



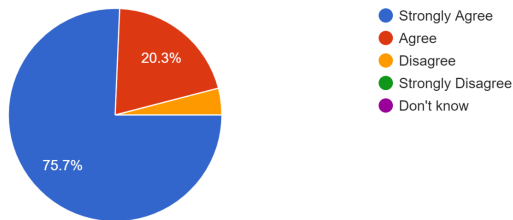
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Parent Survey Results Autumn 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

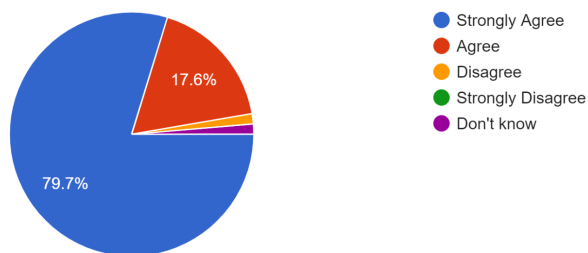
Many thanks to the parents that responded to our recent survey regarding the performance of our school as a whole. The feedback we received was very positive and it is clear that parents hold the school in high regard and are proud to be part of our school community. Here are the main findings and our responses. 74 parents responded.

My child is happy at St.Patrick's
74 responses



96% of parents agreed with the statement. Sadly, three parents felt that their children were not happy at school. We always listen to the views of parents and children and try to resolve any issues about why children may be unhappy at school.

My child feels safe at school.
74 responses



97.3% agreed that their child feels safe at school. However, two parents didn't know or disagreed with this statement. Safeguarding is a priority at St.Patrick's and is regularly audited by Trust Safeguarding partners and governors to ensure procedures and practise meet the required standard.

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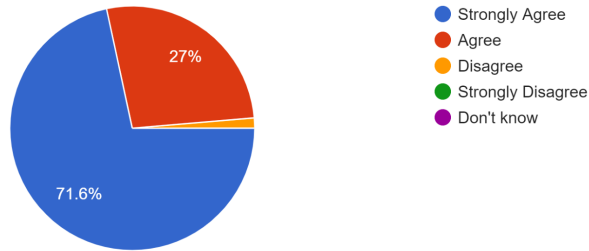
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The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

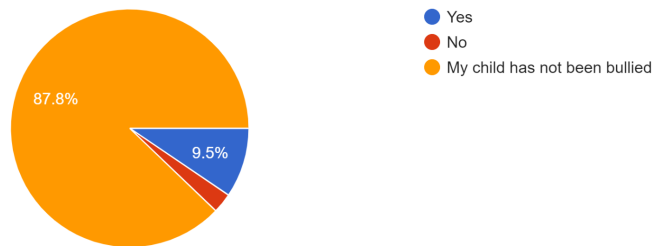
74 responses



98.6% agreed that we make sure that all pupils behave well at St.Patrick's. One parent disagreed with this statement. We have high expectations of behaviour in school and the atmosphere is one of calmness and respect for one another.

My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

74 responses



88% of parents said that they believed that their child had not been bullied in school with 10% saying that they had been bullied but we dealt with the issue quickly and effectively. One parent felt that we had not dealt with it effectively. We can only deal with incidents that we have identified or brought to our attention by parents. We monitor all incidents that have been reported and have follow up meetings when they occur.

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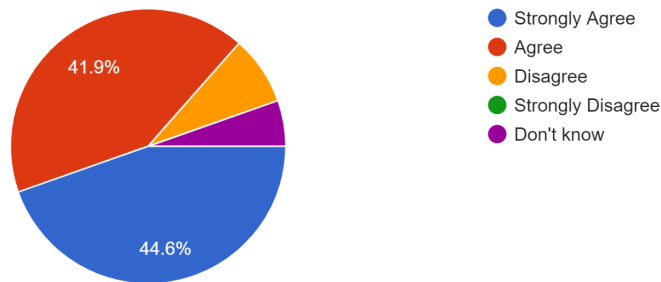
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The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

