

# Parent and Guardian RE and Worship Survey



Why have you chosen St Margaret Clitherow's for your child(ren)?

Catholic school identity, including ethos and values including 'family feel'	Good reputation/ advice from other parents	Family connection (attended themselves, siblings attended, etc.)	Proximity to home	High teaching standards	Positive experience based on visit, etc.	Good leadership and management	Understood individual child's needs	No specific reason
36%	30%	14%	7%	5%	3%	3%	1%	1%

- '...I feel my children are [as] safe and loved at school as at home.'
  - '...homely school, feels like one, big family.'
  - '...initially because it is the closest Catholic primary school and the school which I attended myself – but also it continually improves and impresses me.'
  - '...it has made my little girl the person she is today – kind and caring.'
  - '...it is the best school in the North East.'
  - '...couldn't ask for a better school for my son...were there for me in every possible [way during] recent bereavement...'
  - '...we knew SMC was where he belonged and where he felt safe.'
- An overwhelming number of comments stating that SMC is 'the best school'.

Is the Catholic identity and ethos of the school a priority for you?

Yes	No	It wasn't, but has become so (namely due to impact on child[ren])	Neutral
64.5%	22%	4.5%	8%

Do you know what your child is learning in RE in school? If so, how?

YES: Children talking about it at home	YES: Newsletters/ curriculum newsletters	YES: Facebook/ school website	YES: Parent's Evenings	YES: Info through Church attendance	YES: Though Stay and Pray sessions or Parental Engagements	YES	NO	N/A
53%	14%	4%	6%	1.5%	5%	2%	14%	0.5%
85.5%							14%	0.5%

- 'Frequent letters home.'
- 'No; only when looking through my son's book before a parent's consultation meeting.'

Do you know the ways we pray and worship, in school? If so, how?

YES: Chn discuss/ demonstrate at home	YES: Stay and Pray (adult attendance)	YES: Newsletters/ FB/school's communication	YES: Parental Engagement	YES: Parent's Evenings	YES: Attendance of school Mass	YES	NO	Neutral
27.5%	22.5%	8.5%	1%	1%	10%	16%	10%	3.5%
86.5%							10%	3.5%

- '...I attend Stay and Pray which is brilliant to do with my son – another bonus for the school from me.'
- 'We are invited to say the Rosary in May.'

Do you feel your child benefits from attending this school?

Does its Catholic identity impact this?

YES	NO
99%*	1%

\*5 responders felt that the Catholic identity did not impact on their child's benefitting from attending the school.

- 'Yes. We are learning a whole new way of life.'
- 'Absolutely. First Friday Mass is the most emotional and uplifting experience. To see the children thoroughly enjoying being at Mass is wonderful. The way that people who are no longer with us are remembered, the choir, the children signing and enjoying learning actions to worship hymns and songs is wonderful.'
- 'Yes...[I am] pleased he is taught about religion although I am not a religious person myself.'
- '...my children benefit immensely from attending this school.'
- '...it is like a close family...'
- '...I wouldn't have him in any other school.'
- '...school and teachers are fantastic – couldn't be any happier.'

- ‘My children are very caring and although I try to instil this into them, I feel SMC plays a very active role in this. I look at my children and their friends and I just see they have such a caring nature which SMC actively encourage [sic] and promotes.’
  - ‘The benefits for [my child] have been amazing...we are grateful in all everyone has done and are continuing to do.’
- Overwhelming use of the word ‘definitely’ and ‘absolutely’.

What are the positives of the faith life of SMC?

Faith life (teaching Catholic values; helping others, especially those in need)	Family life/ Community / Friendly place	Meeting new people/ friendships	Caring, supportive staff/ environment	Child's own sense of self-worth	Child making good progress	Events, extra curricular, etc.	Unsure
64%	22%	5%	2.5%	5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%

- ‘He knows that whatever happens that God is always with him and listening and helping him to lead his life and direct[ing] him.’
- ‘To allow children an insight of different beliefs and become more accepting and less judgemental.’
- ‘It brings out the best of the children.’
- ‘It's all new to us but we are enjoying learning new things and ways.’

How have you contributed to the faith life of our school and do you have any suggestions as to how we can improve this further?

Attend church/ chn received sacraments	Reiteration and support of values at home	Attendance of Stay & Pray/Mass, etc.	Child is a part of choir/Missionaries/etc. and they support this	Financial contribution to charity events	I haven't contributed
15%	35%	35%	2%	2%	11%

- ‘Not sure how you could improve as I believe everything [you] do now is brilliant.’
- ‘Keep doing what you're doing – it works!’
- ‘No suggestions – just continue with how the school functions.’
- ‘We have attended many Stay and Prays and love them.’
- ‘You're doing a good job.’
- ‘I try to teach my child to be kind and respectful but to speak out if something is not right. Unfortunately, I think it is some parents' attitudes that need improving.’
- ‘The school is doing what needs to be done.’
- ‘More visits to church would be lovely.’
- ‘To let the children pray how they pray, ie. If they are Muslims or any other religion.’