



ST. LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Religious Education Questionnaire

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a school graded **outstanding** for Religious Education we always like to seek views of the parents and take account of their suggestions and concerns. Thank you so much for your thoughts and views on Religious Education at St Leo's and Southmead. With any questionnaire we need honest answers so we can find out what you think and make St Leo's and Southmead Catholic Primary School even better.

We have analysed your responses and the following are the results.

Examples of some of the positive comments we received

"All members of staff value both my children and make them grow. Whenever we have to come to school there is a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Both our children thoroughly enjoy school and enjoy the curriculum. "

"As regular church goers, we find it important that our child learns the same values in school. St Leo's have always made a good job of this, they say daily prayers and the children are taught about God and the Bible in a child friendly way with songs and stories, they also know who their local priest is and he makes lots of time for them."

"There are good links with the Catholic church next door to the school, with visits from the priest to my children's classes. Also my children are taken to the church on special occasions to enhance and further the understanding of such things as the Stations of the Cross."

“I like the school very much and am very glad I chose to send my little girl to St Leo’s and Southmead, where she is evidently receiving a high standard of education. Well done to the school!”

Thank you so much for your positive responses, we are overwhelmed by your support.

Question 1- My child enjoys school

This result was fantastic. **All** parents strongly agreed or agreed.

Question 2- I am happy with the values and attitudes that the school teaches

One parent didn’t know, **all** other parents strongly agreed or agreed.

Question 3- I am made to feel welcome in school

This result was fantastic. **All** parents strongly agreed or agreed.

Question 4- The school seeks the views of parents/carers and takes into account of their concerns

One parent disagreed and two parents didn’t know. **All** other parents strongly agreed or agreed.

A parents questionnaire is sent out on a yearly basis, where we ask parents to express their personal views. We have always had an open door policy where you can make an appointment to speak to your child’s class teacher regarding their Religious Education. We hold meetings for parents of children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6, where views can be expressed.

What could we do to improve? We could have opportunities at parents’ evenings, celebrations etc for parents to write down any suggestions to improve our Religious Education.

Question 5- The school gives me clear understanding of what is taught in RE

Two parents disagreed with this statement and **all** other parents strongly agreed or agreed.

To find out about what your child is taught please visit our school Religious Education web page with full details of the curriculum for the whole school.

http://stleossouthmead.co.uk/?page_id=2622

Parent hints on how you can help to educate your child at home and a termly breakdown of what your child is learning in class was sent home in a letter in September and can be found on your child's class web page.

At the beginning of the Spring term, you received a parent letter for, 'Come and See at Home' for supporting your child with Religious Education at home. A copy can also be found on the school website.

A regular newsletter is sent out from the Mrs Grundy regarding information about all aspects of our school life including Religious Education.

All parents are invited yearly to their child's class celebration where the children get the opportunity to share what they have been learning in Religious Education.

What could we do to improve?

We will ensure RE books are out at all parents evenings.

Question 6- The school enables my child/ren to achieve a good standard of work in RE.

One parent didn't know and **all** other parents strongly agreed or agreed.

In close collaboration with Liverpool Archdiocese we meet the correct requirements by ensuring that we :

Have effective marking in RE books. There is regular monitoring of RE books, lessons, displays, pupil interviews and planning by the Senior Management team. RE lesson observations and Collective Worship observations are conducted on a regular basis throughout the year. The RE Governor is involved in observing lessons throughout the school and the Governing Body is regularly updated. All children visit the church to enhance their learning and children in Year 4 visit both Cathedrals. Children's results are checked and collected termly by Mrs Smith and Mrs Pimblett - our RE Co-ordinators. Good quality resources are purchased for RE lessons. Regular teacher training to ensure that RE is taught well.

What could we do to improve?

We will ensure RE books are out at all parents evenings. Any questions you would like to ask regarding your child's progress in RE, the class teacher will happy to answer.

Question 7- The school keeps me well informed about my child/ren's progress in RE.

Three parents disagreed and **all** other parents strongly agreed or agreed.

You are free to discuss your child's progress during parents evening regarding Religious Education. End of year reports are sent out and there is a statement about your child's progress in RE.

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Thank you so much for your time. We look forward to improving St Leo's and Southmead Catholic Primary school even more and we are happy to hear any suggestions. If you wish to discuss the questionnaire further or you have any other ideas, just let us know.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Smith and Mrs Pimblett

Religious Education Co-ordinators