

Questionnaire for Parents/Carers February 2024

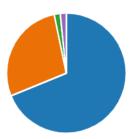
To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us

This survey was sent to all parents and carers. 61 families responded to the survey, representing 73 children. Thank you to everyone who took time to respond – we appreciate the overwhelmingly positive feedback, and any issues raised will feed into school improvement action so that we can ensure that we continue to provide high quality provision for our children and parents/carers.

Below is a summary of the responses given by parents/carers and any further information or clarification linked to each of the statements:

My child is happy at this school





My child feels safe at this school



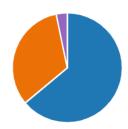
97% of parents/carers reported that their children are happy at school and all parents agreed that their children feel safe – these are the first priority for our school as we know that when children feel happy, safe and secure, they will achieve well which is why the first part of our school mission statement is "to love".

If you have any concerns about your child's happiness in school, please do not hesitate to speak with school staff who will work with you to resolve any issues.

This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved

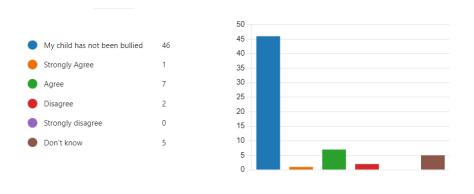
Our behaviour policy was significantly updated last year with input from the children through School Council. The children reported a positive impact of the changes made to the school rules and systems for rewards, consequences and reflection.





Our Behaviour Policy is available on the school website.

My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively



89% of responses confirmed that children have not had an issue with bullying or that issues had been dealt with quickly and effectively.

Bullying is an issue that we face head on through our curriculum so that children understand what bullying is and how to respond and ask for help, and if any issues of bullying do arise. For more information, our Anti-Bullying Policy is available on the school website.

The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year



93% of parents/carers felt well informed about what children will be learning throughout the year, with only 4 disagreeing. In September, Parents/carers are invited to a "Meet the Teacher" Open Evening, where information is shared about the learning for the coming year. This information is then sent home, and published on the school website, along with a range of other information:

Class information:

Full curriculum overview for the year Full year overviews for writing and maths Guidance for parents: reading and spelling Subject overviews for each unit of learning Whole school information: Subject overviews for the year Subject knowledge progression

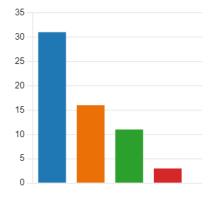
Parents/carers also have the opportunity in November and March to talk to teachers about children's learning and to look at their books.

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with

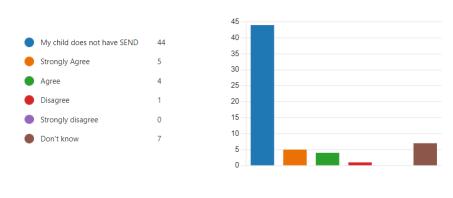
95% of responses confirmed that no issues needed to be raised, or that they were dealt with.

We place great value in building positive relationships with parents/carers and maintain an open-door policy so that any issues can be dealt with quickly and in partnership.





My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed

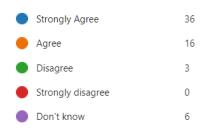


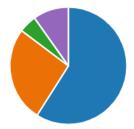
For a more detailed analysis of parent/carer feedback specific to SEND provision, please see the feedback from the last SEND questionnaire completed in October 2023.

For children with SEND, staff meet with parents and carers to discuss progress and targets at least once each term, but often more regularly to ensure that we are meeting children's needs and supporting them to progress and succeed.

"Don't know" responses in this instance are difficult to analyse since this could represent parents/carers who don't know whether their child could have SEND or feel they don't know about provision for their child. If you have concerns about your child's progress or that they could have some additional needs, please discuss your concerns with your child's class teacher or our school SENDCO.

The school has high expectations for my child





My child does well at this school



The school lets me know how my child is doing



93% of parents/carers feel that their children are doing well in their learning and 95% feel well informed about progress.

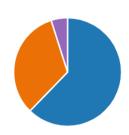
Year group expectations are published on the school website so that you can see what your child will be learning as they progress through school. Parents/Carers are updated about learning and progress each term, at parents' evening in Autumn and Spring Term and through a written report in the Summer Term.

Children with SEND have an individual support plan which is reviewed regularly with parents/carers so that progress towards personal targets can be monitored targets updated.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning or progress, please do not wait for parents' evening or a SEND review meeting, as the sooner concerns are discussed, the sooner we can provide reassurance or take any action necessary.

There is a good range of subjects available to my children at this school





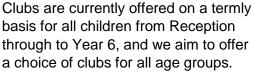
95% of parents/carers feel that their children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum, with 5% responding that they do not know.

Our curriculum fully meets the requirements of the National Curriculum and all children are taught all subjects throughout the school.

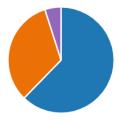
For more information, please see the Teaching and Learning pages of our school website.

My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

95% of parents/carers feel that their children can participate in after school clubs and activities.

