



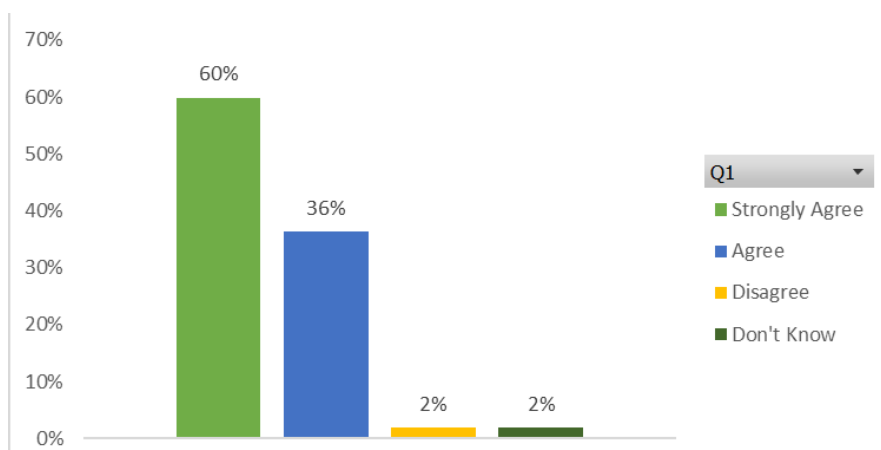
Trinity Catholic  
High School

## Report on Year 7 Parent Questionnaire November 2021

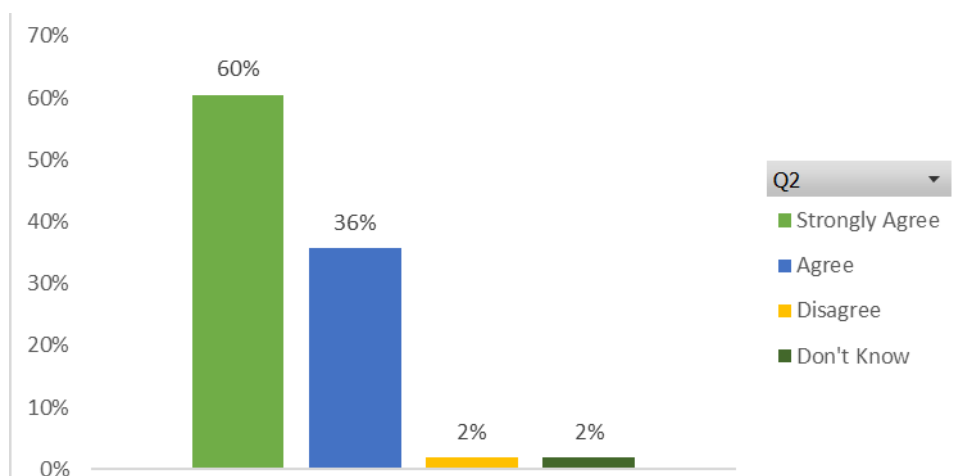
- Parent/ Guardian return: **67%** of families responded to this questionnaire i.e. 157 returns from 235 families.
- The parent questionnaire is based on an online questionnaire used by Ofsted to gather the views of parents/carers on their child's school, though the survey also invites feedback on transition from primary school, spiritual, moral and faith development.

The results of the survey are summarised below.

