




St Charles Roman Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to all the parents that took the time to complete our Parent Evening survey. In total we had 95 responses representing almost 2/3 of our school community. The key strengths of the school and the key areas for improvement identified by the parents who responded to the survey are below. We hope you find the information useful and are clear about the actions we are going to take to continue to improve your child's education in the future.

<i>Question</i>	<i>Strongly agree/agreed</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
My child is happy at this school.	97%	1%
My child feels safe at this school.	98%	1%
My child does well at this school.	98%	1%
The school has high expectations for my child.	98%	1%
This school makes sure the pupils are well behaved.	97%	1%
This school deals effectively with bullying	73%	21%
The school is welcoming and pleasant to visit.	100%	
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	94%	
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	84%	15%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	98%	1%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	99%	1%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	97%	1%
My child can take part in clubs and activities in school.	96%	2%
I would recommend St Charles RC Primary School to another parent.	100%	

It is incredibly encouraging that parents largely agree that the school is performing well in fundamentally important areas that are key to the aims and ethos of the school. We are delighted that parents share our view that children at St Charles are happy, safe and receiving a stimulating and well balanced education from dedicated staff. This is wonderful news and is testament both to the hard work of the staff at school and to you for your continuing support.

As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love

What are the best things about St Charles?

- The teachers
- Definitely the home-from-home atmosphere
- It's a fine school
- Small school all children known personal touch with the teachers
- The values, the direction and the support
- Friendships and learning.
- The children see themselves as one, they play and love one another
- Absolutely everything
- The teachers and staff are friendly and approachable
- Welcoming family community
- Very welcoming happy school, like a family environment
- Managing attendances
- Very welcoming and very diverse. Feels like a close community who work for each other.
- Friendly and welcoming
- Family feel
- The community feel and strong relationships between parents and teachers and my child having fun and enjoyable time whilst learning
- Very close knit
- The kids feel safe and happy
- Community spirit, size of school, children building confidence speaking in assemblies
- It feels like a family as the school is very welcoming
- Lovely friendly community feel, very nurturing, lovely teachers and lovely children and parents
- The close knit school community it has :)
- Pastoral care.
- Small 1 form entry. Real family feel
- Welcoming school
- The children are loved and cared for.
- Help with any needs my child needs to progress with education and development
- Great values and culture
- School family.
- The children being able to have fun and still learn
- Helps with language barriers
- All the kids seem happy and feel safe
- Well rounded environment that encourages learning and development
- Welcoming, family values
- How much care and love each child is shown from all staff.
- Welcoming and friendly Teachers and staff
- The children are always the number one priority.
- Friendly safe environment
- Strong family friendly ethos Approachable staff Variety of experiences and activities
- Everything! From friendly staff to everything they learn.
- The teachers and staff are so supportive. If I ever need help or advice they are on hand to help where ever they can.
- Very welcoming and friendly school
- Welcoming staff
- The teachers and children are fabulous
- Family feel and community
- Newsletter weekly with lots of emphasis on celebrating children Forest school
- We are like a big family
- Family atmosphere
- Staff, communication, community feel
- The size and culture
- Cooperation and support
- The teachers know all children's names and are always smiley and happy.
- The happy environment
- Nursery teachers are exactly what you would want, kind, nurturing you brilliant at there job 🙌 The school is a nice friendly environment and we all always feel very welcome
- The atmosphere, love and care
- Community Family feeling

At St Charles we aim to continually strive to improve our school and we take parental views very seriously. The main areas for improvement are listed below with the school's action plan.

Is there anything that you would change?

