

Church School Distinctiveness Questionnaire
Responses 2015

Many thanks to everyone for completing and returning the responses received. We value your responses in trying to improve and develop our current practice.

Distinctiveness

100% of replies agreed that:

I am aware that St Paul's is a Church of England school.
School communicates its Christian vision and ethos clearly.
I believe the Christian values taught in the school promote good relationships and behaviour.

Comments also included:

The values taught to my children are brilliant.
School gives them good strong values.

Worship

97% of replies agreed that their child enjoys taking part in daily worship. 10% were unsure whether their child had benefited from participating in collective worship, with 13% being unsure whether members from St Paul's Church take an active role in the life of school. All except one respondent agreed that Christian Values shared through Worship and school life impact positively on my child.

Comments included that:

We are very pleased with children's worship and continue this at home.
Members from St Paul's Church involvement in school is not published anywhere.

Actions taken:

Photographs and contact information for St Paul's Church members involvement in school are placed on the school website.

RE teaching

93% of responses indicated that the RE teaching my child receives is very good, with 7% being unsure. 3% disagreed that my child receives teaching about other faiths in addition to Christianity with 20% being unsure.

Comments include:

Our daughter talks about prayer at home.

Actions:

Photographs relating to studies of different cultures and faiths can be seen on the school website, as well as in the children's RE learning.

Leadership and Management

93% of responses agreed that the school is led and managed well, by school leaders and governors, from a distinctively Christian perspective and school's dealings with queries, problems or complaints are in line with Christian values. 96% agreed that the school values children's views and opinions.

Comments include:

I have never had to complain so am unaware of whether school's dealings with queries, problems or complaints are in line with Christian Values.

Things St Paul's does well as a church school

Ties with St Paul's Church seem stronger recently
Children are taught about other cultures/ religions with visits to churches/synagogues etc
Good leadership

Encourages the children to have strong moral values
Recognises the importance of thinking of others eg supporting charities
The school helps children to believe in their own abilities.

Things St Paul's could do to improve as a church school

Reverend Stephen used to visit to take assembly, but I haven't heard his name anymore as if he doesn't visit anymore. Children used to enjoy his lessons which were very interactive with audience participation.

Actions: Reverend Gill now undertakes assembly on a weekly basis since Reverend Stephen is no longer in post at St Paul's.