St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Primary School

"We are God's work of art"

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Dear Parents,

As you probably remember we sent you a questionnaire recently to seek your views on our school. Thank you very much for your replies, there were 105 responses in total. The vast majority of you responded that you agree or strongly agree with all the statements and are pleased with the school.

Q1. 99% of you believe that your child is happy at school.
Q2. 100% believe that your child feels safe at school.
Q3. 100% believe that the school makes sure the children are well behaved.
Q4. 95% believe that the school deals effectively with bullying. This includes 47% of parents who replied that they "Don't know" as they have had no experience of their child being bullied.
Q5. 95% say that the school keeps them aware of what their child is learning through the year.
Q6. 97% believe that the school responds well to any concerns you raise. This includes 5% of parents who replied that they "Don't know" as they have had no experience of this.
Q7. 99% believe that the school has high expectations for their child.
Q8. 100% believe that your child does well at this school.
Q9. 99% agree that the school lets you know how your child is doing.
Q10. 99% agree that there is a good range of subjects available to your child at this school.
Q11. 97% say that their child can take part in clubs and activities.
Q12. 97% believe that the school supports their child's wider development. This includes 6% of parents who said they didn't know.
Q13. 100% of parents with a child with SEND believe the school gives them the support they need.
Q14. 99% would recommend this school to another parent.

Even though the results of the questionnaire were very positive we are always keen to continue to improve as a school and address any issues and concerns. We take your concerns very seriously.

As a result of the survey we will continue to promote our annual anti bullying or Friendship week which culminates in our Assembly in the Round where the children reflect and celebrate on what they have learnt. As ever, if you have a concern about your child feeling unhappy, for whatever reason, please contact the school so we can do our best to address it.

In response to how well we make you aware of what your child is learning we continue to hold a parents evening or Pupil Progress evening in the Autumn and Spring term and you receive a written report in the Summer term. Homework diaries/reading record books are a good way to keep in regular communication with staff and for you to put forward any concerns. Each half term we publish a medium term plan of what your child will be learning in class. On the Curriculum page of the website all information about each subject and each year group is kept updated there for you. If there are any other ways you would like us to help keep you informed of your child's progress and learning please contact Mrs Dowell at school and we may be able to put other strategies into place.

We are pleased that you believe school responds well to any concerns you have and that a small percentage of parents say they "don't know" as they have not had any issues as yet to be dealt with.

Homework is important, as you know, to help your child to consolidate and practise key skills and knowledge. The one to one support you are able to give your child, in for instance reading, cannot be under-estimated. We thank you again for your support with homework and are continually overwhelmed by the quality of the work produced with the topic projects.

A small number of you were unsure about how the school supports your child's personal development. We address this in many ways throughout the school. Children are given many opportunities within their school life to develop as life- long learners and make a positive contribution to the school and wider community. Children are encouraged to be resilient, understand they live in a diverse world, be tolerant and respectful of all, play an active part in different charities, access the many extra-curricular activities in order to pursue and develop their own interests.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

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