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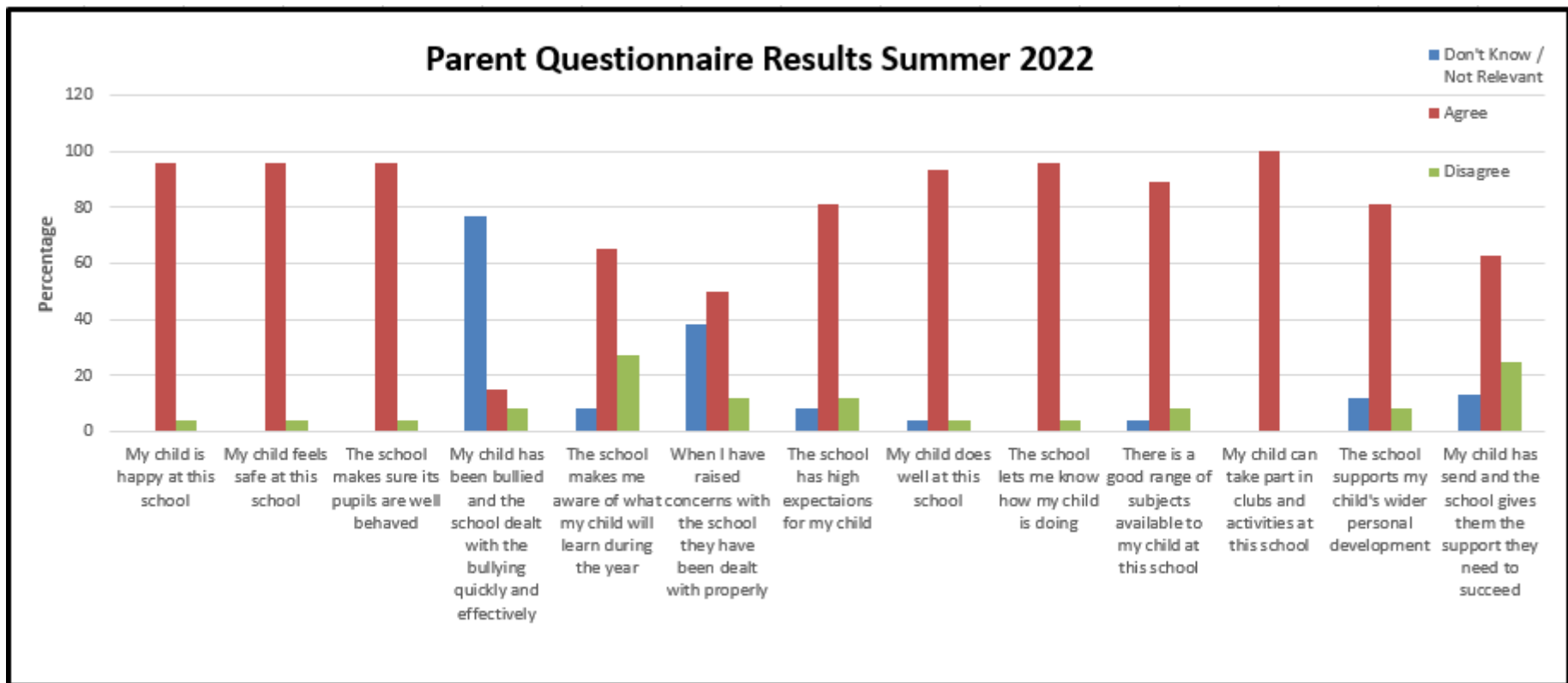
## **Parental Questionnaire Responses - Summer 2022**

**'The Convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities,  
whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.'**

*Article 2 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*

**'The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect them.'**

*Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*



Total number of replies: 26

Total number of children responses apply to: 36

November 2022

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 do you really like about Our Lady Queen of Martyrs?**

- ✓ How close all of the children are and look after one another no matter what year group they are in.
- ✓ My child being felt like they belong
- ✓ The family feel and small class sizes
- ✓ Community feel
- ✓ The community spirit
- ✓ Community feel
- ✓ Our school is like a little family, everyone looks out for one another.
- ✓ The small class sizes and close relationships the children build with other children, teachers and assistants
- ✓ The smaller years and the closeness of the pupils
- ✓ Close community feel
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Miss X
- ✓ Nice small classes
- ✓ Friendly school all close little community and lovely teachers
- ✓ Good spirit and very small school
- ✓ Family feel
- ✓ Small size and familiar friendly atmosphere
- ✓ Friendly school
- ✓ Children are happy and all year groups interact with each other. Lots of fun activities happening this year. Special mention to Mrs X for being thoroughly supportive this year.
- ✓ Close knit community, lovely trips and events for kids, Good morals and values taught to children

### **What would you like to see changed at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs?**

- Sports day to be on a field and to be more like an actual sports day competition.
- Better organised sports day to take place on a field near to school not school yard
- Next year's sports day on the field.
- Better sports days on a field with more activities.

- This is always tricky to manage. The children are used to playing on the yard and it's lovely to have events in our space. We will look at the field for next year's event.
- Co operation with the parent and there views to be counted
  - It sounds as if something very specific is bothering you. Please feel free to book an appointment to talk about this.
- Communication
- Better communication
- More communication
- Better communication as sometimes messages unclear or last minute.
- More organised communication about events that are happening. Understandably weather etc can't be planned for but texts and emails can be confusing.
  - Yes, we agree! Communication has been very difficult this last year. To help, this year we have brought in a Monthly Update with advanced dates and a Weekly Calendar to give you the finer details about what's happening in each class. I hope you've found these useful so far this term.
- A bit more feedback about what they have been doing. More Twitter posts
  - I'm pleased you follow us on Twitter. We will try to put more on this year.
- An app which allows you to see what your child has been learning that week, any concerns, any rewards to how well your child has leaned
  - Twitter should help you to see some of what the children are doing in class. Thanks for this suggestion, we will look into it.
- A full time headmistress
  - Ahh, this would be lovely! Ask the government for more money for schools in order to do this!
- Regular teaching staff assigned to year groups for at least a year.
- More information on who is teaching the children, as they had so many substitute teacher and assistant teacher, and we never got told.
  - Teachers are assigned to classes at the end of the summer term, unless there are extenuating circumstances as to why this cannot happen. They stay with that class

for the whole year unless something unexpected happens.

- It has been a very disrupted year with staff absences. Long term and short term absences have had a massive impact on our children and staff. Unfortunately, some days we didn't know ourselves who was coming in until the morning as supply agencies also faced staffing problems.
  
- More help at lunch times more reassurance given
  - Yes, we'd love more lunchtime supervisors. Finances do not allow for this.
  
- More children in all age groups going swimming
  - Swimming is a key stage 2 entitlement. We have found that taking a smaller group swimming aids their progress as the pool is very small.
  
- More opportunities for clubs after school, ie football team
  
- More opportunities for the children to try out different things (art, sports, music).
  - We have a very creative curriculum including music and art and we are fortunate enough to be part of the School Sports Partnership which allows us to take children to different sporting festivals. Unfortunately, we had to withdraw from some events last year as we did not have the staff capacity to ensure children were safe at these.
  
- More trips
  - We have a long term plan for trips across our school. Details are currently being updated on the school website. We will put a link to these in the Monthly Update once it is ready. Last year we did not do as many trips as Covid still restricted certain things and staff capacity meant we could not ensure the children's safety out of school.
  
- Nothing I can think of
  
- Nothing
  - Thank you

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