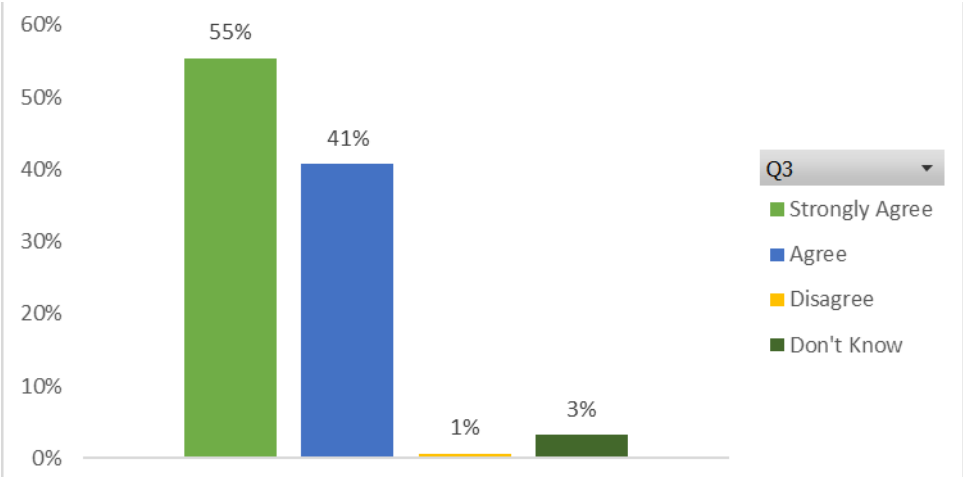
### Q1. My child is happy at this school.



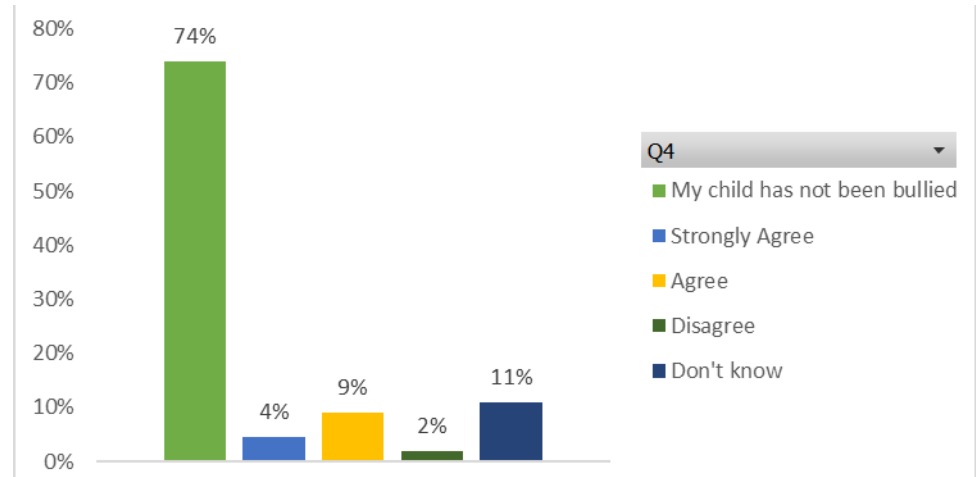
### Q2. My child feels safe at this school.



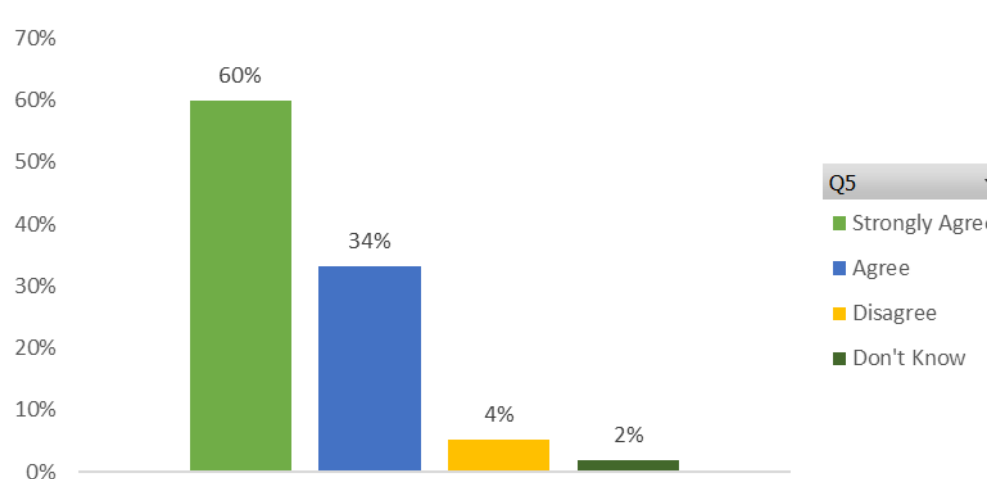
Q3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



