



Loving, Learning,
Community.

PARENTAL FEEDBACK 2019

STRENGTHS OF THE SCHOOL

- Welcoming staff
- Excellent and effective communication
- Children's well-being is paramount
- Inclusive
- Great teachers
- School Forest area
- Academic standards
- Discipline and respect
- Really impressed with the whole school and ethos
- Caring and supportive manner
- Structured
- I am very pleased with everything. Teaching staff and the Headteacher have been very supportive, very welcoming.
- My child has settled well into class and improved his letters, recognition and writing even in a short time.
- Bullying isn't allowed
- Very organised
- Going to church and trips
- After school clubs such as street dance – fab!
- Community feel – family oriented
- Good communication
- Children are encouraged to do well
- Friendly staff
- Good teaching ethos
- Great school – fantastic staff
- Friendly staff so are able to talk to staff if there any problems.
- Safe environment
- Good teachers who support and push the children.
- Diversity and inclusivity
- Teaching and learning
- Relationships with class teachers
- Behaviour of children is always of a high standard
- Lots of activities/sports for children to participate in.
- Lots of learning
- Excellent communication
- My child loves coming to school and is happy.
- Everybody works together as a team.
- Love the wrap around care that school provides.
- Good teachers

- Good learning resources – e.g. library and computer suite
- Thank you for being such supportive teachers to our children over the years.
- Good teachers and teaching
- Brilliant and helpful staff
- Nice sized classrooms
- My child feels happy and content at school and is looked after within the school community.
- Flexibility of access to the breakfast and after school club at an affordable cost.
- My child enjoys school
- Forest school and class dojo system
- Welcoming and inclusive
- Praise and recognition of pupil's achievements
- All staff at St Mary's has been welcoming, helpful and caring to us and our child.
- Quality of learning
- Friendly, supportive staff
- School is an excellent nurturing environment for all children.
- Pupils make good progress
- Very helpful and always there when needed
- Fab teachers and way of learning
- Good leadership
- Regular communication to parents
- Good reward system for children and regular certificates to highlight achievements in assembly
- Feels like a community
- They treat every child fairly
- Teachers are very welcoming
- The school is always encouraging the children to do better.
- The teachers are very helpful
- Parental links in Reception especially Forest school sessions each week.
- My daughter has settled into well and enjoys being here. We especially enjoyed making a stick person in the Forest School together.

Areas to develop	What we did/will do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More inclusive of children's religions, beliefs, celebrations. More acknowledgements in school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's teach an RE curriculum that is inclusive of all religions, beliefs and celebrations and can be found on the curriculum pages of our website. We also celebrate various religious festivals. • We are intending to develop enrichment activities including more visits to different religious places of worship.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve traffic flow for parents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately we have no legal power to improve traffic flow outside school. • We do liaise with the council as necessary to inform them of concerns when appropriate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More 1:1 group sessions with children that are struggling to socialise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's already do this as a strategy when necessary. Other group strategies such as Lego Therapy and PSHE through the curriculum are also embedded. • We also use playground buddies to children in all Key Stages.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop use of a parents app where photos and daily activities are posted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's have a twitter account @StMarys_CEP where information is shared. • We are hoping to develop this further as well as the school website. Please ensure all video and photograph consent forms are sent back to school as at present this is a major reason why we are not showing more images of pupils on the twitter and website pages.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow junior children to cycle to school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are allowed to cycle to school however at present we have nowhere to store the children's bikes. • School is currently looking at investing in some bike racks and will keep you updated with these developments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More after-school, extra-curricular activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School currently has extra-curricular activities on 4 days of the week. • We will consult with children and parents and children on what other types of extra-curricular activities they wish to attend.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Parents Day – Parents can attend during school hours for an hour or so watching their children learn in class – held annually. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a school we like this idea and will plan a day in on annual basis. We will notify parents well in advance of the scheduled parent's day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better dinners – parents also able to view weekly menu for school dinners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School currently use Lancashire Catering Services and will liaise with them regarding menu choices. • From April we are intending to implement Parent Pay which is an electronic payment system for schools where menus can also be uploaded and viewed by parents.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better support for those who are 'under-performing' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National data shows the children at St Mary's achieve very well in all Key Stages. • At present we use a range of resources to support all pupils achieve their potential. This includes support staff, teachers and a range of interventions and software.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More sports clubs • Before school activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently hold 4 sports clubs per week and are hoping to develop this for a further day and also some mornings. • School will keep you notified with these developments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open the gates earlier. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates do not open until 8:45am as this is the time school legally take responsibility for the pupils attending school and is in accordance with effective safeguarding policies and procedures. • Families are welcome to drop children off from 8am to 8:30am at the Breakfast Club which is £2 per day, per child.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be able to take the children on holiday in term time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School cannot authorise leave in term time as this is not in accordance with the school attendance policy. • Unauthorised leave that is 5 days or more will initiate a fixed penalty notice from Lancashire County Council.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bit more advance notice of events via text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events are available in advance. These are available to view on the school website calendar page, Twitter and our weekly newsletter.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on child's progress termly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is already implemented at St Mary's Primary School. We hold a face to face parents evening in Autumn term and Spring term each year. • In addition to this we provide a written report at the end of the Summer term every year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More out of school activities • More educational trips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every school year group attends at least one educational trip per year. • In addition to this we have a range of visitors to school to enrich the curriculum. • Yr4 and Yr6 also attend Whitehough and Robinwood Adventure Centre each year. • School have also invested in Virtual Reality Headsets that link to Google Expeditions. This has meant children can participate in virtual education trips linked to the curriculum regularly e.g. Yr5 Everest, Yr 1 Antarctica and Yr4 have been to the Amazon River so far this year. • St Mary's also attend Young Voices at Manchester Evening News Arena every year. This year we are taking 46 children. • All of these educational visits are heavily subsidised by the school to ensure high participation rates.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being able to pay for school dinners using childcare vouchers or via direct debit. • Being able to pay for breakfast club via an account • Electronic payments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's will be investing in the Parent Pay electronic system from April 2020. This means the school will be cashless and all payments can be made electronically.