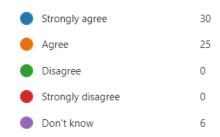


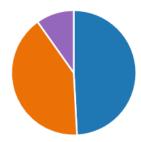




Each term, and over the year as a whole we ensure that we offer a range of clubs which will appeal to the broadest range of children, but are aware of the cost implications for parents so are subsidising all externally-run clubs to minimise costs. We consult with School Council when planning clubs so that what we offer is representative of what children would enjoy.

The school supports my child's wider personal development





Personal development is taught through our RSHE curriculum. Information was shared recently, with a focus on the Relationships Education element of our curriculum, but information about the full RSHE and personal development curriculum is available on our school website. Personal development however, is much wider that the lessons taught, embedded through the wider opportunities given to children to flourish as individuals, such as school council, play leaders, junior safety officers, special friends, sporting opportunities, opportunities to perform and present, enrichment opportunities, links with the parish and wider community, awards and celebrations of achievements both in and out of school. We pride ourselves in supporting children to be the best that they can be in all aspects of their growth and development.

I would recommend this school to another parent



We are delighted that they overwhelming majority of parents/carers would recommend St Vincent's to others.

Everyone at St Vincent's is passionate about our school and works incredibly hard to support every single child to achieve their best and fulfil their potential. We do not underestimate how lucky we are to have the support of parents and carers and hugely value the strong partnership that we have to make sure your children enjoy and succeed during their time at St Vincent's.

Additional comments

Any additional comments have been anonymised so that they can be shared, but where comments were particularly personal they have not been published but have been enjoyed or acted upon:

- 1. Since my child moved to this school they has been supported with the transition and we have all settled in to the St. Vincent's family. This school has a wonderful ethos and we definitely made the right choice by choosing this school. The staff are lovely and always go above and beyond. Thank you for all you do!
- 2. The class teacher has supported me and my child above and beyond recently with additional support my child has needed as well as myself to support them at home. Couldn't have asked for better support they have been amazing help to us both and really thankful for this
- 3. Really happy with all help. My kids have not been long in school but so happy with welcoming
- 4. I cannot talk highly enough of St Vincent's. I love this school and so does my child. I always recommend to other parents I know.
- 5. St Vincent's is a wonderful school. All my children love attending and even though nursery has only just opened my nursery and reception children have settled in as if they've always been there. I know my eldest child will miss St Vincent's next year when they go to high school
- 6. The school has such a caring attitude and supportive environment. My child sometimes finds it difficult to settle but has settled in so well and I can only attribute this to the kind nature of the teachers and staff at St Vincent's.
- 7. An amazing school, with a strong family ethos.
- 8. The school ensures my child is thriving and ensures we as parents are a part of their education and able to support effectively. It is a lovely school with so much expertise and care
- 9. We love this school, our child has settled in well and appears to be thriving. Thank you for all your hard work.

- 10. Thank you for all of the support given, our child loves school and is getting on really well academically, socially and emotionally. We can tell that their teacher has taken time to get know their personality and interests, it's wonderful to see the love and care given to each and every student. Generally we think the school feels like a kind environment and we know that this is something that is really at the heart of St Vincent's, with a respect for everyone being the known and expected behaviour. We love that children pick out children they spot being kind and just think this is such a great thing to celebrate. What we really like is how approachable all staff are. I'd feel very comfortable to ask for help from the office staff, class teachers, teaching assistants, headteacher ... I think this is because in addition to drop and pick up contact with staff, there are lots of opportunities to come and see the children in school activities (assemblies, masses, fairs, shows, lunch with loved one, etc) so we also know all of these staff members and know how welcoming they are. For such a small school the number of extra-curricular activities is fantastic, lots of variety. The school is brilliant and we could not be happier, thank you.
- 11. Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work, patience and support. It is always much appreciated.
- 12. St Vincent's is an excellent school and is fully committed to STEM and Community Engagement. Forward thinking partnership with local businesses such as BGEN engineering
- 13. Thank you for providing a wide range of after school clubs and trips/experiences to enhance learning. My child is very happy at school and is making good progress across the curriculum. Their medical condition is well supported; it is reassuring to know that they are cared for by all staff during the school day.
- 14. This year my child has made much more progress than before. They no longer refuse to go to school and are happier than before. I now have a better understanding of how my child is doing in school. Thank you to the teacher for your help.
- 15. My child's teacher is a fantastic teacher. They are open to help with any queries school and non school related. I also find the office staff are great and friendly. I love the care taker; I love how he welcomes all children in the morning, usually by their name. All staff are welcoming and approachable.
- 16. I am extremely pleased with the school's dedication to my children's education. The supportive environment, dedicated staff, and well-rounded curriculum means that I have two very motivated, inspired and happy children who both enjoy going to school. St Vincent's provides lots of opportunities for children to experience a variety of activities and experiences through the clubs that are offered. There is always a lovely range on offer and whether you're sporty, practical or enjoy supporting the local community, there is something for all. It is also lovely as a parent to be invited into the school for various celebrations, assemblies, workshops, masses etc. St Vincent's does this very well. I am very happy with the school and would highly recommend it to others.