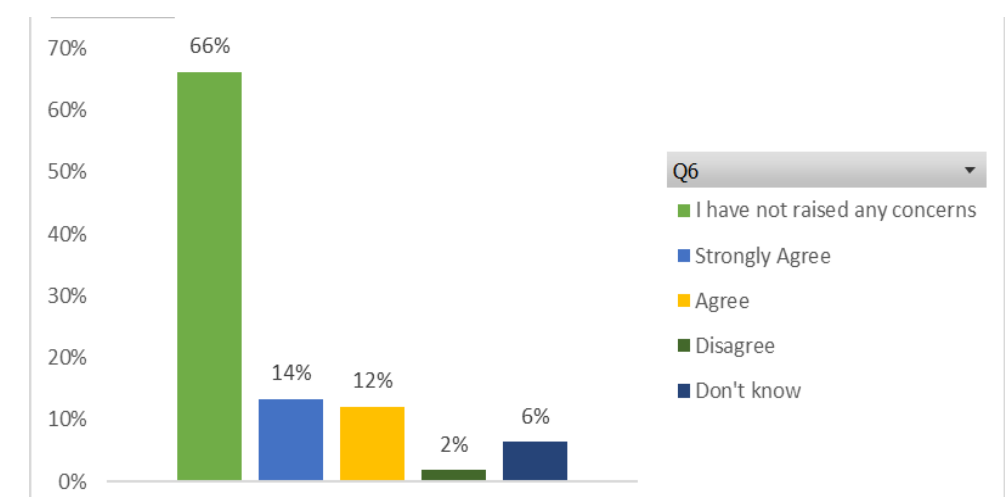
Q4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.



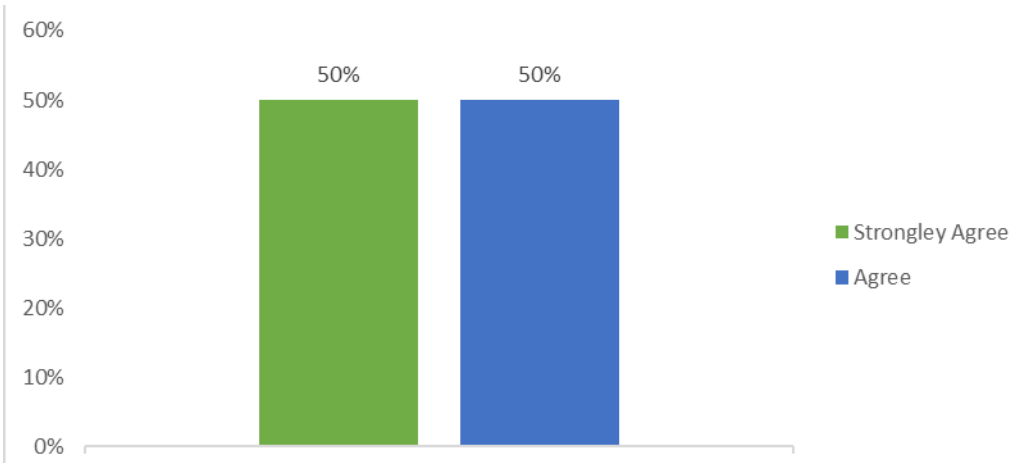
Q5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.



