

St. John's C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year from the governors at St John's. You may remember back October we ran a Parent/Carer survey; many thanks to all of you who took the time to tell us your views. We wanted to share with you all the valuable insights we received from over 100 families who contributed, representing the year groups and diverse demographics of our school community.

Engagement

We were delighted to read the positivity expressed when asked about how you and your children felt about the school community:

- over 80% of respondents said that their children felt 'very much' a part of St John's, with many expressing a deep sense of 'belonging'.
- Class Whatsapp groups, PTA events, and regular emails are important ways in which St John's families connect and keep informed.
- Children enjoy the House system and activities outside of the classroom e.g. School Council, music, peer mediators and clubs.

We learnt that:

- Children are responding enthusiastically to the expansion of extra clubs and activities; however, they are sometimes oversubscribed.
- Family events and parents/carers involvement in school trips are valued universally but can be harder to attend for parents/carers with restrictive hours.
- New joiners within the school year can sometimes take longer to feel included.

As a Governing Body, we are actively exploring ways to ensure that every child and their family feel included and engaged in our community.

Behaviour

Feedback on behaviour in school was also encouraging, with many noting the exemplary behaviour of St John's children. Responses to the survey revealed:

- 85% of those that took part in the survey said the children's behaviour at school was very good.
- Three quarters of respondents had a clear understanding of the school's definition of bullying. Your child should be familiar with STOP (Several Times On Purpose) and many parents/carers said that their child had shared this definition with them.
- Most parents/carers with children at Worrall Road felt that the Fresh Start system was making a positive difference.

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- Respondents highlighted the importance of incidents being dealt with promptly, and effectively.

Ensuring children develop positive behaviours, attitudes and relationships are a priority for St John's. If you have concerns over behaviour affecting your child(ren) at school, please contact your class teacher(s), in the first instance.

Wider opportunities

Some respondents would like more sports events and leadership responsibilities, as well as concerns over online safety. Just a few examples of action being taken already are listed below:

- Our new PE & Sports Lead has increased sporting competitions (22 inter-school events since September, plus regular inter-house events).
- Year 5&6 Sports Leaders are being trained to support in lessons, competitions and will soon be leading games at playtimes on both sites.
- Some children attended an Online Safety Conference, they then led sessions, in addition to lessons by teachers, as part of Online Safety Day. We have a new scheme, Project Evolve, that covers a range of online safety themes in Computing and PSHE. For families there is additional guidance in the bulletin & on our [website](#).
- Anti-bullying Ambassadors are also being trained to improve our approach.

Communication

We also reflected on specific feedback around communication:

- Friday's Bulletin includes timetable changes in advance and remains one of the most important notices the school produces to keep parents/carers informed.
- School will ensure important reminders are sent via email too.

The website year group and curriculum pages are good places to find information on your child's learning.

Our Commitment

Your experiences and opinions are valuable, and we encourage you to maintain an open dialogue with teachers, parent governors and other school staff. As governors, we are deeply committed to preserving the ethos and culture that makes St John's such a special place, and your feedback will continue to guide the decision-making process of the governing body.

With best wishes,

St John's Primary Governing Body