

St George the Martyr C of E Primary School

Parent Questionnaire February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your helpful comments. Your views and those of your children are very important to us. They help us move the school forward and are an effective way of checking that we are getting things right. School leaders take them into account when we are planning for the future.

We were very heartened by the huge number of positive comments about our school. Positive comments really help staff to keep motivated and to keep doing their best for your children.

We were very glad to hear parents say that their child enjoys learning and many parents commented that the quality of teaching and learning is of a high standard and that their child has made good progress this academic year. School has high expectations for the pupils at St George the Martyr, and knows that when teaching quality is high children enjoy learning and make good academic progress. One parent commented, *'The school is excellent and really supports my children and family well in their learning and other aspects of their development.'*

Parents shared that the school provides a calm, warm and positive learning environment. Many parents said the school is inclusive and that staff are caring and supportive. Parents were pleased that their child feels safe at St George the Martyr and many described the school as nurturing. One parent shared, *'The children have impeccable behavior'* and another parent commented *'the school creates a warm, caring environment.'*

Many parents told us that they find the school and its staff approachable and friendly. Parents said that the school staff have positive relationships with their children. One parent said, *'The teachers listen and support my child.'* Parents also shared that they feel the school is led and managed well. One parent commented, *'management are accessible and supportive.'* Another parent commented that the *'school has a positive structure, respective rules and a friendly approach'*.

Parents also commented that they feel able to approach the school with any concerns they may have, such as bullying, and feel reassured that they will be listened to and that these concerns will be taken seriously. One parent noted, *'management deal with concerns promptly and fairly.'*

A large number of parents told us that they appreciate the ways that school provides excellent communication with them and regular information through the weekly newsletter, text messages and other letters. They shared that they feel well-informed about what is happening in the school. Parents appreciate when staff meet with them to discuss their child's progress and any concerns they may have. A parent shared *'the teacher and parent communication is outstanding.'*

Many parents said that teaching is something the school does very well, and as a result their child is making good progress. One parent commented, *'The school does really well with the curriculum.'* Each year we develop and refine the curriculum to improve the sequencing of lessons, planning and resources. Another parent shared, *'The learning and teaching standard is excellent.'* Lots of parents commented that the teaching of reading is a strength at St

George the Martyr. Parents shared that teaching staff are '*supportive, 'oustanding' and 'top-notch'*'. Many parents commented that the school meets pupils' needs and that their child is well-supported in their learning.

In terms of what we might do to make the school even better; a few parents commented that they would like to see a wider variety of after school clubs. We have looked at the clubs for the summer term and ensured there are musical clubs, such as choir, sports clubs such as tennis and creative clubs such as Arts and Crafts. We try to have some different clubs each term so that across the year, there is a variety of enrichment clubs that are on offer. We have to balance the number of different clubs we can offer with giving our support staff time after school to feedback and plan with teachers for the pupils' learning. We are continuing to look at a range of clubs for future terms led by both school and external instructors.

Many parents commentated that they would like to see more Halal options for the children at lunchtime. We have explored this option with our catering partner Caterlink. However due to the small size of our kitchen they have advised they would not be able to provide a Halal option whilst maintaining the smooth and safe running of the kitchen. Our priority as a school is to deliver an option of two tasty and healthy meals, whilst also providing a safe eating environment for children with allergies or intolerances.

Two parents asked for fewer Non-Uniform Days. Non-Uniform Days are held once at the end of each month, providing an opportunity for pupils to donate to the school's chosen charities. Charitable giving is an important way for children to demonstrate our value of compassion and to engage in social action. Children tell us they like the monthly opportunity to wear their own clothes to school and many parents have said they prefer general non-uniform days than being asked to dress up for a theme on multiple days through the year.

Some parents shared that they would like the school to have a better connection with St George the Martyr church. We work very closely with the church and each class visits the church each term as well as attending during special events in the Christian calendar for example attending a workshop learning about stations of the cross. Reverend Jamie Haith also leads our school Gospel assembly fortnightly. In the new academic year, St George the Martyr church will be sharing more information about community events they have been planning. Please do attend the coffee morning in September to hear more about this.

Many parents said that they could not think of anything to improve and that the school should keep doing what it does well! This is reassuring to hear, but we don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet me and let me know. We try our hardest to be a really good school.

Best wishes,
Mr Withers

Questionnaire responses

We received 102 responses representing parents of 153 children

N.B. 1% = 1 parent

1. My child enjoys coming to school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
63%	36%	1%		

Overall 99% positive

2. My child feels safe at school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
73%	27%			

Overall 100% positive

3. Staff expect my child to work hard and support him/her to learn well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
71%	29%			

Overall 100% positive

4. The school teaches my child to behave well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
74%	25%	1%		

Overall 99% positive

5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
55%	45%			

Overall 100% positive

6. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a problem

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
70%	30%			

Overall 100% positive

7. The school makes decisions that have the children's best interests at heart

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
61%	34%	1%		4%

Overall 95% positive

8. The school helps children succeed through it's vision "Go shine in the world!"

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
54%	45%			1%

Overall 99% positive

9. The school provides opportunities for my child's spiritual development (for example through prayer, meditation, asking big questions).

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
41%	47%			12%

Overall 88% positive

10. I would recommend this school to other parents.

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
67%	32%			1%

Overall 99% positive