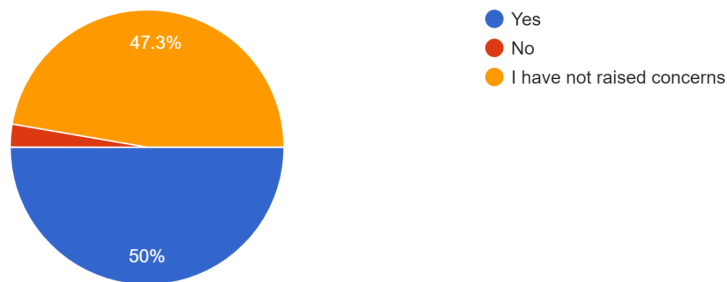
74 responses



87% of parents felt that we make parents aware of the curriculum coverage over the year. 13% were unsure or disagreed. Not all parents may be aware but we do publish termly newsletters that are dedicated to the curriculum that is going to be covered for that particular term. These can be found on the school website in the “Class Pages” section. There you will find out more about what your child will be learning including RE and Catholic life at the school.

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

74 responses



Two parents felt that we have not dealt with concerns correctly when they have been raised. We would like to invite those parents to make an appointment with ourselves so that we can endeavour to find a solution to the concerns that they may have.

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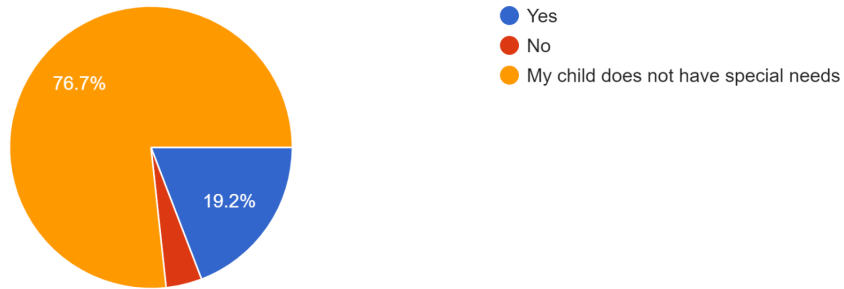
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How strongly do you agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed'

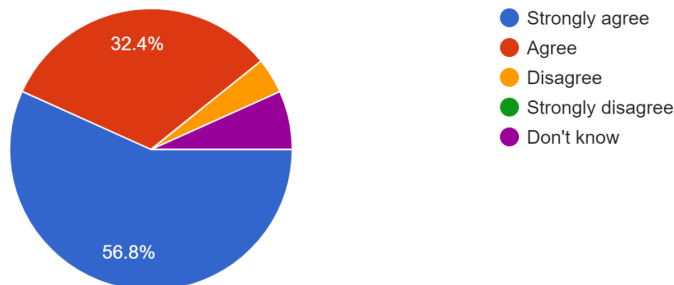
73 responses



We have a strong commitment that all of our children make progress and have a sense of achievement. The vast majority of parents who have children have special needs with us also recognise this. However, three parents still feel that we do not

The school has high expectations for my child.

74 responses



The vast majority of parents agree that we have high expectations for our pupils. Three parents disagreed with five parents unsure.....

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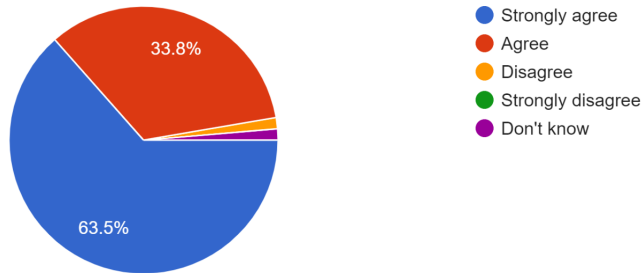
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My child does well at St.Patrick's

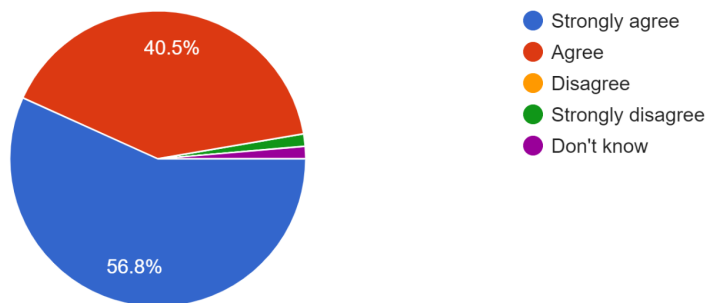
74 responses



97% of parents agree that their children do well at St.Patrick's, with one parent

The staff let me know how my child is doing through reports and conversations.

