



St Ippolyts C.E. (Aided) Primary School

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Parent Questionnaire 2016: Results

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to our recent 2016 Parent Questionnaire; we are delighted with the positive responses. A total of 81 completed questionnaires were received by the deadline, representing 51% response rate. Below is a breakdown of the number of responses for each question. Overleaf is a summary of the comments received in the 2 final boxes of the questionnaire with our response to these areas where appropriate.

(Well done to those of you who correctly noticed that there was an error on the form with questions 1 and 2 being almost identical; I do apologise if that caused you to scratch your head wondering what the difference was!)

Totals may not add up to 81 where statements were left blank or where ticks were placed over the line or in two categories; these responses were unable to be counted in the analysis.

	(please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at this school.	56	23	2	0	0
2	My child feels happy at this school.	53	23	1	1	0
3	My child is making good progress at this school.	43	31	5	0	2
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	57	23	0	0	0
5	My child is taught well at this school.	47	30	2	0	1
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	39	33	3	0	5
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	48	28	2	0	1
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	26	24	2	2	26
9	This school is well led and managed.	45	29	2	0	3
10	This school respond well to any concerns I raise.	35	30	4	0	11
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	37	36	3	0	1
12	I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes 74		No 4		

What do you think we do best at St Ippolyts?

23 comments relating to: Communication / newsletter / information for parents / blogs / keeping parents updated and informed / texting / open & transparent links with parents / website

31 comments relating to ethos: behaviour / respect / values are fantastic / pastoral care of children / family feel / safe and happy / buddies / welcoming / very caring school / nurturing / support for each individual child / amazing staff who genuinely care / community feel / parent support / manners of children / children are safe / support for children with additional needs / very caring and approachable staff / give children self-confidence / everyone looks out for one another / very friendly school / social events / values education / teachers are kind / inclusive / everyone valued

24 comments relating to curriculum and activities: Trips / lessons / Arts Days / curriculum enrichment / class assemblies / high standard of teaching / production / family week / PGL / science days / music / consistent standard of teaching / high expectations / PE and sports / sports day format

What do you think we could consider for the future?

(included where comments appeared more than once)

Better communication (3)

Our response: We are delighted that so many parents listed communication as a key strength of the school because this is an area we work very hard on. We already communicate in a number of ways: weekly detailed newsletter, class blogs on website, whole school blogs and updates, curriculum information leaflets providing an overview of learning for the term, Curriculum information evenings for parents (this last year we had ones for GPS, Maths and EYFS), Family Week, Open Sessions, Parent Consultations, and texting reminders.

More sports and after school clubs (5)

Our response: We are delighted that so many parents listed PE, Sports and Clubs as one of the things we do best at St Ippolyts. As a small school, we have a limited number of adults available to run after school clubs. **The teachers are not obliged nor contracted to run after school clubs** and do so voluntarily, for which we are very grateful. It would not be reasonable to expect teaching staff to run more than one after school club when other afternoons are taken up with staff meetings, key stage planning meetings, appointments with parents etc. In order to offer more clubs we would have to charge for them, which is something we have always tried to avoid so that all children can attend. We will consider requests for more sports when planning next year's clubs.

Electronic banking / online payments (4)

Our response: we looked into this a couple of years ago, but it would incur a transaction fee for parents on top of the payment. We will continue to look for suitable options that would not result in parents paying additional money nor large administrative fees for the school. Watch this space!

After school club (4): we currently have no plans to host an after school club on site at present as we do not have suitable facilities.

Other areas mentioned:

Return to old sports day format: Our new sports day format means that children are active all afternoon rather than for short moments during their races, spending long periods of time sitting around under the gazebo. It allows for children with skills in other sports areas other than just running/track events to shine. We will not be reverting back to the old format as we believe the new one is far more inclusive for all children.