



Parent and Carer Survey Results (Term 6 2023)

Governor's Parent Survey Feedback - A Snapshot of Your Voices

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the parents and caregivers who actively participated in the Governors' parent survey during the past summer term. Your engagement was vital, with 80 responses collected, representing 96 out of the 380 students enrolled at Marlborough St Mary's. While we appreciate the increased participation compared to 2022, we aspire to hear from at least half of our parents, ensuring a diverse range of experiences. In the coming year, we plan to run the survey in term 5 (after Easter) and make it easily accessible during parent-teacher evenings via iPads.

Positives Highlighted by Our Parent Community

The feedback from our parents has been overwhelmingly positive, with most responses averaging an impressive 8 out of 10. Notably, several strengths were highlighted:

1. **Helping Children Feel Safe:** Parents indicated that their children feel exceptionally safe at school, with a remarkable mean score of 9, and half of the responses even scoring a perfect 10.
2. **School Culture and Inclusivity:** The warmth, enthusiasm, and commitment of our leadership team and staff have received praise. Many parents noted the dedication and approachability of our educators. The presence of staff 'on the gate' has been particularly commended for its welcoming and caring approach.
3. **Sporting Success:** Our school's achievements in sporting opportunities and festivals have garnered numerous positive mentions, showcasing ongoing improvements.

Areas for Potential Improvement

While the average score in these areas was still high at 7 out of 10, we observed a wider range of scores, suggesting varying experiences across the school. Constructive feedback was provided:

1. **Supporting Learning at Home:** Some parents expressed a desire for more clarity on homework expectations and support for learning at home. They believe that additional homework variety would be beneficial to their children's progress, along with a structured map of expectations.
2. **Variety and Equality of Opportunity:** Suggestions included more in-school opportunities such as music, arts and crafts, outdoor learning, class assemblies, themed learning days, and class outings. There was also a desire for non-sporting after-school clubs and concerns about access to after-school clubs for children in the Orchard (Acorn base).
3. **Challenge for High-Achievers:** Some parents noted that children who excel in particular areas might benefit from more challenging opportunities.
4. **Selection for Sporting Festivals:** Parents support the school's competitive spirit but emphasize the need for equal opportunity, where effort and attendance at sporting after-school clubs are considered alongside ability for festival selections.
5. **Communication Methods:** While communication between home and school received high scores, some concerns were raised regarding the DoJo platform's potential for information overload. Plans to improve website accessibility and email communication were noted.



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6. Affordability of School: A portion of parents expressed financial concerns related to school costs, particularly extras, school trips, and uniform requirements. Parents appreciate the reduction in fancy-dress days but suggested better planning of fundraising events.

Accessing Additional Support

Your feedback plays a crucial role in shaping the direction of Marlborough St Mary's. We are pleased to learn that the majority of experiences are positive, with children well-supported, having access to diverse opportunities, and making progress in their learning. For concerns related to behavior management, additional needs, or bullying, we encourage you to initiate discussions with your child's teacher as a first step. If concerns involve safety or well-being, please reach out to one of our designated staff members who have safeguarding roles.

In conclusion, we value your input, and your voices matter. We look forward to capturing even more views in the future to continue enhancing our school's offerings and ensuring a positive experience for all. Your collaboration is fundamental in our shared journey of education at Marlborough St Mary's.