



# Parents' Survey 2015

## Survey News

Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete our **Parents' Survey** and to hand it back to the Office. I have read every single one of them!

Results of the **Pupil Surveys**, completed just before the half term break, will be published in full on the website soon. Some of their comments were amusing, but my personal favourite said:

*"I like how everyone is different. I like how everyone is included. I like the way that people take you for who you are, if you can perform then you get the chance to. If you are really good at writing then you can read out your work. Nobody is left out."*

"I like seeing my "You get to find friends everyday!" out what you're

In total, we received 91 surveys, representing nearly 44% of the pupils in school. Each response is therefore just above 1% in the results below. *All numbers below are % of 91 responses.*

<b>Parents' Survey 2015</b> <small>(Please note that, due to rounding, sometimes totals do not make 100)</small>		Strongly agree	Agree	<b>TOTAL Positive response</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
1	My child is happy at this school	73	26	<b>99</b>	0	1
2	My child feels safe at this school	77	22	<b>99</b>	1	0
3	My child makes good progress at this school	60	36	<b>96</b>	3	1
4	My child is well looked after at this school	69	30	<b>99</b>	1	0
5	My child is taught well at this school	64	32	<b>98</b>	1	2
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	40	44	<b>84</b>	11	3
7	This school ensures that pupils are well-behaved	60	37	<b>97</b>	2	1
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	36	44	<b>80</b>	18	1
9	This school is well led and managed	76	22	<b>98</b>	2	0
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	49	46	<b>95</b>	4	0
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	52	42	<b>94</b>	4	2
12	My child benefits from homework in the holidays	28	28	<b>56</b>	19	24

One of the strengths of Trent, I believe, is the open communication between school and parents and I'm delighted in the huge vote of confidence in school these results represent. Thank you for the very many supportive comments, too.



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Positive points could be summarised as:

- ✓ A caring, family school
- ✓ Strong Christian Values
- ✓ Excellent teaching and strong academics
- ✓ Good communication through the Office
- ✓ The children are safe and happy

Your suggestions for ways that we can improve are very helpful too:

- An annual iCal or similar electronic calendar of school events
- No more sugary treats, please! More lunch!
- Netball teams and more competitive events
- Parents' informal coffee mornings
- More pets / animals in school ... but HOMEWORK was clearly the most contentious subject!

**Q12** – It is clear that **homework** in the half term and end-of term holidays is difficult for many families. In consequence, in future **this will be optional**.

**Q6** – The **weekly homework** is also causing tensions at home in some cases. Teaching staff agree that we don't want you to persevere with homework that causes upset. Just stop and write a note on the pieces of work. In many classes, children have a choice of homework and some pupils are doing ALL 3 pieces instead of just 1. This is not expected. Also, if you know that there is too much for your child **please talk with the class teacher**. There is no shame in this – you may have a wealth of other experiences equally important! The teacher or TA will let you know if your child is 'falling behind' as a result.

**Q8** – When asked if the school deals effectively with bullying, many parents selected 'Neither agree or disagree' and wrote that they had no experience to draw on. However, this response still concerns me as clearly parents are less confident in our approach. I decided to do a 'spot check' of a few children in after school clubs and in the lunch hall. Although children could clearly articulate experiences when they remember someone who wasn't well behaved, when I asked about bullying, I was told again and again that it wasn't happening to them or to anyone they knew. Everyone who works with our children, the lunchtime staff and I see well behaved children. Yes – there are disagreements and the personalities of some children certainly 'clash' with others but these are all dealt with fairly and with reconciliation. Nevertheless, **School Council will be taking up this mission for me in the Spring Term – to find out what the children really think and to report back!**

**In the meantime, please encourage your child to tell an adult in school when they are upset. When we know, we can act and we WILL!**