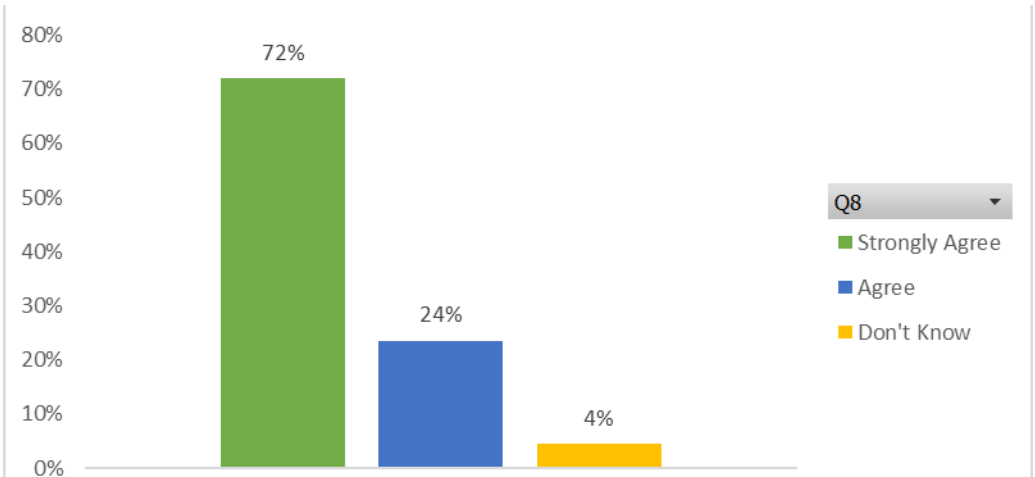
Q6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.



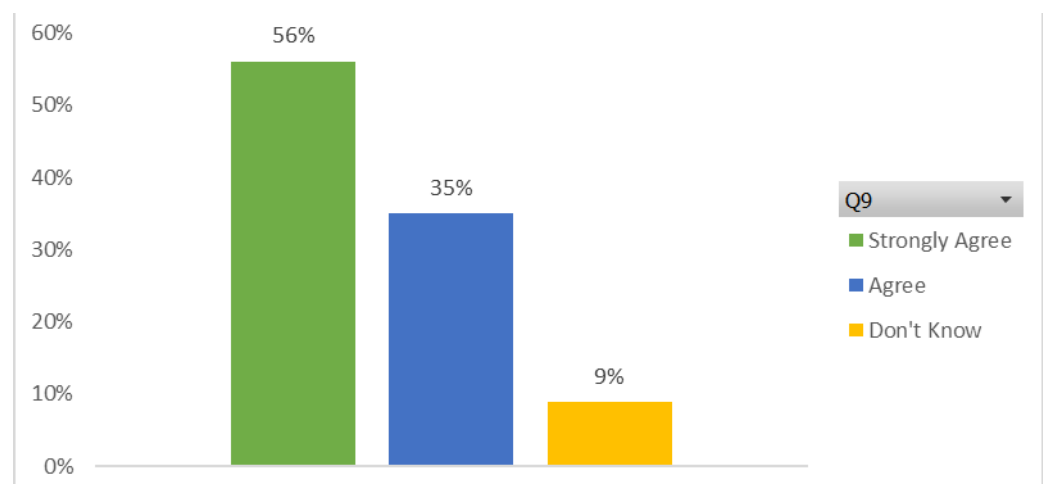
Q7. My child has SEND (special education needs and/or disabilities), and the school gives them the support they need to succeed. (Below breakdown includes responses from 10 parents whose child has SEND)



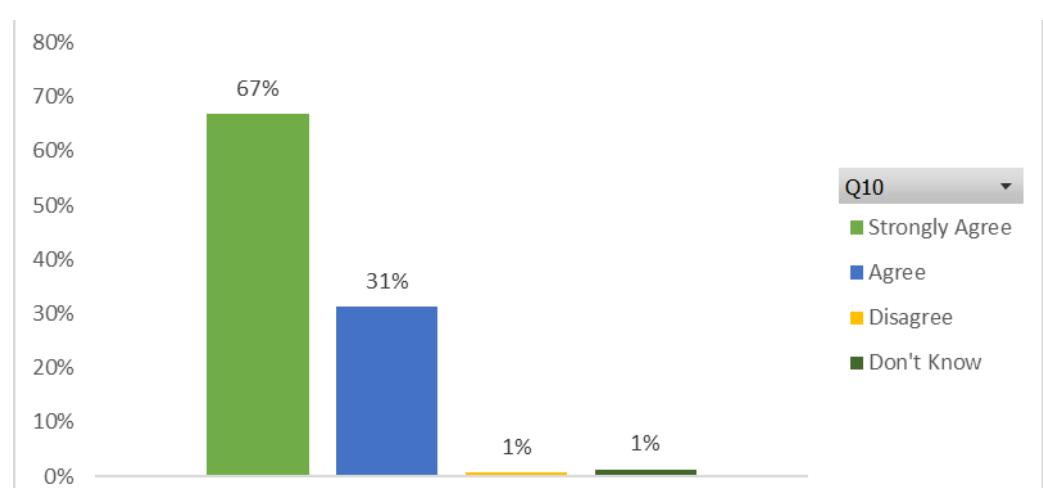
Q8. The school has high expectations for my child.