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Only 1 parent disagreed with that staff informing them of how their child is doing through reports and conversations...

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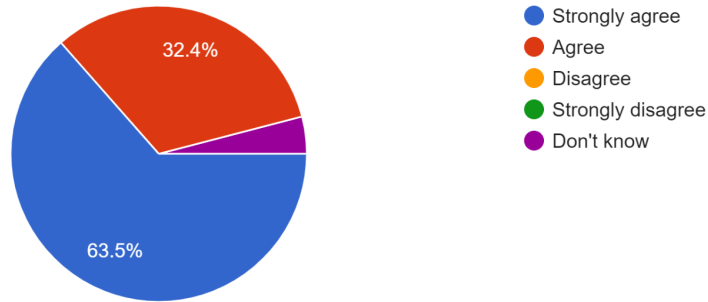
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There is a good range of subjects available to my child at St.Patrick's

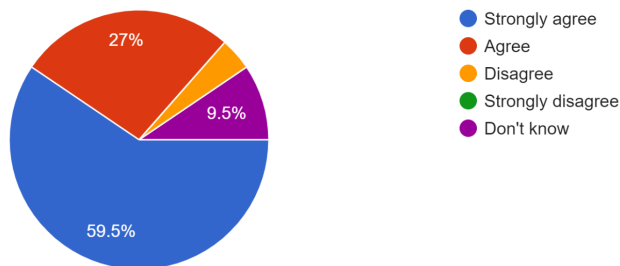
74 responses



We offer the full National Curriculum with breadth and depth so each and every subject is delivered with the same high quality. We also have a “co-curriculum” which is all of the extra enrichment which we offer our children- clubs, breakfast and after-school clubs as well as trips and residential visits in Year 4, 5 and 6. Three parents were unsure of our curriculum offer. We encourage parents to regularly check on our website, follow us on Twitter or Facebook and read Thornaby Pride or Postgate News publications to appreciate the array of activity that goes on at St.Patrick’s.

My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.

74 responses



87% of parents agree that their child can take part in clubs and activities. We offer a wide variety of sports and non sporting afterschool activities and clubs which our staff volunteer to facilitate as well as the school buying in sport specialists too.

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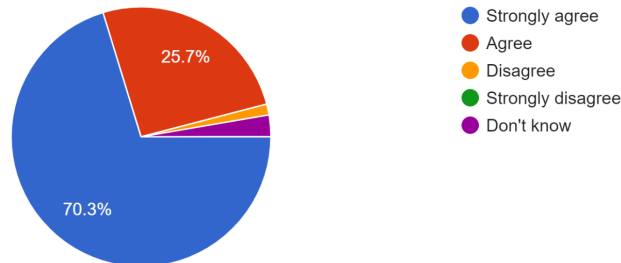
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St. Patrick's supports my child's in becoming a good citizen.

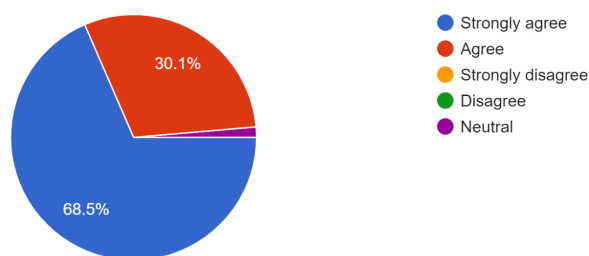
74 responses



We encourage and provide our children with plenty of opportunities for them to take part in community events and make a positive contribution to the community in which they live. The majority of parents help us to enable us to do this but would like all parents to support this too. We engage with our parish through Masses. We have links with local charities and organisations like Thornaby Foodbank, Little Sprouts, Northern Stars Disability Theatre Group. We lay remembrance wreaths in September and November at the Town's cenotaphs. We letter pick and plant trees with Thornaby Town Council and Groundworks Northeast. We meet with local MPs and council members to discuss local and national issues. One parent disagreed with this.

