

## Feedback from Parental Questionnaires October 2018

Our Parent and Carer Questionnaire is sent out and analysed frequently. It covers four key areas:

- Enjoying and Achieving
- Making a Positive Contribution
- Being Healthy and Staying Safe
- Achieving Economic Well-being

It also provides parents with the opportunity to say what they like the most about St Edward's and an option to suggest what they feel we could do better at school.

### Enjoying and Achieving

More than 99% of our parents were happy with their child's transition into their new class in September 2018. They describe the school as having a, "family feel". Parents say, "My child has one of your new teachers and what a lovely addition to your school. My child talks non-stop about his day", "My child has only been at St Edward's for one term, but I am very happy so far", and "My child is always happy coming to school".

More than 99% also feel that their child is happy and settled at St Edward's. This is reflected in the parental comments, "the safe and happy environment St Edward's has created, reflects my child's learning and his enthusiasm to go to school each morning", "My child is always happy coming to school" and, "my children feel safe and at home."

### Making a positive contribution

More than 98% of parents feel comfortable approaching the school and find our teachers easy to contact. "The staff are welcoming and really care about our children. They will do anything to help make our children's life in school happy."

100% of our parents feel welcome when visiting school, describing St Edward's as, "a close-knit family". Parents describe St Edward's as, "a community feel", "a supportive atmosphere", "a safe and happy environment", and "an inclusive culture, a lovely, calm atmosphere", which has, "a very warm and welcoming feel to the school. The staff are approachable."

It was noted that only 50% of our parents felt they knew who our governors were. **Because of this, we have updated our school website with all of our governor information.**

### Being Healthy and Staying Safe

This is echoed throughout parent's opinions to the 'Being Healthy and Staying Safe' questions. 99% of parents think their child is safe in school, and more than 97% believe staff have a genuine concern for all children and all members of staff. A parent described the environment as a, "a really positive vibe around school with friendly staff", suggesting that they "couldn't ask for better teachers", "100% effort" and "friendly staff; continuity for the children".

Children are all listened to at St Edward's. More than 95% of parents agreed. St Edward's, "Treats all pupils equally and gives them the best start with the Church and a pupil-centred approach". "I like the inclusive nature at St Edward's. Children appear happy to be at school which I believe is a reflection of teaching staff who are happy to engage them", "We like that each child is treated as an individual", and "We are happy with our child's education and happy with her development as a pupil and valued member of the school", all show this opinion.

This section also included a question about how parents felt bullying was dealt with in St Edward's. 71% of parents felt that bullying was dealt with successfully, and a further 28% said that they 'don't know' because they have never experienced bullying at St Edward's. Therefore, a total of 99% of parents either agree that bullying is dealt with successfully, or that they have never experienced it at all (to know how it is dealt with). **Our bullying and behaviour policy has also been updated on our school website for all parents.**

### Achieving Economic Well-being

More than 95% of all parental responses in 2018 shared the view that their children at St Edward's achieve economic well-being.

99% love our interesting curriculum, describing it as, "interesting, engaging and constantly changing – my child loves it!", "interesting and engaging lessons which keep our children motivated", "we are always happy with the activities on offer and my child always enjoys these".

This is supported by 99% of parents who are happy with our teaching at St Edward's. Parental comments reflect the love of our teaching staff, "Mrs X is professionally conducts a brilliant education", "My child loves her new teacher", "We are so happy with St Edward's staff". A parent stated that they "couldn't ask for better teachers!" "Always striving to push the school standards higher and better".

Overall, more than 98% of parents agreed with the statement that they are happy with their child's overall education and 99% parents feel their child is safe in school. This is reflected throughout parental comments, including the overall environment at St Edward's, "The safe and happy environment which has been created by staff and how everyone, including pupils and parents, seem set on achieving", pupil care, "My children are able to develop their compassion and social skills in a safe environment", the staff, "we cannot praise St Edward's highly enough for their hard work they put in with our children", and the general nature of the school, "it is wonderful", it has a "really good positive vibe" and "I could not have wished for a nicer school; it is excellent".

**In February 2019, parents will have a chance to put forward their opinions again when the next set of parental questionnaires are sent out. This feedback will measure the impact of the first part of the academic year and put forward suggestions for the rest of the academic year 2018-2019.**