

Survey Results

There was an excellent response to the survey. We received feedback from parents of 292 pupils out of a school population of 375. This represents a 78% response rate

1. Communications:

We asked - In your view what are the 3 most effective ways for the school to communicate with you.

Class	School Diary	Email	Phone	Letter / Post	Note in school bag	Texting	School Website	Recorded Message	Other
2 nd	88%	16%	42%	33%	58%	44%	0%	2%	0%
3 rd	90%	22%	52%	33%	49%	37%	3%	0%	0%
4 th	87%	17%	57%	32%	62%	34%	4%	4%	0%
5 th	95%	12%	57%	32%	55%	34%	3%	1%	0%
6 th	94%	24%	61%	33%	51%	24%	6%	4%	0%
Overall	91%	18%	54%	33%	55%	35%	3%	2%	0%

Class totals exceed 100% as multiple responses were accepted

a) We asked - What language is mainly used in your home?

Class	English	Irish	Polish	Nigerian	French	Latvian	Romanian	Lithuanian	Other
2 nd	84%	0%	2%	0%	2%	2%	4%	2%	5%
3 rd	92%	0%	5%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%
4 th	87%	2%	4%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	4%
5 th	84%	0%	4%	1%	4%	1%	1%	5%	4%
6 th	90%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	8%
Overall	87%	0%	4%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%

Totals exceed 100% as 6 respondents included more than 1 language most commonly used in the home. Also percentages are rounded up.

Other languages included

Albanian, Bangla, Chinese/Cantonese, Congolese, Congolese French, Hindi, Malayan, Portuguese, Urdu

- b) We asked - Does it cause you a problem if letters/notes sent home are written in the English language?

Class	Yes	No
2 nd	0%	98%
3 rd	2%	95%
4 th	4%	94%
5 th	1%	97%
6 th	0%	100%
Overall	1%	97%

Overall percentages do not total 100% as not all responses were answered.

2. We asked if you are aware of the School Ethos and policies on bullying, discipline, dress code, phones and nutrition.

Class	Ethos		Bullying		Discipline		Dress Code		Phones		Nutrition	
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
2 nd	86%	14%	88%	12%	96%	4%	96%	4%	89%	11%	95%	5%
3 rd	81%	19%	94%	6%	95%	5%	98%	2%	90%	10%	90%	10%
4 th	89%	11%	87%	13%	91%	9%	94%	6%	94%	6%	91%	9%
5 th	78%	22%	91%	9%	96%	4%	96%	4%	93%	7%	96%	4%
6 th	88%	12%	94%	6%	96%	4%	96%	4%	90%	10%	96%	4%
Overall	84%	16%	91%	9%	95%	5%	96%	4%	91%	9%	94%	6%

3. We asked if you were in favour of a school tracksuit

Class	In Favour of School Tracksuit	
	Y	N
2 nd	67%	33%
3 rd	71%	27%
4 th	85%	15%
5 th	61%	38%
6 th	76%	24%
Overall	71%	28%

Totals for all classes are not 100% as 5 out of 292 responses did not answer this question

4. We asked if you were aware of the Parents Association and the Board of Management and their respective roles.

Class	Parents Association				Board Of Management			
	Aware of		Aware of Role		Aware of		Aware of Role	
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
2 nd	93%	7%	68%	32%	82%	18%	63%	37%
3 rd	97%	3%	78%	22%	87%	13%	73%	27%
4 th	91%	9%	81%	19%	89%	11%	77%	23%
5 th	96%	4%	72%	28%	80%	20%	74%	26%
6 th	96%	4%	78%	22%	84%	16%	73%	27%
Overall	95%	5%	75%	25%	84%	16%	72%	28%

5. Volunteering:

We asked if you were willing to give of some of your time to support the teachers and Parent's Association in the education of your children and the upkeep of the school and to promote a sense of community in St. Joseph's School.

Class	Volunteering	
	Y	N
2 nd	40%	54%
3 rd	41%	51%
4 th	34%	49%
5 th	34%	61%
6 th	27%	63%
Overall	36%	56%

Totals for classes do not total to 100% as not all respondents answered this question

6. Games and activities:

We asked if you aware that the following games and activities are available to your child in school.

Results show percentages of responses who are aware of activities

Class	Gaelic	Hurling	Soccer	Music	Choir	Chess	Swim	Board	Basketball
2 nd	88%	68%	96%	82%	91%	75%	95%	75%	89%
3 rd	84%	67%	97%	89%	90%	87%	97%	84%	89%
4 th	85%	77%	94%	85%	87%	83%	85%	85%	85%
5 th	85%	77%	91%	93%	92%	78%	89%	80%	91%
6 th	90%	76%	90%	86%	84%	78%	90%	84%	88%
Overall	86%	73%	93%	88%	89%	80%	91%	82%	89%

7. Information Meetings:

We asked what subjects would be of interest to you if Information Meetings were arranged.

Response shows percentage of respondents who were interested in the subjects.

Class	Supporting Homework	Building relationships with your son	Drug Awareness	Adolescence
2 nd	75%	68%	67%	53%
3 rd	65%	54%	75%	67%
4 th	68%	64%	77%	70%
5 th	61%	47%	68%	65%
6 th	63%	55%	84%	84%
Overall	66%	57%	73%	67%

Other responses requested Information Meetings on Self Esteem, Personal Grooming

8. Travel to School:

We asked if your child was accompanied to school and how he travels to school.

Class	Accompanied by Adult	Transport			
		On foot	Car	Bus	Cycle
2 nd	93%	40%	74%	11%	4%
3 rd	89%	46%	57%	14%	0%
4 th	87%	47%	68%	9%	4%
5 th	76%	49%	62%	12%	11%
6 th	61%	67%	49%	12%	6%
Overall	81%	49%	62%	12%	5%

Percentages for transport are greater than 100% as responses had multiple options selected.

10. School Reports / Meetings

We asked if you found the Parent Teacher meetings beneficial and if you understood the standardised scoring test results which were provided for the first time this year. Whether you were happy with the format of the school summer report card, if you had found it difficult to arrange a separate meeting with a teacher and in general would you have found these meetings helpful

Class	Parent Teacher Meeting Beneficial		Understood Standardised Scoring		Happy with Summer Report Card		Difficult to arrange Separate Teacher Meeting		In general, did you find these meetings helpful	
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
2 nd	100%	0%	88%	9%	81%	4%	14%	82%	88%	2%
3 rd	98%	2%	90%	6%	92%	3%	8%	89%	92%	3%
4 th	94%	2%	85%	11%	85%	6%	11%	81%	85%	0%
5 th	97%	1%	91%	8%	96%	1%	15%	84%	88%	0%
6 th	94%	4%	92%	6%	88%	4%	16%	80%	86%	4%
Overall	97%	2%	89%	8%	89%	3%	13%	84%	88%	2%

Not all responses add up to 100% as not all questions were answered.