St. Patrick's has invested well in the school environment for my child

73 responses



One parent was neutral on whether we have invested in the school environment. Our school was built in 1933 but has been maintained and kept in excellent condition. Over the years we have built a Nursery, Link classroom in Early Years and two new classrooms to accommodate school numbers due to the popularity of the school. The

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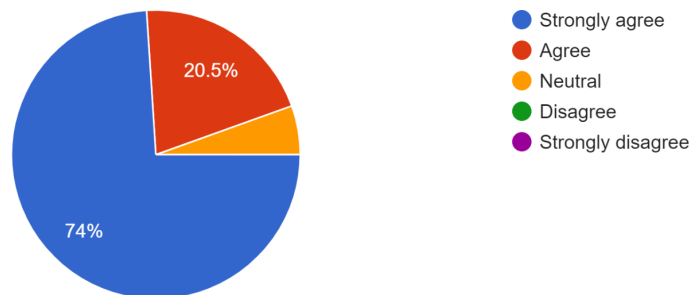




outdoor environment has been enhanced by prayer gardens and allotments, a first class Early Years provision, synthetic sport pitches on both playgrounds and jungle gyms.

The school is a welcoming place and staff are approachable

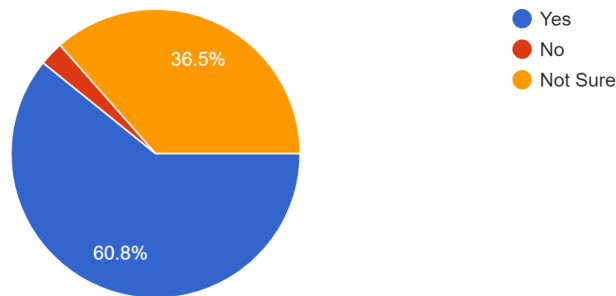
73 responses



Nobody disagreed with this!

St. Patrick's offers an interesting range of school trips and residential at Key Stage 2.

74 responses



Surprisingly two parents disagreed that we offer a range of school trips and residential at Key Stage 2. Each year, all classes go out on educational visits linked with their curriculum. Younger classes tend to stay local- eg a trip to Saltburn linked with their geography. Older classes go further afield e.g. Eureka in Huddersfield for their science work. We usually take a representation to London for a Parliament Visit-

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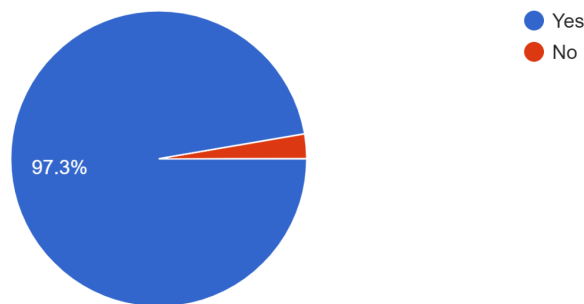




unfortunately this stopped during covid but we hope to resume this visit next year. Year 4 have the opportunity to take part in Outdoor Education at Carlton in North Yorkshire. Year 5 have the opportunity to ski in Italy and Year 6 have a residential visit in Holland to celebrate the completion of their primary education and time with us in June. We are not aware of any other primary school in the area that offers this.

I would recommend this school to another parent.

74 responses



We have two parents who would not recommend St.Patrick's to another parent. Our aim is that all of our parents are happy with our provision and pleased that their children attend St.Patrick's. We would encourage any parent that is not happy to come and speak with us.

