



Parent and Carer Questionnaire

Autumn Term 2025: Results

Thank you very much to parents and carers for completing the questionnaire and for your comments and responses about our school. We have compiled the results and are pleased to present them to you. The results of this will be discussed and shared at the next Governor's meeting and with staff so that we can make our school an even better place to be for pupils and parents.

Parents' suggestions are gratefully received and will be considered as we set our school development priorities for the future. In some areas, parents have responded as having no opinion. Additional written responses from these parents indicated that they did not have any relevant experience to answer some of the questions, they did not seem to apply to their children or they did not have enough experience to be able to answer them.

	Question	Agree or strongly agree	Disagree or strongly disagree	Neutral	Not experienced
1	My Child is happy in school	95%	0%	5%	NA
2	My child feels safe at school	95%	0%	5%	NA
3	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn throughout the year	80%	5%	15%	NA
4	The school has high expectations for my child	80%	5%	15%	NA
5	My child does well at this school	95%	0%	5%	NA
6	The school lets me know how my child is doing	95%	0%	5%	NA
7	The school understands and responds to my child's needs	95%	0%	5%	

8	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	95%	5%	0%	NA
9	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	95%	0%	5%	NA
10	The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively	35%	5%	0%	60%
11	The school supports my child's wider personal development	85%	5%	10%	NA
12	When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	40%	0%	5%	55%
13	My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age	95%	0%	5%	NA
14	The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	95%	0%	5%	NA
15	The school is welcoming	100%	0%	0%	NA
16	I would recommend this school to another parent	95%	5%	0%	NA

Further Findings and responses:

Here are some of your comments and our responses (where necessary):

- St John's Stonefold is very welcoming, my child enjoys it and has thrived there.
- By far the best school for my child. We moved my son from another school to this one and the difference has allowed him to develop and grow.
- Lovely, welcoming and nurturing feel to the school community which we are so happy to be a part of
- This school is going places. Everyone is talking about how much it is improving!
- The school has come on leaps and bounds in the last 12 months since Mr Burns joined. The new forest school is great for the kids being outside and learning about nature. My little boy loves coming to school every day!
- Wonderful school the children are so polite and respectful. Our little girl is so happy thank you
- I feel that the school, staff and pupils are all very kind and caring. I feel like I'm made very welcome whenever I am there. It also feels like a happy place to be. I attended the McMillan coffee afternoon on Friday and found that all the older children in charge of drinks and serving cakes were brilliant. They were a fine example of the good teaching they have had. To be so confident and attentive towards everyone. I was proud of them all. It makes me feel good to know that my grandson is here at the school and will have the opportunity to be taught these lifestyles and values.
- Stonefold is an amazing school. We are very happy!

- I am very impressed with this school and feel that my child is absolutely thriving, she has never had any problems with going in and she looks forward to going into school every day! I think that Mrs Burrows is absolutely fantastic with the children, and I love how passionate she is about her job. I can see the continuous improvement being made in the school - I look forward to seeing what is to come too 😊

Our response:

Q1: My Child is happy at this school

We are delighted that so many positive comments were made and that 95% of parents agreed that their child was happy at school. Our aim is for 100% of pupils to be happy, so we will be conducting further surveys and pupil interviews so that we can gain a deeper understanding from our learners about how to make improvements.

Q2: My child feels safe at school

95% of our parents agreed that their child feels safe at school and 5% were neutral. Safeguarding is such an important area for us and all children should feel safe at school. We will continue to seek children's views in discussions with them and respond to any concerns about feeling safe that they might have. If you have any concerns about this area, please come and speak to a member of staff at school

Q3: The school makes me aware of what my child will learn throughout the year

80% of our parents are aware of what the children learn throughout the year. On our website, our curriculum plans and overviews for each class are regularly updated. Please remember to go onto our website to look at these curriculum areas. The information is there to enable parents to find out what the children are learning about throughout the year.

Q4: The school has high expectations for my child

We have high expectations for all of our children and want each child to do their best at all times. 80% of parents stated that we have high expectations for their child. Class teachers will talk to you as parents if we are concerned that your child is not trying their best in class and teachers will use a variety of strategies to support children if this is the case. We work hard in school to instil positive attitudes in the children as well as perseverance and determination.

Q5: My child does well at this school

85% of our parents agreed, 5% were unsure. Children are given regular feedback throughout school and we do our utmost to keep parents updated with progress and any concerns we may have. Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you are concerned that your child is not doing well at St John's Stonefold – we want all children to thrive and do well across the whole curriculum.

Q6: The school lets me know how my child is doing

85% of parents agreed, 5% were unsure.

