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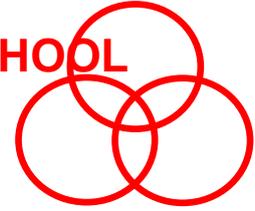
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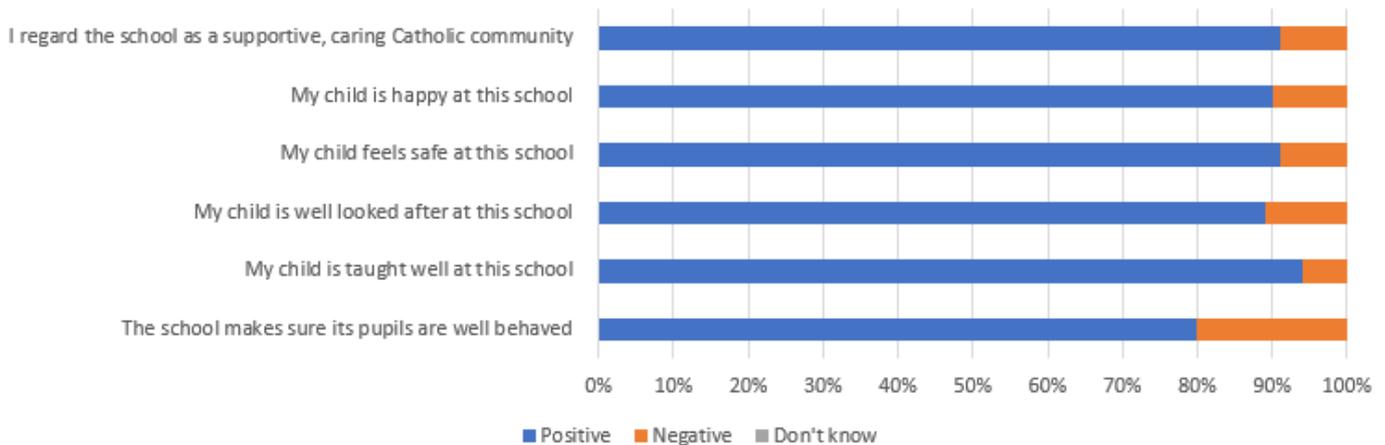


Dear Parents,

In February, we, the Governors, asked for your opinions on our School in a Parent Survey. We were very pleased that 90 of you were able to complete the survey and give us your feedback. It was very pleasing to see so many positive comments and responses. Here is a summary of the results, grouped into a few themes.

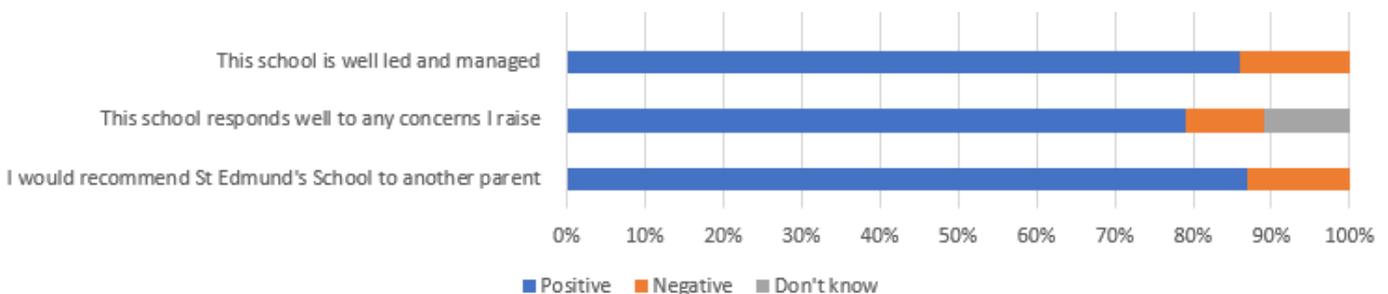
Happiness / Support from the school

The results clearly showed that the overwhelming majority of you believe that your children are well supported, taught and feel safe in the environment we provide. We are proud that all professional external visitors comment on the disciplined and calm learning environment the school provides.



How well the school is run / communicates

The results showed that most of you considered the School to be well run and we are pleased that this translates into a clear willingness to recommend St Edmund's to other parents.



The school was generally believed to communicate well with parents using a number of different methods, ParentMail (email/SMS), the School website, Headteacher and Class newsletters, face to face on the playground and Parent Consultations. Additionally, in Early Years, the Tapestry App has been introduced and warmly received. Please contact the school if you cannot, or do not know how to, access ParentMail, the website or the Headteacher's newsletter.





