



St Ippolyts C.E. (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our recent 2012 Parent Questionnaire; we are delighted with the overwhelmingly positive responses. A total of 56 completed questionnaires were received by the deadline of Friday 13th July with a further 7 received on Monday which have been included in the analysis below, a total of 63 responses. If you returned your form after this date your answers are not included in this analysis, although we of course will still be taking note of your views. 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 and our response to these areas where appropriate. To simplify matters we have included suggestions/comments which appeared at least twice and put them into categories where comments were similar.



Parent Questionnaire 2012: Results

- Questions may not add up to 62 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
1	My child feels safe at this school.	51	10	1	1
2	My child is making good progress at this school.	36	25	2	0
3	This school meets my child's particular needs.	35	25	3	0
4	This school ensures my child is well looked after.	47	14	1	0
5	My child is taught well at this school.	39	21	2	0
6	This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	40	21	1	0
7	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	40	23	0	0
8	My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour.	33	25	2	0
9	The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	31	25	1	0
10	The school helps me to support my child's learning.	37	26	0	0
11	The school responds well to my concerns.	32	27	2	1
12	The school keeps me well informed.	34	28	1	0
13	I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes 61		No 0	

What do you think we do best at St Ippolyts?

Comments relating to the standard of teaching: 12

Inclusive and holistic education / subjects are interesting / wide and varied subjects / progress my child has made (3)/

Great teaching / good learning / great lessons (3) / standard of teaching staff is excellent / / good level of homework (2) / kept well informed about my child's progress /excellent teaching

Comments relating to treating children as individuals: 10

Teachers know my child / treats all children fairly / every child treated as an individual (5) / relationships between children and staff are excellent / develop children's confidence (3)

Comments relating to staff in school: 14

Teachers are approachable (3) / Admin staff / Strong leadership (2) / committed teachers (2) / teachers work very hard (2) / teachers always make time for you / they go the extra mile / helpers in school / great communication with teachers (5) /great team spirit

Comments relating to behaviour and ethos: 20

Good behaviour (6) / Good values / children feel secure / community feel (3) / happy, safe environment / friendly and welcoming to children / school responds to concerns very well (2) / Good church links / very friendly school / includes parents really well (2) / caring and nurturing / Buddy system / any bullying dealt with swiftly and effectively /family atmosphere

Comments relating to the curriculum and activities on offer: 40

Stimulating curriculum (2) / production (7) / Arts Days (6) / Music & Music Evening (4) / Enrichment opportunities (6) / Sporting activities (3) / Sports Day (5) / Variety of activities / creative curriculum / Good range of clubs (6) / School trips (4) / so many activities on offer / Gardening (2)

Other comments:

Communication, newsletters, website (4) / Everything (3) / Clean building (3) / school environment (4) / Lunch / Displays (2) / All round good school

What do you think we could consider for the future?

Comments relating to increasing the size of the school / not splitting year groups: 5

***Our response:** Our admission number is 20 which is set by the Local Authority and one which we have no control over. The school building is functioning at maximum capacity and there is no additional space for extra classrooms. As with other village schools which are smaller than one form entry (ie mixed classes), year group splits are unavoidable.*

Later parents evenings and concerts for working parents: 3

***Our response:** We do recognise that many parents work and may need to make arrangements for attending parent consultations and evening concerts and we try to publicise dates well in advance to help with planning for these. The Governing Body has a duty of care for the work-life balance of the school staff, the vast majority of whom are working parents themselves.*

Comments relating to Parking outside school: 4

***Our response:** We absolutely share your grave concerns and frustrations about the problematic traffic situation outside school 100%. The school was built in 1846 and is not in a favourable location for modern traffic volumes; as a result it is the responsibility of individual parents to make safe, considerate parking choices. Sadly there are a small number of people who, despite regular pleas in newsletters and intervention from the school, continue to disregard children's safety. If everyone allowed a little extra time for their journey and parked a short distance from school and walked the remainder, the situation could be alleviated. We also have a significant number of families who live within walking distance to school but travel by car.*

Comments relating to collecting children from the playground to avoid standing on the pavement / parents blocking pavements with buggies: 4

***Our response:** We actively encourage parents to wait outside the hall for Class 1 and at the top of the grass bank for other classes but only a limited number of parents actually do this, therefore blocking the pavements. The playground cannot be used for collection due to a number of factors, the most significant being a safeguarding and security issue: we cannot, for the safety of all children, allow unrestricted, unsupervised access to the school site during school hours. We would have no control over adults (some of whom we may not know) entering the school grounds and as such would not be able to ensure the safety of children. We therefore implore parents once again to not block pavements but to come into the top area of the grass/path to collect children. As a school we are attempting to secure funding to pay for some alterations at the front of the school to create a waiting area and will keep you posted on this. In the autumn term we will trial bringing Class 2 out of the back of the school for collection at the top of the drive (like Class 3 currently do) to see if this helps the situation with blocked pavements.*