

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire about your views of St. Luke's. We really appreciate you taking the time to complete the questionnaire; we value your feedback which is extremely useful to us.

In total, we had 105 replies and the feedback was very positive.

It is very pleasing that the vast majority of parents who sent the questionnaire back feel strongly or agreed that: 'their child or children are happy at school; feel safe; are doing well at school; SEND needs are met; the school responds well to your concerns; the school makes you aware of how your child is doing; and that the school makes sure that their pupils are well-behaved and bullying is dealt with effectively'. It is also pleasing to see that all of you would recommend our school to other parents. Thank you.

One parent suggested being given more information on your child's benchmark and reading assessment outside of parent consultations. Another parent commented about communication on progress, performance and curriculum throughout last year. We do operate an open-door policy and you are very welcome to arrange a time to speak to the class teacher should you need to have an update on your child's progress at any point during the school year - please contact the school office to make an appointment as this helps us to make sure that the relevant staff are available. Parents can also make arrangements to see myself or Mrs Derbyshire.

One parent suggested there be 'more extra-curricular activities available': We already offer a wide range of sporting activities. Throughout the year different clubs will be made available to different year groups. With the exception of sporting activities, we are providing clubs that will incur no cost. These clubs will include gardening, board games, scrabble, chess, art & craft, reading, design technology, computing and choir. We continue to consult with the children to gauge their interest and provide clubs that are reasonable.

The response of some parents suggested that they would like more information on what their children are learning during the year. This is also something we feel we can improve on. Over the last twelve months we have conducted a review of the curriculum. As a result, we have made some changes and further enhanced our already strong curriculum. These changes were made to ensure that we offer a consistent curriculum which is sequenced and progressive. Details of your child's curriculum is available on their class web page and on the school's curriculum page:

<https://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/page/our-curriculum/130695>

Each class will also be sending out information on your child's curriculum at the start of each term.

One parent suggested offering more language options in the curriculum. When we reviewed our curriculum, we made the decision to teach one language for the foreseeable future. This is constantly under review. Working in conjunction with the local high schools, we chose to teach Spanish with a focus on language awareness and the acquisition of generic language skills. This is not only beneficial when learning the new language but also English, home languages and future languages the children will learn as they move into Key Stage 3 and 4.

I thought I would also take the opportunity to update you on the playground project. The Friends of St Luke's have been amazing in the campaign to fundraise for the project. They have raised £11,554.77 in the last two years. This is a phenomenal achievement and for that we are extremely grateful. The Co-op Community funding scheme raised a tremendous £2,097.37. We have also received very generous individual donations from some of our families. This money combined will be used for both the development of the Forest School area and to replace the existing play area next to the Infant Yard. As many of you are aware, the play area has become somewhat of an eyesore and it is very frustrating for the pupils as they are unable to play on it. The wood is beginning to rot throughout the whole structure and it is no longer cost effective to keep on replacing individual logs. We are currently receiving quotations and plans from different providers and the school council will play a major role in deciding which proposal we choose. As the play area is a priority, this will hopefully be completed before we start of the Forest School project.

Many of you have asked for an update on the School Crossing Patrol. I hope to send a separate letter in the coming weeks to update you on developments.

On behalf of the staff, children and school Governors, may I thank you for such overwhelmingly positive comments about the school and what we do to support your children. We have worked hard to build strong partnerships with our community members and you have endorsed our commitment to securing the best possible outcomes for all. It has been a humbling (and on occasion quite a moving) experience to read the wonderful comments from parents and carers about the respect you have for the school and feeling of goodwill and support you offer – thank you so much. I have attached a list of some of the positive comments we have received.

Yours sincerely,

S Hardaker

Mr S Hardaker
Headteacher

These are just some of the positive comments we received:

- 'My child loves school, thanks for all the care and attention'
- 'Nothing but positive support for my child'
- 'So happy how well my child has settled into school. Thanks to all the staff at St Luke's!'
- 'My children love school. Keep the good work up St Luke's'
- 'My child has settled brilliantly into school'
- 'My children are really happy at school'
- 'My child loves his school, I am so proud of how much he has come on and this is all thanks to his wonderful school and excellent staff'
- 'Very happy all round, so pleased we chose St Luke's'
- 'The support my child has received with his mental health has been invaluable. I am very grateful and I am always kept informed. My child continues to love school'
- 'Wonderful school with well trained and knowledgeable staff'
- 'For the short period of time I have seen the school, I cannot fault it in any way'
- 'Such a special family school so many wonderful teachers and staff we are so happy to be allowed back into school to enjoy worships'
- 'Brilliant school with excellent teachers who obviously care a lot about the children. Thank you for developing my child so well'
- 'Brilliant school staff are so welcoming and encouraging of my child'
- 'Both our children love coming to school and we have nothing bad to say'
- 'We are happy with the progress our children are making both personally and educationally'
- 'An excellent school' and would definitely recommend the school, great teachers and headteacher'
- 'Thanks for helping my child transition from pre-school to school. The support you have shown so far has been a great help'
- 'My child loves coming to school every day thank you for giving them a warm welcome. I don't have any worries about my child in the care of the school'
- 'My child seems to be enjoying school and likes his classmates and teacher. Very happy all round'
- 'Best school in Lowton. Very happy parents and children'

Analysis of Questionnaires:

	Please tick	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1	My child is happy at this school.	87	18			
2	My child feels safe at this school.	89	16			
3	The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	72	31			
4	If my child has experienced bullying, the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	35	10	1		40
5	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	56	36	10	1	1
6	If I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with effectively.	62	22	1		7
7	Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (yes or no) NO 48 Yes 13 If yes, how strongly do you agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'	12	4	1		3
8	The school has high expectations for my child.	61	34	4		4
9	My child does well at this school.	71	33	1		1
10	The school lets me know how my child is doing.	66	33	4		1
11	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	74	28			3
12	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	72	28	3		2
13	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	63	36			6
14	I would recommend this school to another parent.	89	15			1



SCHOOL MEMBER

