

Church School Distinctiveness
Questionnaire Responses Christmas 2017

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

39/40 respondents agreed that:

They are aware that St Paul's is a Church of England school.

School communicates its Christian vision and ethos clearly.

They believe the Christian values taught in the school promote good relationships and behaviour.

1/40 respondents stated that they didn't know.

Worship

38/40 respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their child enjoys taking part in daily worship with just 1 reply disagreeing. 36/40 respondents stated that their child had benefited from participating in collective worship, with 4/40 respondents being unsure whether their child had benefitted or not. 37/40 respondents stated that members from St Paul's Church take an active role in the life of school with 2/40 respondents disagreeing. All except one respondent agreed that Christian Values shared through Worship and school life impact positively on their child.

RE teaching

37/40 respondents indicated that the RE teaching their child receives is very good, with 3/40 being unsure.

32/40 respondents agreed that their child receives teaching about other faiths in addition to Christianity with 8 respondents being unsure.

Leadership and Management

39/40 respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the school is led and managed well, by school leaders and governors, from a distinctively Christian perspective. 34/40 respondents agreed that the school's dealings with queries, problems or complaints are in line with Christian values with 5/40 respondents stating that they didn't know. 37/40 respondents agreed that the school values children's views and opinions with 3/40 being unsure.

Things St Paul's does well as a church school

- Taking classes to church
- RE taught within school
- Being involved with Reverend Gill and vicars/having them come into school for assemblies
- Having the lovely pictures on display in the hall and the prayer tree in reception
- Awesome Nativity – credit to all involved
- Welcomes all children in a non-discriminative way
- Builds confidence in children
- Promotes Christian Values and teaches children to respect others and their opinions
- Discuss all religions
- Age appropriate RE
- Regular Church visits
- Consistent with Church Ethos throughout school
- Carol service and end of term assemblies led by children
- Links between school and church
- Good behaviour of the children
- Rev Gill visits school

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

- Community involvement eg OAP bingo/tea and biscuits led by Year 6
- Awareness of older people in the community in their own homes
- Links with Church High schools
- Nothing!
- Parents could engage more with church
- When weather is bad maybe consider not walking to school and have service in school
- Consider getting more school children involved in Church on a Sunday