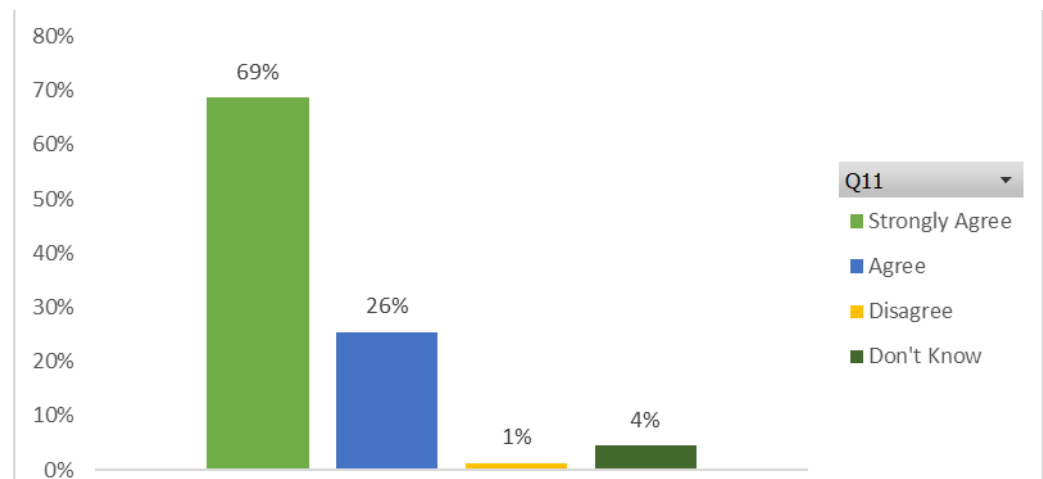
Q9. My child does well at this school.



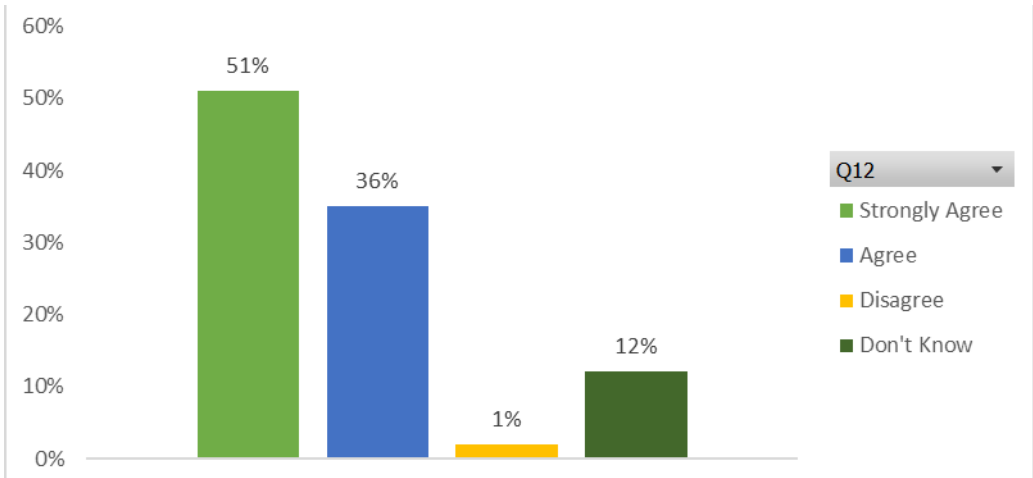
Q10. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.



