

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Parent Questionnaire- February 2026

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Thank you for taking the time to complete our recent parent questionnaire. Your feedback is invaluable to us. It helps us reflect on what we are doing well and guides us in shaping the next steps for our school. We are grateful for your honesty, your encouragement and your thoughtful suggestions.

We were truly heartened by the overwhelmingly positive comments you shared. A number of strong themes emerged, and it was wonderful to see such consistency in your views.

Many of you spoke about the warm, welcoming and caring atmosphere of the school. Parents described staff as *friendly, approachable* and *supportive*, and several of you commented on how happy your children are here. One parent wrote, *"Every morning being welcomed and greeted with a big smile,"* while another shared, *"The school is really well organised and so warm and welcoming."*

Communication between home and school was highlighted repeatedly as a real strength. Parents told us that they feel well informed about their children's learning, behaviour and progress. Comments such as *"The school keeps in touch with the parents and keeps us well informed at all times"* and *"Communication between school and parents is great"* reflect something we work very hard to maintain.

Teaching and learning were also praised widely. Many parents shared that their children are making good progress, feel supported and are encouraged to achieve high standards. Several of you highlighted the quality of teaching, the dedication of staff, and the strong values and expectations for behaviour across the school. One parent commented, *"The school's teaching helps children make good progress and promotes positive behaviour and strong values."*

We were especially pleased to see recognition of our work in SEND, wellbeing and pastoral care. Parents spoke highly of the support their children receive, the nurturing environment and the opportunities children have to build confidence and express themselves.

Many of you also celebrated the school's strong moral and Christian values, our commitment to fairness, and the way we help children develop respect and excellent behaviour. Comments such as *"Teaching good morals and values"* and *"Keeping faith strong"* reflect the heart of our mission as a Catholic school.

We also appreciated your recognition of the wide range of opportunities we provide—educational visits, charity work, extracurricular activities and other experiences that enrich children's learning.

In response to the suggestions about how we might continue to improve, I would like to share how we plan to address some of the helpful points raised.

A number of parents mentioned that they would appreciate wider access to materials from our Coffee Mornings, particularly for those who are unable to attend due to work commitments.

Moving forward, we will ensure that key resources—such as slides, handouts or summaries—are shared with all parents afterwards so that everyone can benefit from the information.

Some parents also suggested adding more playground equipment. We agree that this is a valuable area to develop, and we are pleased to share that our School Council will be taking the lead on choosing and ordering new equipment for the summer term. This gives children a real voice in shaping their play environment and ensures the equipment reflects what they feel would make playtimes even better.

A few parents asked for more detailed information about the specific areas where their child may need support. Class teachers are always very happy to discuss this, and we encourage parents to request a meeting at any time if they would like more personalised guidance on how to help at home.

There was also a request for after-school care to be available every day of the school week. While we do run after-school enrichment clubs from Monday to Thursday each week, we understand that some families require wraparound care. Dragon's Hall and Coram's Fields both offer after-school provision and collect children directly from St Joseph's, which many of our families already find helpful.

1. My child enjoys coming to school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
76%	24%			

**100% positive**

2. My child feels safe at school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
91%	9%			

**100% positive**

3. My child is making good progress

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
80%	20%			

**100% positive**

4. St Joseph's enables my child to behave respectfully or well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
77%	23%			

**100% positive**

5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
73%	26%	1%		

**99% positive**

6. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a problem

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
74%	26%			

**100% positive**

7. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
79%	21%			

**100% positive**

8. Staff treat my child fairly

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
78%	21%			1%

**99% positive**

9. The school is led and managed well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
73%	26%			1%

**99% positive**

10. The school provides appropriate homework

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
67%	26%	1%		6%

**93% positive**

### **Religious Education**

1. The school keeps me informed of what is taught in religious education lessons

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
53%	44%	1%		2%

**97% positive**

2. I know how well my child is doing in religious education

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
56%	38%	2%		5%

**98% positive**

### **The Catholic life of the school**

3. I understand the school's Catholic Mission and I am supportive of it

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
64%	32%			4%

**96% positive**

4. The school provides clear moral teaching (values)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
73%	26%			1%

**99% positive**

6. The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development (for example through daily prayer or Christian Meditation)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
62%	32%	2%		4%

**94% positive**

8. There are opportunities for my child to serve others and support those in need

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
76%	21%			3%

**97% positive**

9. The school actively promotes strong partnership with parents

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
71%	27%			3%

**98% positive**

11. There are strong links between the school and our local parishes

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
66%	27%	1%		5%

**93% positive**