

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs RC Primary School, Esh Winning



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with our eyes focused on Jesus.”*

## Parental Questionnaire Results - Summer 2018

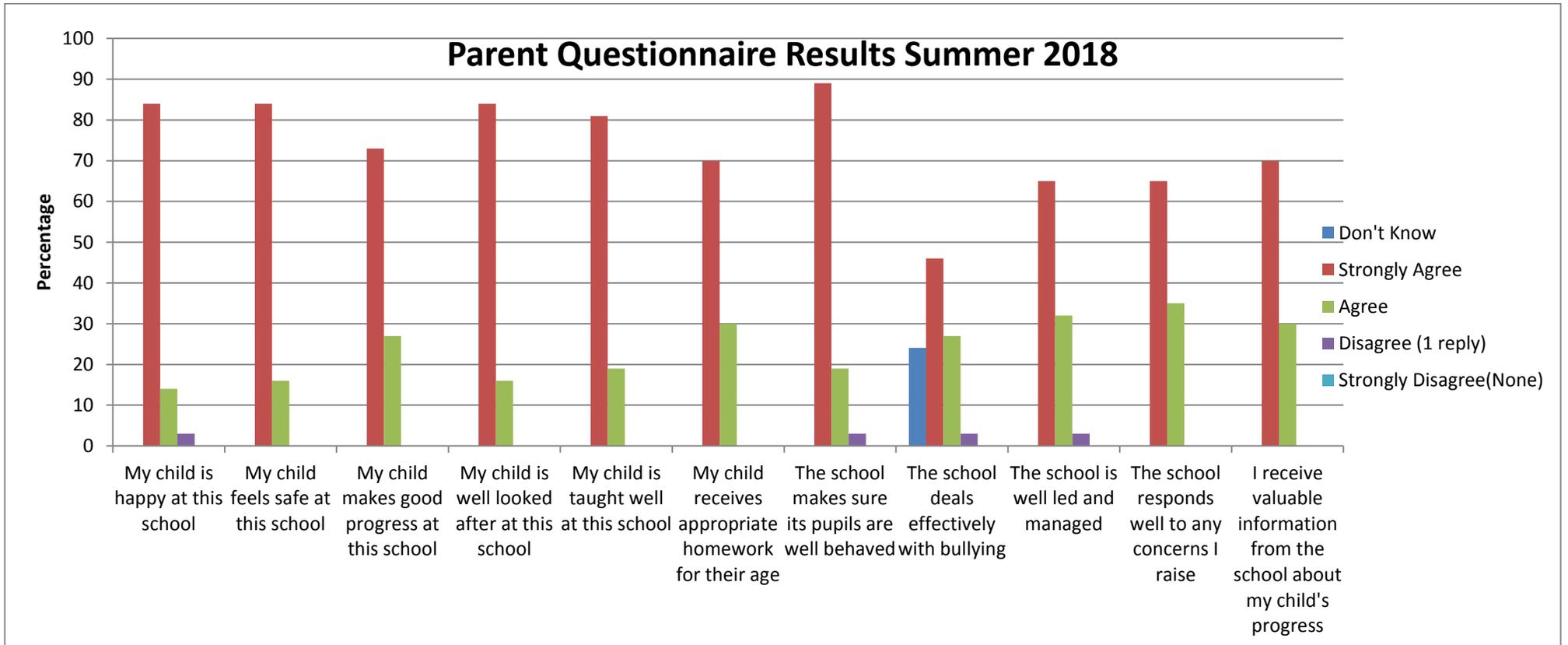
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*September 2018*



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*37 responses received*

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for the responses to the questionnaires sent out at the end of last term. You have helped us decide upon the direction to take to help your children gain the most from their time with us. I hope you find the information as useful as we have and hopefully the responses to the comments will answer some queries. If you do have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Louise Keenan

**What is good about Our Lady Queen of Martyrs:**

- ✓ So happy I chose this school. Lovely staff, great communication and brilliant teaching.
- ✓ OLQM's greatest asset is its staff who are friendly, supportive and above all supremely caring.
- ✓ Good standard of teaching by committed and friendly staff
- ✓ The focus on behaviours, morals, attitude is impressive and leads to a lovely happy school.
- ✓ Friendly
- ✓ The school and all its staff are always very welcoming and supportive. Any problems or concerns are dealt with straight away without hesitation.
- ✓ A small school but everyone is very friendly.
- ✓ Small, family orientated school that cares about all their pupils.
- ✓ The family feel and community spirit. It is lovely that all teachers know my child's name and make him feel part of the family.
- ✓ Lots of opportunity for parents involvements – no-one's a stranger.
- ✓ The size of the year groups and the caring staff.
- ✓ Small number of children meaning each child has more focus on them.
- ✓ Small school with small class sizes
- ✓ Friendly, helpful, family orientated. All work as a team and can be spoken to when needed to discuss or help my children.
- ✓ Teaching staff care for children and help them to enjoy going to school.
- ✓ Interaction between staff with children
- ✓ Teachers are firm but fair which is shown through the children's behaviour around school.
- ✓ The time, patience and quality of the teaching