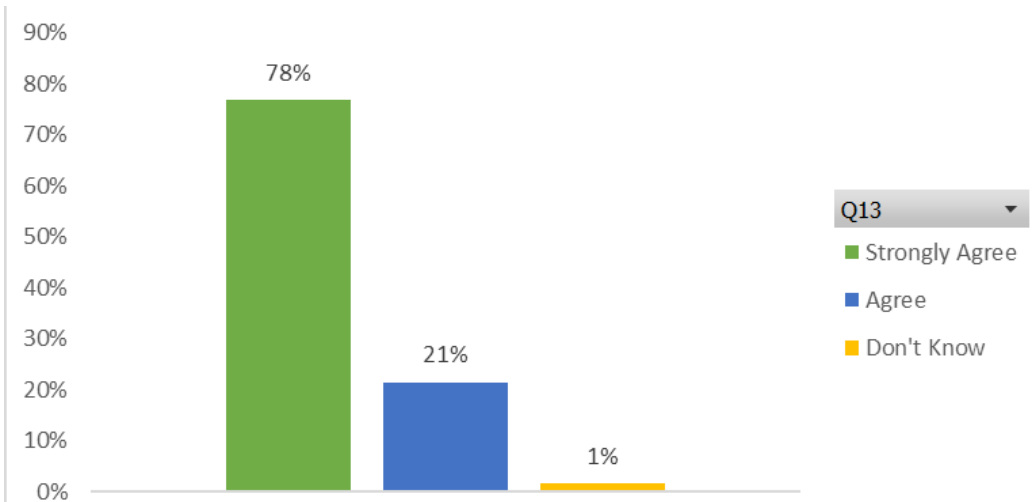
Q11. The school actively promotes reading for pleasure.



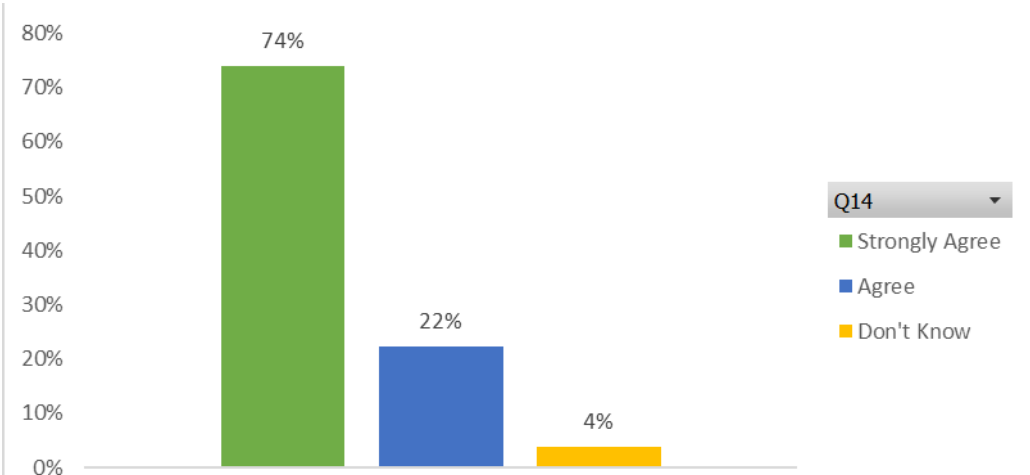
Q12. The school supports my child's wider personal development.



