

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Parent Questionnaire February 2025

Thank you for all of your helpful comments. Your views and those of your children are very important to us. They help us move the school forward and are an effective way of checking that we are getting things right. School leaders take them into account when we are planning for the future of our school. We were very pleased with the huge number of positive comments about Our Lady's. Positive comments really help staff to keep motivated and to keep doing their best for your children.

Parents told us that learning (especially reading) is taught to a very high standard. The teaching and lessons are well structured and ways of teaching are creative. The curriculum is well developed including teaching the children about keeping themselves safe and safety awareness, e.g. crossing roads. Teachers are great at ensuring they recognise how best each child learns and using this information to benefit the children's learning. Methods of teaching are adapted and strategies to help each child progress individually are based on their needs. "Supporting children with their needs and the 1 to 1 work you do with my child is excellent." Parents told us that Our Lady's encourages the children to be and do better and that there is a great learning environment and that the school is always clean and very organised.

Parents repeatedly said that Our Lady's also supports the children with their emotional well-being. The teachers and office staff are very friendly and approachable. Teachers demonstrate respect and the values children should bring in everyday life, upholding principles and morals. The school encourages the children to respect each other. The children are treated fairly regardless of their race and beliefs. The school office also looks after and helps the children with first-aid. The schools charitable giving is also good. All this ensures the children become kind and valued members of society.

Parents told us that Our Lady's provides lots of extra-curricular activities, like booster classes, after school enrichment clubs, music lessons and trips and visitors. The learning is varied and interesting and parents are always informed about what is going on in school and after school.

Many parents said that communicating between parents and school about their children's progress and wellbeing is very good and that it is '*easy to get in touch*' with school leaders. Also, parents are kept up to date about school life and events in general, particularly through the school, Reception class and Nursery weekly newsletters. The staff also greet the parents and children every morning and after the school day on the gate.

In areas to improve; a few parents asked for the 'self-service' lunch, where children choose their own food, to be brought back. We have done this and it is running smoothly. Children now have the option of a jacket potato too!

Three parents said they would like communication to be done through an app, instead of letters and texts. If we are sending an important letter we will always signal this with a text to tell you the letter is in your child's book bag.

Another parent mentioned visiting the church more. We now have one class a week visiting Our Lady of Hal church and Fr Mark is visiting those classes in the afternoon too. The children continue to pray in class, three times a day, and plan child led worship sessions (which parents were invited to last term) as part of their daily acts of worship.

Four parents mentioned different options for after schools clubs each term and having a homework club. We will look at a homework club for the next academic year. The children in Year 3 will also attend a two-week daily swimming lesson in the summer term.

Thank you for your suggestions for Parent Coffee Mornings, such as a healthy eating programme. They will help us to plan for the future. We will also think about how we can offer some sessions to working parents in the future, e.g. different times or online.

Many of you commented that you couldn't think of anything that might improve the school and to 'keep up what we are doing to make the children happy, excited and safe at school.' That is great to hear, but we don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet us and let us know. We try our hardest to be a really good school 😊

Once again, we appreciate your time and your kind, helpful comments.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Please see below for the questionnaire responses:

1. My child enjoys coming to school
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
54% 40% 4%
94% positive

2. My child feels safe at school
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
67% 29% 1% 1%
96% positive

3. My child is making good progress
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
65% 32% 1%
97% positive

4. Our Lady's enables my child to behave respectfully **or** well
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
60% 40%
100% positive

5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
54% 40% 5%
94% positive

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

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
61%	37%		1%	

98% positive

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

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
66%	30%	1%		

96% positive

8. Staff treat my child fairly

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
63%	32%	1%	1%	1%

95% positive

9. The school is led and managed well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
52%	47%			

99% positive

10. The school provides appropriate homework

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
49%	47%	3%		

96% positive

Religious Education

1. The school keeps me informed of what is taught in religious education lessons (in curriculum overviews sent home termly)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
36%	52%	4%	1%	3%

88% positive

2. I know how well my child is doing in religious education (in reports sent home and meetings with teachers on Academic Review Day)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
34%	49%	4%	3%	7%

83% 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
51%	39%	3%	1%	3%

90% positive

4. The school provides clear moral teaching (values)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
50%	46%			3%

96% positive

5. 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
38%	45%		3%	11%

83% positive

6. The school ensures that there are opportunities for daily prayer

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
41%	42%		3%	12%

83% positive

7. There are opportunities for my child to serve others and support those in need (raising money for charities)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
55%	35%		1%	7%

90% positive

8. The school actively promotes strong partnership with parents

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
46%	42%	4%	1%	4%

88% positive

9. There are strong links between the school and our local parish (for example visits to Our Lady of Hal Church)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
44%	32%	9%	3%	9%

76% positive