

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Anderton

With love we grow

15th September 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the Parental questionnaire which we sent out recently. Working with parents to improve our school is high priority for us and we will do our best to act on the suggestions and ideas which we received.

The direct question responses are attached to this letter. They show that the large majority of parents are very happy with the aspects of school life mentioned. Where the percentage score is lower for some questions, we have gathered this information, along with the other sections, to inform our future planning of the work of the school.

The section which asked parents for suggestions on how we could improve, gave us broad themes as listed below.

- Homework – too much or too little; should be more aligned with classwork; more feedback from maths tasks
- Communication – earlier notice for events; social media to share info; no date changes
- After school clubs – more sport; less sport; more variety
- Behaviour – more logical consequences; rewards for good behaviour; privacy when informing parents about behaviour incidents;
- Progress – more precise feedback; more communication
- Trips – more variety
- Reading – KS2 tasks need reviewing; more reading within school; more feedback regarding reading

We have used these suggestions as starting points for staff discussion and hopefully, you will notice throughout this year, improvements in these areas.

The strengths of the school section is always very positive and includes:

- Running track
- Staff are approachable and friendly
- Teaching staff very supportive and caring
- Stable, friendly and welcoming environment for the children
- Enrichment opportunities; variety and breadth of learning; , outdoor learning and play areas
- Inclusive – feels like every child matters and is given equal chance to shine
- Happy school with teachers who work very hard
- Security and child welfare
- Children feel loved and cared for, safe, enjoyable
- Opportunities within and after school; so much to do, so many fantastic opportunities
- Feels like a family with excellent teachers and support staff
- High standards of learning; teaching and learning; celebrates success
- Keen for good behaviour, children well behaved and nurtured
- Catholic ethos; caring and fair; children are individuals; their strengths are celebrated
- Values and beliefs; a sense of belonging for the children and families
- Communication and involvement of parents and children
- Interesting visitors and workshops from outside; good provision of extracurricular activity
- Broad and balanced curriculum
- Relationships

We are very proud of our school – the children and the team and we are delighted that so many parents recognise the hard work that they do. That is not to say that we don't have much more work to do to make St Joseph's even better and we will continue to work with parents to this end.

Thank you again for your feedback

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