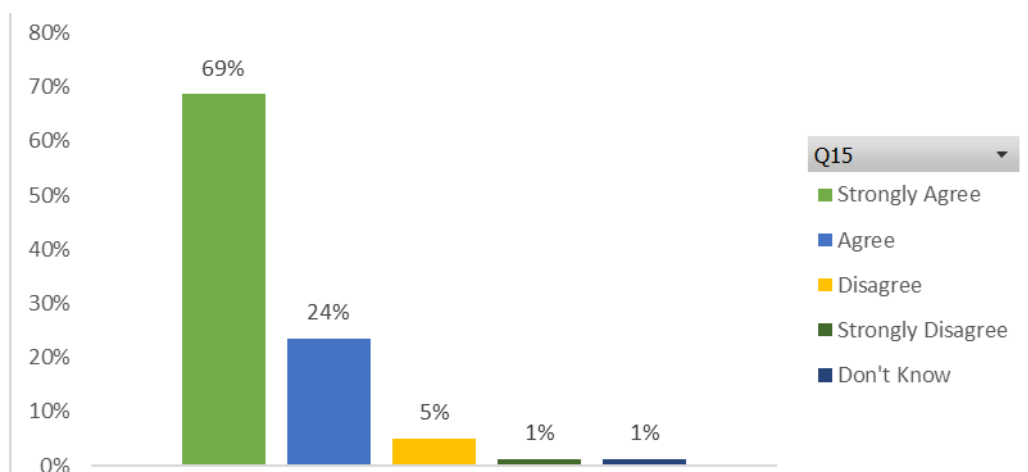
Q13. I am happy in the way the school develops and encourages the development of the Catholic faith.



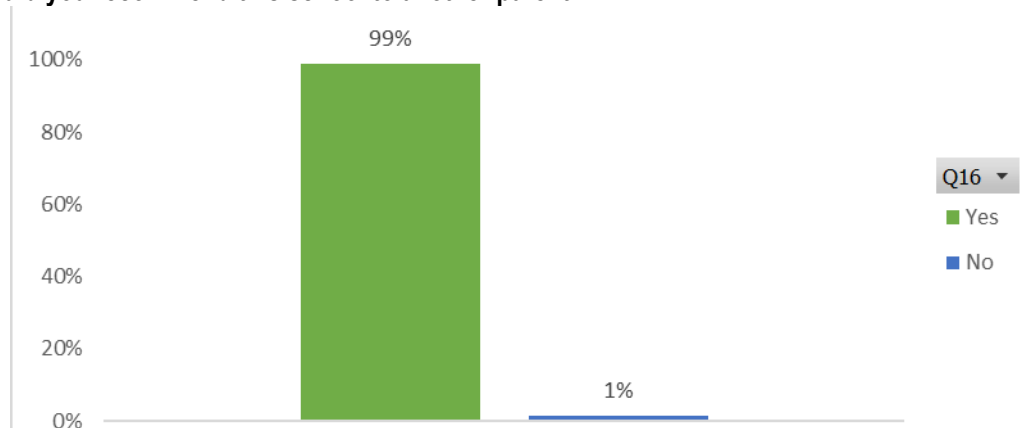
Q14. This school provides well for the moral and spiritual development of my child.



**Q15. My child had a smooth and successful transition from primary school.**



**Q16. Would you recommend this school to another parent?**



Parents were asked whether they would recommend this school to another parent. Of the 157 parents that responded to the questionnaire all responded as yes with the exception of one.

The questionnaire provides parents with the opportunity to expand on any responses to questions. The school has followed up on all such queries directly with parents.

**Parent comments include:**

- We are very happy that our son is happy and flourishing in his new school. In particular, we extend our thanks to Ms McNamara for helping with the transition from primary and for creating a safe school environment for our son.
- Trinity has exceeded my expectations. I'm very happy with this school and how my daughter has settled.
- I'm just very pleased and happy with the way the school supports my child.
- The school has been very supportive.
- I want to say BIG THANKS to all members of TCHS for providing education and care to my daughters. My daughters were very complementing how great and inspirational teacher Mrs McGrory is (e.g. recommending interesting books etc). Thank you (and all the team) very much for your hard work.
- Our daughter is very happy at school. Despite not knowing anyone at the beginning of the year, she has built positive friendships with a few children, and is always looking forward to coming to school. We like that the homework workload is building up gradually, and the pupils are learning to be responsible and accountable. One of the things which we've never experienced at primary school is meticulous communication between the school and the parents. Keep up the good work, guys, it is truly appreciated! We are looking forward to our first parent meetings with all the teachers.
- Although she was initially apprehensive at joining, my daughter recently said how much she enjoys being at Trinity. Thank you very much all of your hard work and help so far.
- Everything is good and we are happy with the school so far.
- Love the discipline and Catholic growth.
- I am really happy with what the school has put in place for my son. Thank you to all staff for making us so welcome.

