



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school recently sent out a questionnaire to elicit your views on the Catholic life of St Joseph's and I would like to thank all the parents /guardians who took the time to complete and return it. Your views are very important in helping us to evaluate how we are doing.

The table below is a summary of the views of those of you who returned the questionnaires.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
The mission statement is central to the life of the school.	42%	55%			3%
The Catholic life of the school has a positive impact on relationships.	52%	45%			3%
The school has a strong commitment to social justice.	42%	48%	3%		7%
My child feels a valued member of the school community.	51%	49%			
My family feels valued and welcomed by the school.	45%	45%	7%	3%	
The school has strong links with the parish.	52%	42%	3%		3%
The school has strong links with the wider community.	38%	52%			10%
Catholic life is well led in school.	66%	31%			3%

The following are some of the comments received in relation to the question 'What is good about the Catholic life of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School?'

*'The calm and respectful nature it brings the children.'*

*'The values of love and respect that the children are taught'*

*'Children feel valued and supported and encouraged to learn about other religions'*

*'All pupils valued as individuals. High expectations of all pupils'*

*'It instils ethics and morals in a positive way and has a good feeling of family and community'*

*'It's a family. Everyone looks out for each other and genuine care is always offered.'  
'The way religion is incorporated in day to day teaching'*

*'It teaches our children to have values, respect .A belief and positive outlook in life'*

*'Excellent understanding of individual importance within the faith. Excellent understanding of the importance of others, to care and show compassion'.*

With regards to the question 'How could the Catholic life of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School be improved?' most parents were very happy and there were very few improvements suggested.

Comments such as, 'I feel the current standard is correct,' were common.

I have listed below individual comments that were made by parents.

One parent expressed the view that there could be some activities with pupils and parents in the community and another said that perhaps there could be more links /events with the church.

This is an area that we can consider in consultation with the church.

One parent suggested that the school could provide children with a Bible, which they could read and learn about at home.

The word of God enters each child's home each week in the form of 'The Wednesday Word,' which is distributed to each child.

One parent felt that changes to the way first Holy Communions are organised could have been communicated more clearly to parents.

The school continues to follow and implement the new diocesan guidelines regarding Sacramental programmes

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all those parents who returned their questionnaires and I am very pleased that the responses received were so positive.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R. Scott  
Deputy Headteacher