<i>What you said you would like...</i>	<i>What we are doing about it</i>
An option for a wrap around after school club within school	This is something that we are exploring for the next academic year.
The car parking facilities/resurfacing the car park	Unfortunately, we have no control over this, we do not own the car parks. We also have a very limited budget, that I am sure most of you would prefer to be spent on resources for the children rather than a pit hole free car park. We advise that you make use of the football field car park and the church car park. Please refrain from abandoning your cars on the yellow lines and the path down to school as there is a higher risk of accidents as children enter and leave school.
More Maths, English and science	This is sad to hear. This year, we have completely overhauled our curriculum and we do not expect this to happen again.
More games for children to play in the main playground.	Mrs Coussons and the welfare staff are currently devising a plan. We are also trying to teach the children to respect the property and games that we have so that they last longer. If you see any equipment out, please ask your child to put it away and not treat it as a football, particularly cones. We have spent a lot of money replacing equipment that has been mistreated.
Better communication around activities and special days	This is one of our main priorities this year. I hope that the weekly newsletter is clear and has improved our communication links. If you don't think that messages are clear on the newsletter, please let us know and we will look to make it clearer. We try to give you as much notice as possible, sometimes things do crop up at the last minute. I know that there has been a problem with the messaging system and we are working with the company to identify the problem. Please continue to report any problems to the school office. Some schools do have fancy apps where you can message and converse with teachers, but I have to put the welfare of the staff first and recognise that they need to switch off and this does worry me that they won't. If you have a concern, please call the office, pop in or speak to staff at drop off and pick up. We recognise that this can be difficult for working parents, so please send an email to the school office or request that a teacher calls you back.
Disruptive behaviour to be dealt with robustly	We have a new behaviour policy and we are currently consulting with staff and children on an agreed list of consequences. It is important that the children are included in this process so that they understand that they own the sanctions that are put in place.
More sports teams ran in school to compete but that's a minor thing	Since COVID, Mrs Coussons has been working hard to increase our competitive involvement. Last year we competed in over 15 sports.
Improved SEND support	From January, we have a new SEND team. Please continue to share your concerns and ask for help.

Less teachers in Y5	Some parents viewed this as a positive, preparing the children for high school, whereas others shared their concerns. From January, the class will be taught by Mrs Midgley and Mrs Steedman. Having a job share brings the advantages of multiple skills and fresh teachers.
Less waiting around at the end of the day for older children to finish	The end times are staggered slightly to allow parents to move between classrooms. After Christmas, we have plan to open the library at 3.15, for children and parents to access, particularly whilst waiting for older siblings.
An upgrade to the sports competition kit	In 2022, we purchased new sports tops to use in competitions. In 2023, we added trousers and tracksuit tops. This term, we have ordered new running vests. We would love more kit, but our funds are not endless.
More information about children's progression	This is something that we have also identified and we are working on a new way to share this information.
More extra curricular activities	This year, we have introduced lacrosse, netball, choir and ukulele clubs. We are a little limited with our space, particularly during the winter months, but we are constantly thinking and working to add more to our calendar.
To establish a PTA	The Christmas Market event was so well organised by Miss Kenzitt that she has got herself a new job. We hope to resurrect the Friends of St Charles group in the new year.
More modern facilities	If only we had an endless pot of money. This week, we have had 6 new teaching screens added to intervention areas across school. We have a newly designed chapel and the area outside KS1 classrooms has been updated. We have had solar panels fitted during the October half term and over the next few months the wifi and lighting is being replaced.
Improved playground drainage	This is one of our current challenges for this year, we are working with the Diocese to find a solution.
More concentration on the environment and climate change	The Laudato Si team who are led by Mrs Leckey promote this across school. We also work closely with the team based at Wardley Hall. This is something that we are building on this year, particularly as it is on our doorstep.

Schools always look such a busy place but we are never too busy to speak with you. If you have any comments, concerns or compliments throughout the year please do not wait for a survey to express them! Your child's teacher is the first point of contact regarding any issues related to the classroom. Any member of the Senior Leadership Team is also available to meet with you - please contact via the school office or in the school playground where someone is on the gate every morning and afternoon. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Philip Royle, is also very happy to be contacted via the school email account found on the school website. Your child's happiness is paramount to their success at school and is of the utmost importance to everyone who works at St Charles. The staff and Governors value your opinion and are keen to use the results of this survey to recognise and celebrate our achievements in addition to identifying how to continually develop and improve the school. We will keep you updated on developments in the areas above.

Thank you once again for your support

Mrs Drake