- I will say that I am very happy with the way the school appears to have a zero tolerance policy so far on bad behaviour and with the detention/uniform policy, etc. and am also very happy with the Catholic ethos overall.
- We are very impressed with the care and interest of the leaders and teachers at the school. Everyone we have met have been very supportive and keen to make sure my son settles well. Dr Doherty is a very dedicated headmaster who goes over and above the normal call of duty. My son is proud of his school and his teachers already and generally enjoys going to school at Trinity.
- My child is very happy at the school overall as are we as parents.
- Overall, the efforts put in by the school to ensure my daughter has the best secondary school experience possible are plain to see. I look forward to seeing how she grows in this excellent environment. Thank you.
- I'd like to thank Mrs McNamara for her support when I raised an issue to her and it's assuring to know how she has kept communication open.

#### **Comments about transition:**

- Very happy with my daughter's transition to secondary school, feel that they have been cared for very well and appreciate the support of all the staff.
- For the most part my daughter has settled into school well, she has made some good friends, enjoys most of her classes and has mostly adjusted to the volume of homework compared to what was expected at a primary school. We feel that it is still early days and just hope that she continues to have a positive experience both personally and academically as time goes on.
- Given my child came from a small primary school, he has been settling in well. Of course, it does take time but it's better than we expected.
- The transition from primary to secondary school was very smooth and we are delighted to see that our son has settled well in his new class and is very happy at school. While he is still mixing with his friends from primary we note that he has also made several new friends and his interests and experiences are rapidly expanding. Home study is certainly a new experience for him however we are encouraged that he is being stretched and challenged to meet his full potential.
- Due to covid19 there wasn't such thing but my son has settled really well thanks to the teachers and staff of TCHS.
- As parents we are very happy with the transition our son has made at Trinity.
- My daughter settled in very well, within a short space of time. This was lovely to see, especially as she didn't really know anyone when she started at Trinity. She enjoys her lessons and has made friends.
- Everything that could possibly be done to make my child's transition from primary to secondary was done, under the circumstances we were in it was still a fabulous transition, my child was able to visit the school in a small group and also had a virtual meeting with the year 7 head of year, my child was very happy going to school on her first day so thank you for that.
- My daughter was allowed to join her form with a selected friend and this had a huge benefit for her. Any issues she had she feels comfortable to go to Mrs McNamara who is very approachable. Mrs McNamara had also dealt with any parental concerns really swiftly and kindly too.
- I am so extremely thankful for the support my son receives. Because of his special needs staff have really helped my son and me to fit his needs.
- My son was part of SEaTSS and the support / feedback from this was first class, in particular, the fact that the staff involved already had a very good understanding of his personality and strengths / weaknesses to work on.
- This was helped greatly by Ms McNamara's considerations in placing students with their friends and accommodating where feasible on parents' requests. This is much appreciated, thank you. Also thanks to the teaching staff interactions in settling in the year 7.
- It was unfortunate that due to the Covid pandemic my child was not able to access any transition days before commencing secondary school. However, I believe the school made efforts to accommodate a smooth transition when possible and my son has settled in well.
- Being able to choose friends that would be in the same class as her was very reassuring for my daughter. The phone call from Ms McNamara before school started was very helpful. My daughter loved the start of the school year due to winning a Headmaster's award and being featured in the school video.
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#### **School Action**

Trinity has appointed a Personal Development Coordinator who will be responsible for extending our extracurricular programme so that it is more responsive to the interests and aspirations of our students. Homework support will be available after school and Library opening hours have been extended from 8am - 5pm so that students can use this facility for study as needed. The pastoral team and the Personal Development Coordinator will inform parents shortly of the programme and support we have planned.