The comments were also overwhelmingly positive and appreciative for our school too:

St Patrick's is an incredible school - I am so proud that my child attends it. It is a special place. Best school in the area, nothing is ever too much trouble for the wonderful staff. My family is always amazed when I tell them what my child does at school. It would be useful to know what my child is doing in the after school club and how this caters for her.

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Nursery staff are absolutely first-class with the children and their level of care and professionalism is clear to see. Delighted with our son's progress at nursery and hoping for a place in the main school next year.

Amazing staff and amazing school. I have never known a school and its staff being so caring, helpful and kind. They go above and beyond always you wouldn't get this from any other school truly one of a kind! Our family will be forever grateful for the love and support given to us by the St Patrick's family.

This is an excellent primary school. All the staff are fantastic and my daughter always come out of school with a smile on her face. Thank you for creating a wonderful environment for our children!

Brilliant school

An amazing school which provide lots of different for my children

I feel that the school meals are poor, at the moment while the weather is cold, I want my child to have a hot meal. However, most days she comes home and says she left her lunch due to it not being nice, i feel the menus should be reviewed. Two weeks ago everything had blue cheese in it.

A communication channel easy to access for a quick message to my children's teacher without having to call the school during work hours. This could be a contact class email other than the enquiry email. Just something to enable parents or carers to message teaching staff directly

Communication with parents is delayed. When there is an event such as non uniform etc there isn't enough notice for parents

My son is thriving in nursery, i am very proud he goes to this school

St Patrick's has always ensured that our children feel safe, happy and secure. It has prepared our older children for the next steps in their education and is doing the same for our youngest child. Our children have formed valuable and precious friendships and relationships that will continue for life. We are proud to say our children are from St Patrick's.

This year I feel my children are lacking some support they require both academically and emotionally. Would like more communications with the school on children's development & response / follow up to my letter on a school trip.

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Great school- staff are dedicated and go the extra mile for our children. Proud to say we belong to the family of St. Patrick's. Who wouldn't be!

Fantastic school, amazing in everything they do.

Wonderful school and staff

Fabulous school and fabulous teacher. I would not wish for my child to be anywhere other than St Patrick's!

I couldn't be any prouder than I already am to say my children attend/attended St Patricks. It has provided them all a loving and safe primary education, in which they have each fulfilled their potential. What more could any parent ask?

My children have attended three different schools so far. I can't think of any school compared to St. Patrick's. Staff are welcoming and approachable, staff give their time to provide after school activities, they give time to take years 4, 5 and 6 pupils on residential trips- never known a primary school could take kids skiing abroad! All of this alongside the daily stuff of teaching the curriculum and ensuring my kids can be the best they can be! Thank you so much!

Am so happy enrolling my child in st Patrick primary school. God bless all the teachers

There are a couple of comments that we need to respond to here to hopefully clarify.

- *A communication channel easy to access for a quick message to my children's teacher without having to call the school during work hours.*

The communication channel that we have currently is that the first point of contact is directly to the school office. This is so that we can track all enquiries and absences and direct them to the most appropriate member of staff. During school hours, staff are obviously teaching and out of hours staff are involved in marking, planning and meeting with parents. This leaves little time and time that we would like them to spend with their own families.

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The school meals are provided and managed by Caterlink. If parents are unhappy with the quality of meals, we have and will report this back to Caterlink directly and to NPCAT. We have made changes to the menu since they started a while back which improved choices for our children.

- *This year I feel my children are lacking some support they require both academically and emotionally. Would like more communications with the school on children's development & response / follow up to my letter on a school trip.*

If parents feel that their children are lacking academic support, this should be discussed with the class teacher in the first instance and then with a member of the School Leadership if further intervention is required. Similarly, if parents have issues regarding school trips, they are best discussed face to face with a member of staff so we can work to resolve issues.

Overall, as you can see there are many positive comments which recognise the commitment and dedication that our staff have in ensuring the best possible education and start in life. We will continue to strive for this. We appreciate that we can't please everyone but it will always remain our goal!

Thank you for your ongoing support and gratitude

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