- ✓ The support that my child has received with SATs etc this year has been second to none.
- ✓ My child is comfortable, confident, loves school and feels like a family to her.
- ✓ My son is flourishing at OLQM and we are delighted with his progress, especially in reading.
- ✓ Full support
- ✓ Access to extended curriculum activities has been impressive and my son has benefited particularly. He has greatly enjoyed his time at OLQM. Our sincere thanks to all!
- ✓ Safe environment for them to learn and grow.
- ✓ Children are well-mannered, kind and considerate. They respect others' feelings.
- ✓ Incorporating the liturgy well within the children's day and learning.
- ✓ Everything
- ✓ What a great school!

## **What I would like to change about Our Lady Queen of Martyrs ...**

- Not much, maybe a few sponsors for children to raise money to help school and towards trips
- I'd like to see a breakdown of what all the fundraising and 'trip donation' money is spent on
- Family trips with the school
  - We do receive, from time to time, generous donations from organisations. Sometimes this is money and will reduce or cover the cost of a trip. Other times it is products such as paper or bottled water or cakes. We are always grateful for any donation and sponsorship would be amazing!
  - Trip donation is exactly that. Often the amount collected in does not cover the full cost of a trip and it is supplemented by monies raised at other events. Other items that this money is spent on are events and visitors into school to enhance the curriculum. We tend to use free curriculum enhancement where possible or request a small donation from parents at the time and fund the rest from the School Fund. The School Fund is topped up with fairs and fundraising throughout the year. We also spend money raised throughout the year on curriculum items such as glue sticks, craft items, replacement break time toys, costumes for plays etc.
- Involvement by parish vicar
  - Father David does come into school fairly regularly and tries to time this with a break time so that he can speak with the children and join them in a game.
- To be allowed a little part of the children's own personality to shine through (even if just in the form of a water bottle) rather all the same items as everyone else (maybe make it optional)
  - I appreciate what you mean by this. The introduction of the water bottles and hats is threefold: to ensure that everyone has one; to stop these items coming in with inappropriate images / slogans on; and stop the competition between children to have the latest trend or coloured accessory.
- Interested to see what the after school clubs are going to be as my daughter has enjoyed them this year
- After school clubs
  - Clubs being offered from September will be:
    - Monday – Eco & Gardening
    - Tuesday – Choir / Glee
    - Wednesday – Health & Fitness
    - Thursday – Drama (KS2) & Lego (KS1 or 2)
    - Friday - Film
  - Hopefully the wrap around will be successful and the variety of the clubs will match the children's interests.
- I do miss the weekly newsletters
  - There are currently no plans to revert to a weekly newsletter
- More actual school work instead of continued projects, sports days and other activities – especially as they all seem to be towards the end of the school year.
- This term appears to have been too many trips, costly, especially when you have to provide packed lunches also
  - I agree that the children seem to have done an extraordinary amount of trips with many, seemingly, during the last half term of the year. We will look more closely at this next year in order that this 'bunching' is reduced.
  - I don't feel the amount of 'school work' has been affected by all the children have done – often additional activities outside of the classroom enhance traditional work in exercise books

- Should a trip or event appear too costly, please do mention this to myself or another member of staff. We will do our utmost to assist so that no child misses out.
- Netball should be taught as part of the PE curriculum throughout key stage 2
  - Invasion and team games are taught throughout key stage two. Netball is taught as a unit during this time.
- More robust anti-bullying policy
  - The Restorative Approaches method used in school encourages discussion among children following fall outs. It helps children to take responsibility for their actions as well as seeing how others are affected. We then expect all parties to move on, learning from mistakes and not repeating them, nor dwelling on the past.
  - The system is monitored for repeat offenders and their behaviour closely tracked.
  - We will be reviewing the behaviour and anti-bullying policies this term.
- I think sports day should change back to competing receiving 1st, 2nd and 3rd stickers because life requires competition so it is a life skill. I was quite disappointed in it.
  - We have had mixed reports about the different approach to Sports Day with some, as yourself, wanting more traditional races and others enjoying seeing the children compete against themselves with individual skill development. We would have liked to run more races but time was not on our side! We shall plan more carefully this year to ensure the running races are completed along with the points based carousel.
- Music and language teaching could be strengthened
  - We will look into this
- Staff anxiety about SATs does not need to be transmitted to the children.
  - We work hard to minimise any pressure on children during SATs. If children felt anxious, this was not a feeling intentionally fuelled by school.
- There is nothing I would change. I am very happy with the school as it stands.
- None
- Nothing x 2 responses
- N.A. x 2 responses

**Would you recommend this school to another parent?**

Everyone who responded to this question said that they would recommend our school.