To help you better understand how your child is doing at school we hold parents' evenings twice a year and have an open-door policy for parents to meet with staff. This gives parents an extended opportunity to liaise with their child's class teacher to discuss progress, attainment, targets for improvement and any other matters which may affect their child's experience at school. A full written report is sent home at the end of the school year. There is an opportunity at the beginning of the year to meet your child's new class teacher to share yearly expectations and strategies to support your child at home. Parent workshops are held throughout the year to keep parents informed and updated about approaches to teaching and learning in each year group. Please speak to your child's class teacher at any time during the year if you would like to schedule a meeting.

Q7: The school understands and responds to my child's needs

95% of parents agreed and 5% were unsure. We aim for there to be a consistent approach across the school so that parents have a greater understanding about how their child's needs are being met. At parents' evenings, the teachers should be discussing your child's needs with you with regards to if your child is currently on track 'to meet,' 'exceed' or 'working towards' national age-related expectations and what areas they need to work on. Teachers should also be telling you what support is available in class and how you can support learning at home. All learners, whatever their ability, have areas of improvement that they need to focus on. These will also be highlighted in the end of year report.

Q8: There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school

95% of parents agreed with this statement and 5% disagreed. As a school we ensure that all children have access to a broad, balanced and stimulating curriculum, which is designed to allow children access to learning opportunities that interest and motivate them, and which develops their skills in order to succeed in later life. Whilst prioritising the core skills of Mathematics and English, the school promotes creativity and cross-curricular knowledge through the foundation subjects. This is achieved through a topic-based approach to learning in the Foundation subjects. Spanish is the adopted Modern Foreign Language in school and we have even added a Forest School session for all of our classes this year. For more information about our curriculum, please visit the website.

Q9: My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

95% of parents agreed 5% were unsure. Each year, our school council conduct a survey to see which clubs the children would like, which then feeds into our planning cycle. This year, we have worked hard to provide more clubs for children to attend across the school. We have always utilised the expertise of our staff and coaches from the Rossendale Sports Hub to provide these opportunities. We have been able to offer clubs across the school such as Netball, Football, Arts and Crafts, Drama, iPads, Games and choir with future clubs such as board games and crochet happening later in the year. A fantastic range across the school!

Q10: The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively

There were many parents who expressed that they had not experienced any bullying in school which is great (60%) 35% feel that school deals with bullying effectively and 5% feels that we don't. If you do have any concerns regarding bullying, please come and speak to a member of senior staff as discussed in our Anti-bullying policy. As a school, we take any form of bullying seriously and take immediate steps to address it. A link to our school's anti-bullying policy can be found on the website.

Q11: The school supports my child's wider personal development

85% of parents agreed that we supported their child's wider personal development with 10% being unsure. Throughout the year, we provide opportunities for wider development by inviting visitors into school, attending trips and visits and incorporating ambition and aspiration into our curriculum. Again, please visit the website, Class Dojo and our Facebook page to see some of the things we do in school to support wider personal development in school.

Q12: When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly

55% of parents have not raised any concerns with school and 40% agreed that concerns have been dealt with effectively. 5% disagreed. As a school, we want to deal with any concerns in a prompt manner and in a way that satisfies all concerned. We recognise that not everyone will be happy in the decisions that are made regarding concerns involving their children. We follow protocols and procedures when dealing with concerns and do our very best to resolve concerns promptly. Again, please see our policies for more information on the website.

Q13: My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age

95% agree that the homework we set is appropriate for the age of your children. 5% were unsure. Homework is a difficult subject to approach. Some parents think schools give too much and others think schools give too little. To ensure we are up to date with guidelines, we reviewed our Homework Policy at the beginning of the academic year. As a school, we aim to set an appropriate

amount of homework and it is used as an opportunity for children to embed and practise skills taught as part of the curriculum. We absolutely agree that children must have time to play and enjoy a wide range of other opportunities outside of school as we believe this is a very important part of their development as responsible citizens. We will continue to look into best practice for homework and update our policy as necessary.

Q14: The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns

95% agreed with this statement, 5% were unsure. Surveys like this one that we conduct annually is a good way to share your views. Alongside this, we also held a vision and values evening in the summer term for all members of our community to have an input into the future vision and direction of the school. We have an open-door policy at Stonefold. If you do have concerns, please come and speak to a member of staff. This may be your child's class teacher in the first instant or a senior member of staff. We are here to listen to concerns and we want to get things right! We will continue to seek informal and formal feedback as it is an important part of continued school development.

Q15: The school is welcoming

We are delighted that such a 100% of the community find that the school is welcoming. We work hard as a school to be a place that welcomes all members of our community and want parents to feel that we are approachable and available to address your needs. If you do have any concerns, please feel free to visit school and speak to a member of staff about these.

Q16: I would recommend this school to another parents

96% of parents would recommend St John's Stonefold to another family, which is brilliant! As a staff, we are working incredibly hard to give your children the best start in their educational journey and are always looking for ways to grow and improve. If you do have any concerns with school, please arrange to see Mr Burns or another senior member of staff to discuss these and how we can work together to find a resolution.