**Church School Questionnaire for Parents**

**Evaluation**

* Responses returned November/December 2017. 95 questionnaires returned (from approximately 130 families) which is the highest return to date (73%).
* Percentages are given below with actual number of responses in brackets.
* Strongest responses (over 90% agree/agree strongly) are identified in blue below.

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|  |  | Agree strongly | Agree | Neither Agree nor disagree | Disagree | Disagree Strongly |
|  | This Church of England primary school has a set of clear Christian values. | 68% (65) | 29% (28) | 2% (2) |  |  |
|  | The school teaches Christian values that help my child to develop spiritually. | 61% (58) | 36% (34) | 3% (3) |  |  |
|  | The school enables my child to develop morally and socially. | 67% (64) | 32% (30) | 1% (1) |  |  |
|  | The school provides opportunities for the cultural development of my child. | 56% (53) | 40% (38) | 4% (4) |  |  |
|  | The school has high expectations of behaviour which reflect its Christian values. | 73% (69) | 22% (21) | 4% (4) | 1% (1) |  |
|  | Relationships between members of the school community reflect the school’s Christian values. | 51% (48) | 37% (35) | 11% (10) | 2% (2) |  |
|  | Collective worship is important in the life of the school. | 68% (65) | 28% (27) | 3% (3) |  |  |
|  | My child is given opportunities for prayer and reflection in school. | 57% (54) | 37% (35) | 5% (5) | 1% (1) |  |
|  | My child has a good knowledge and understanding of Christianity. | 48% (46) | 42% (40) | 7% (7) | 2% (2) |  |
|  | My child has a good ‘age appropriate’ knowledge and understanding of other faiths (e.g. those taught as part of the RE curriculum). | 43% (41) | 41% (39) | 15% (14) | 1% (1) |  |
|  | My child is progressing well in Religious Education (RE). | 40% (38) | 39% (37) | 21% (20) |  |  |
|  | The staff and governors of the school promote Christian values. | 54% (51) | 38% (36) | 7% (7) | 1% (1) |  |
|  | There are good partnerships with the local Anglican Church. | 51% (48) | 37% (35) | 13% (12) |  |  |
|  | There are good relationships with the local community. | 39% (37) | 37% (35) | 21% (20) | 3% (3) |  |
|  | St Alban’s school is led well. | 67% (64) | 24% (23) | 7% (7) | 1% (1) |  |
|  | My child is well looked after at St Alban’s. | 71% (67) | 23% (22) | 6% (6) |  |  |
|  | My child is happy at St Alban’s. | 74% (70) | 20% (19) | 4% (4) | 1% (1) | 1% (1) |

The questions where there were more ‘neither agree nor disagree’ responses are being reflected on by the SMT during the spring term with a view to us developing strategies to enable parents to have an opinion on these areas. Some actions already being taken will address these over time. These are areas also where the number of ‘strongly’ agree is lower overall. For example:

Q11 - My child is progressing well in RE. A new approach to RE books (now called RE Journals that last for the duration a child is at this school) will make this clear to children and also to parents when they see books at parents evening (as will new report statements in the summer term).

Q13 - There are good partnerships with the local Anglican Church.

Some new parents had not yet experienced the end of term Eucharist and may now answer differently having attended this in December.

We are looking at other ways to make links at the parishioner level as we believe links with clergy are very strong (Revd Karina Green as Governor, clergy regularly taking worship etc). For example, we are hoping to include some parishioners in setting up and running prayer stations at our next open morning for parents.

Q14 There are good relationships with the local community

There are not many community organisations within our locality so we are trying to make as many links as possible with those we do have. St Alban’s church is one of our main links. We are also making a stronger link with local care homes through events organised with the choir. For example last term the choir visited a local care home (Watermill Court) to sing but also stayed afterwards to talk to the residents. We are now planning to invite residents to an informal afternoon tea with the choir this term.

**Written comments**

‘We are only in our 8th week at St Alban’s…yet I feel already the Church ethos and Christian values are reflected back by our child’s feedback and my observations’.

‘The Christian ethos seems to be a thread running through all school activities. This is great to see and please keep doing it.’

‘Great to see Christian values at the heart of what the school does.’

‘I have been so impressed with my child’s ability to direct prayers at dinner time.’

‘Both of my children demonstrate a good knowledge of RE. The eldest in particular welcomes the times for prayer and reflection.’

‘There is a real warmth and compassion in the teaching and support team. The ELSA support is fantastic.’