

# St. Lawrence Church of England Primary School

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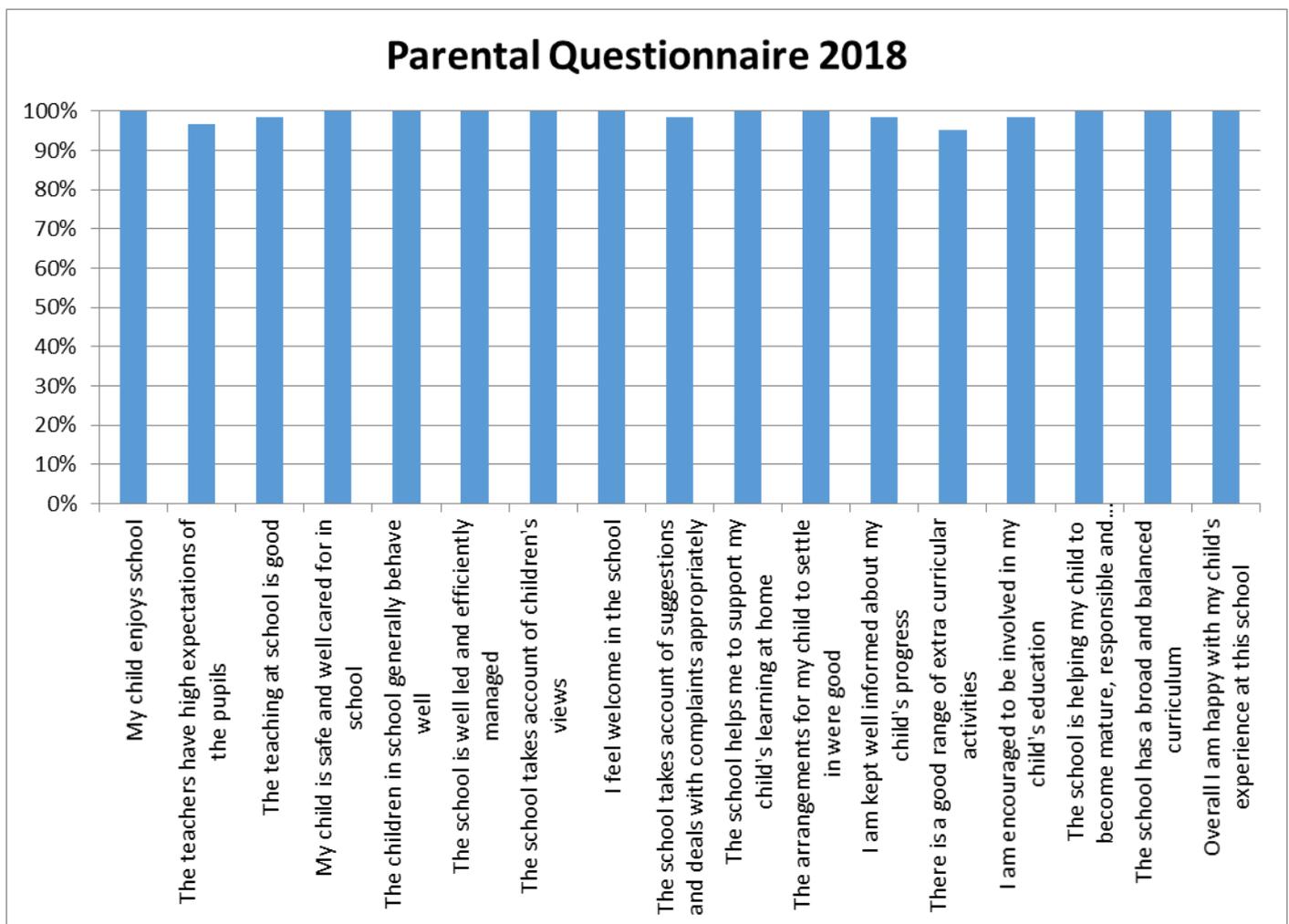
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Dear Parents

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to complete the questionnaires we sent home prior to the half term break. The information will be used to inform our future development of the school. I am absolutely delighted with the overwhelmingly positive response we received and the supportive commendations included in the additional comments section. It is good to know that parents share the pride we have in our school and appreciate the work of the school staff.



As you can see from the chart above, the vast majority of parents are extremely happy with all counts of school life. Two parents felt that teachers do not have high enough expectations of pupils. Both questionnaires were for Reception children. I am assuming that this is because the questionnaire was sent out during the first half term in school. It is extremely important to allow a "settling in" period for our youngest pupils so that they gain confidence in their new

surroundings before we start to stretch them academically. I hope that these parents have now seen a rise in teacher expectation but would urge them to get in touch with me if they still have concerns.

Three parents feel that we could offer a wider range of extra-curricular activities, with one pointing out that the activities on offer are “sport heavy”. Of the 14 clubs currently on offer, 8 are sports. This is something we will look to address. We are hoping to run a Christmas Craft Club in the run up to Christmas and a photography club next term. One parent has requested musical instrument tuition and I am looking into this as another option.

The other negatives come from just three of the questionnaires returned. As these were sent in anonymously I am unable to gain any additional information but would urge these parents to contact me as I would like to discuss some of the responses in order to further improve the service we offer.

Comments included in the additional comments section were overwhelmingly positive (and very much appreciated!):

- We couldn't be happier with Barton St Lawrence. More importantly, our children couldn't be happier!
- The school continues to impress, there is nothing that we aren't happy with. Both children love coming to school and we are happy thus far with their reports.
- Couldn't be happier!
- Our child is extremely happy and settled at Barton St Lawrence and this is down to the hard work and dedication of all of the staff. Thank you!
- My daughter really enjoys school and is very enthusiastic. She has made some good friends. She enjoys talking about what she does at school and is a happy and confident child.
- My child really enjoys school. She has been at the school since reception and we have never had any problems. She has good friends and she says she can always approach her teacher should she have any issues. I have been really impressed with the conversations I can hold with her and she has a knowledge of current affairs as they watch Newsround at the end of the day. She has been given really solid building blocks to take her onto the next phase in her education. Thank you!
- I have never had any problems getting my child to school. He enjoys this time there, gets really excited when he talks about the current topic and is even keen on doing homework (well maybe not his spellings!).
- We are very happy with the school. Our children are very happy and we would recommend the school to our friends.
- We moved [our child] to the school last year and we are so glad that we did! I am particularly impressed with the information we get from the school through newsletters and text messages and on the school website. We also appreciate the termly school reports that keep us informed of our son's progress.
- The buddy system in school is amazing.
- The school has a lovely caring and nurturing atmosphere which is so important.
- I'm really happy. The school promotes values and helps my child to develop spiritually.
- We are very happy with the school and are always recommending it to others. The leadership of the school is great. Mrs Goodwin is always friendly and professional and leads a super team.

### **Bullying**

Clearly the best outcome from the questionnaire would have been that there were no issues whatsoever; however, we would be very naïve to think that there is never any bullying when 170 children come together, hence the reason why we do so much anti-bullying work in school. That said, we do think that instances of bullying are rare at St Lawrence's and this has (thankfully!) been reflected in the questionnaire. Three parents reported that their child had been a victim of bullying during their time in this school. All three said that they are completely happy with the way the school had handled the situation and it was resolved quickly.

As always, if you have any questions, my door is always open, please do come and see me.

Yours sincerely