86% positive

11. The school lives out its Christian vision 'Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived'.

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
49%	35%			16%

Overall 84% positive

12. The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
49%	38%			13%

Overall 87% positive