

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) INFANT SCHOOL

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Parent Questionnaire – May 2019

RESULTS – 72 OUT OF 154 = 47%

Please tick (✓)

| Question | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Don't know |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|------------|
| 1. My child is happy at school. | 71% | 29% | | |
| 2. My child feels safe at school. | 79% | 19% | 1% | |
| 3. My child is making good progress at school. | 81% | 18% | 1% | |
| 4. My child is well looked after at school. | 75% | 25% | | |
| 5. My child is taught well at school. | 83% | 15% | | |
| 6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age. | 50% | 38% | 13% | |
| 7. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. | 58% | 38% | | 4% |
| 8. The school deals effectively with bullying. | 39% | 26% | 3% | 32% |
| 9. The school is well led and managed. | 69% | 29% | 1% | |
| 10. The school responds well to any concerns I raise. | 71% | 26% | 1% | 1% |
| 11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress. | 68% | 29% | | 3% |
| 12. Would you recommend this school to another parent? | Don't know 3% | | No | Yes 97% |

What are the strengths of St Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School?

- Brilliant links with the church and community to share Christian values. Good Christian ethos.
- Fantastic family learning sessions and events by the whole school. Keep it up, we have a child that loves school!
- The school tried hard to include us parents which makes it feel like a warm friendly environment.
- Compared to his previous school he gets more homework and an emphasis on reading. I find the school excellent academically. His also enjoys his days at school.
- Very friendly, communication to parents is good, after school clubs are varied, children's needs seem to be met and strengths encouraged.
- Teachers enthusiasm to give their pupils a great start in life.
- Bible based assemblies which parents are welcome to.
- The teaching staff – inspirational.
- It is evident that the child – and the child's family – are at the heart of everything you do, because of this, the children feel safe and secure and this allows them to develop excellent learning behaviours and relationships with teachers and peers.
- St. Andrew's is a very welcoming school; the staff are friendly and approachable.
- Keeps parents up to date and involved, it's really nice being part of our children's learning and doing the revisions.
- Enjoyed the "bring a parent to lunch" idea.



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- Small community feel. Adults know all the children by name and seem genuinely to care about individual children. Our daughter enjoys after school clubs and the Kids Club at the Junior School is a great addition.

Have you any suggestions for improvement or ideas which we could use in future planning, or any other comments?

- Attendance certificates should be scrapped – small children cannot help being poorly and should not be judged on this. **As with all other schools we try very hard to keep our attendance and punctuality at an acceptable level and promote incentives for excellent attendance. Hospital appointments are authorised but if your child is not actually here in school they cannot receive an attendance mark. The report used for Attendance certificates only looks at marks at 100%. We will be looking at matching the Junior school's procedure.**
- Parents evening nearer end of school year instead of 2 by February. **We offer three appointments throughout the year. With our open door policy staff are willing to respond to any concerns either face to face or with phone calls.**
- For a 6/7 year old my daughter seems to get a lot more homework than any other school. **We will be reviewing our homework policy.**
- An online calendar of all events and term dates would be very useful. To include everything such as, which assembly it is each week, fundraising days etc. **All dates are available on our school website via an online calendar, diary dates are sent out at the start of the year and are updated on our Newsletter regularly.**
- If the certificates could be for the previous week it would give parents a week's notice for time off work for the assembly rather than a day. **Staff select children for certificates to celebrate achievements of the current week; this is why it is a Thursday. These children sit at the Red or Green table at lunchtime with Mrs Swallow and are allowed to play in the Early Years Area. All pupils know that they are rewarded for Good Work or Kindness.**
- Make after school classes available to Reception children. **School days are initially long for Reception children; they are invited to join in clubs in the summer term.**



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