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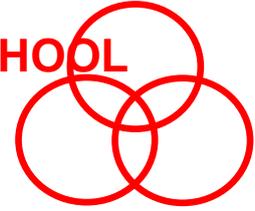
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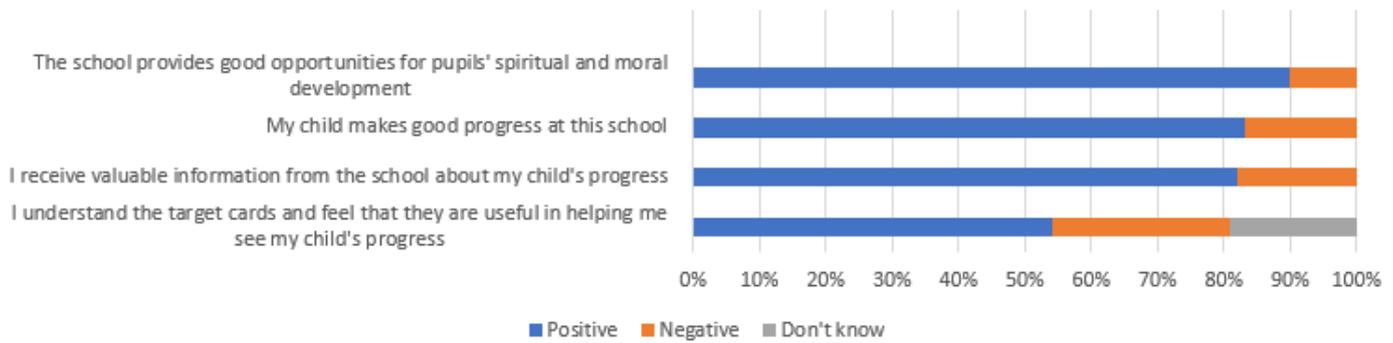
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For communication, regarding individual or specific concerns, the most effective approach is to speak with your child's class teacher and/or the Headteacher. This should be done as quickly as possible when a concern arises and can be relatively informal, at the beginning or end of the school day, or where necessary more formally via a specific appointment. The Headteacher and teachers welcome such approaches and will always endeavour to allay / resolve your concerns.

Pupil Progress / Development

You felt the school provides good opportunities for your children and that they make good progress whilst in our care. Clearly, however, parental understanding of the target cards and the information they provide needs addressing, and the School has been asked to consider how this can be improved.



The School regularly reports progress and attainment of all pupils, broken down by class, gender and a range of other metrics, particularly for our most-able pupils, to the Governors. These measures indicate that in virtually all cases the school is performing, better, often very significantly better, than the national average for attainment and progress for all pupils and for specific groups of pupils per year group. The Governors, Headteacher and senior leaders, also regularly perform subject monitoring visits, book scrutinies, analysis of data and pupil conferencing, to assess the appropriateness, rigour and consistency of marking, progress and assessment across the school.

In addition, a recent external review has confirmed all the teaching in the school would be rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted. Regular moderation with local and diocesan schools and by the local authority confirm that our judgments, expectations and progress for all abilities is generally significantly higher than other schools locally and nationally. We, as Governors, are very proud of the dedicated, committed and capable team of teachers and teaching assistants who teach your children and will continue to work with the school to ensure all children are appropriately challenged and realise their full potential whilst at the school.





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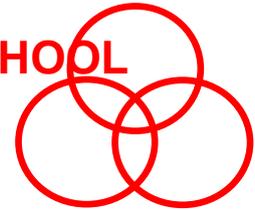
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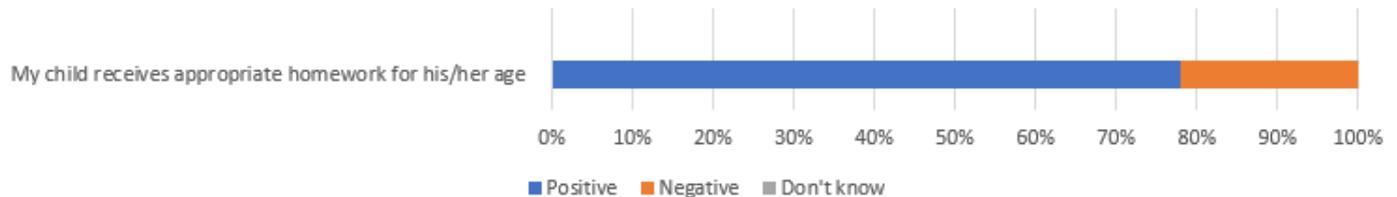
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Homework

Homework is something that we all have an opinion on, but overall it seems that you are broadly supportive of the homework regime the school has adopted.



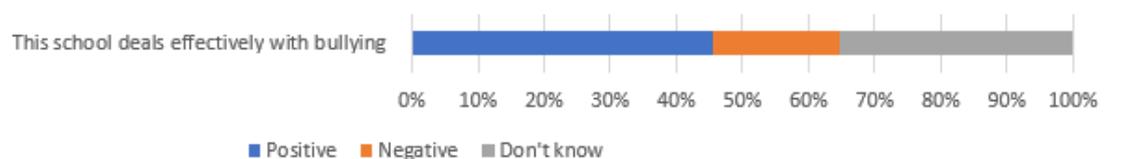
If you do have any concerns regarding your child's homework, please do talk to their teacher about it in the first instance, and the Headteacher if you still have concerns.

Bullying

Instances of bullying at the school are thankfully rare, however the School does take bullying and safeguarding seriously, and following some recent experiences, we have taken steps to validate our policies and approach using a range of external organisations. This process indicated that our policies and approach were robust but where appropriate/necessary we have/will make improvements.

We hope, and believe, that the one third of parents who don't know whether the school handles bullying well are unsure due to lack of personal experience of any instances of bullying involving their child.

If you have any concerns about bullying and safeguarding in the School, please do talk to the class teacher and/or Headteacher so that any issue can be resolved as soon as possible.



Please be assured that if you left a comment on the Survey, it has been seen and read by both the Governors and School Staff. Once again thank you for the very many positive comments which we, the Governors and Staff, greatly appreciate.

Many thanks once again for completing the survey.

Regards

Phil Cole
Parent Governor

