



St Wilfrid's RCVA Primary School
Parental Questionnaire Trinity Term 2016
Religious Education

'Inspired by Christ we grow and learn together, reaching our fullest potential'

Religious Education should be central to the curriculum in a Catholic school. It teaches about the faith in the context of a school which proclaims the Gospel.

Please tick the box that you feel most appropriate	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
<i>My child enjoys Religious Education – Learning walks by senior staff, lesson observations, floor books and looking at children's books all recognise our children's love of RE lessons. When talking to the children about their work in RE, it is clear that they do enjoy this part of the curriculum, this is reflected in the quality of their work and their participation during lessons.</i>	22.2%	72.2%	-	-	5.6%
<i>I am happy with the Come and See RE curriculum- RE is taught in line with Diocesan guidelines for 10% of each week's curriculum. The overview of the scheme can be seen on our website , under 'School Ethos' section. As a school we also send you out the RE newsletter at the beginning of every term so you can discuss with your child the RE topics they will be taught.</i>	27.8%	61.0%	5.6%	-	5.6%
<i>I am satisfied with my child's standard of work in RE- The standard of work in RE mirrors that of other core subjects, like Mathematics and English.RE books are scrutinised by the RE Coordinator, Father Quinn, other schools in our partnership and by advisors at the Diocese to ensure standards continue to be high. School judgements are agreed at annual diocesan meetings.</i>	22.2%	66.8%	-	-	11.1%
<i>The school keeps me informed about my child's progress in RE- Progress in RE is reported to parents at parents evenings and at the end of the year via a written report. Floor books and children's books were available at the Spring term open evening.</i>	11.0%	50%	27.8%	5.6%	5.6%
<i>The school keeps me informed about what my child is studying in RE- The overview of the 'Come and see' Religious Education scheme we follow can be seen on our website, under 'School Ethos' section. As a school we also send you out the RE newsletter at the beginning of every term so you can discuss with your child the RE topics they will be covering. We also send out letters to inform you of or invite you to extra RE related events, for example, the Ten Ten Theatre company.</i>	27.8%	38.9%	22.2%	-	11.1%
<i>The work my child does in RE enables them to think spiritually, ethically and theologically-Our whole school experience from Nursery to Year 6 allows children to deepen their own spiritual self, alongside learning about their own religious faith. Our children are given time to ask and answer questions such as 'I wonder'. They are exposed to other faiths through the 'Come</i>	33.3%	55.6%	-	-	11.1%

<p><i>and See' RE curriculum. They learn about ethical trading in the form of Fair Trade. Our children are taught Gospel values of Respect for Life, Love, Truth and Justice; we aim to harmonise faith and culture, build a better society and pursue the Common Good.</i></p>					
<p>RE is well led The leaders of Religious Education in school are:- Overall leadership Mrs Johnstone Religious education - Mrs Dooner</p> <p>In our last Diocesan inspection(November 2012) we received Good in all areas which were inspected and the inspector reported <u>'The quality of teaching and learning in Religious Education is good with some outstanding elements and this ensures that many pupils make good progress.'</u></p> <p>(Full report can be found on our school website)</p>	<p>33.3%</p>	<p>50%</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>16.7%</p>
<p>What I like about Religious Education in St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School</p> <p><i>'I am proud of them each week in church when they say prayers or sing hymns they have learned in school.'</i> <i>'I like that from a young age they teach <u>every</u> religion'</i> <i>'I like the diversity St Wilfrid's shows when teaching the older and younger children the same things in RE.'</i> <i>'The Wednesday word newsletter'</i> <i>'My son gets a good education'</i> <i>'Attending Masses and Liturgies in school and at St Wilfrid's church.'</i> <i>'The plays about relationships.'</i> <i>'RE is made fun, so the younger children remember what they have learned.'</i></p>					
<p>What I would like to see improved about Religious Education in St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School.</p> <p><i>'I don't know enough about what is studied' – School does sent out a specific RE newsletter at the beginning of every term. This newsletter details the topics to be covered that term, as well as all Holy Days and Feast days. On our website under 'School Ethos' you will be able to see the topic coverage for each term, for each class, from Nursery to Year 6.</i></p> <p><i>'.....to have a specific update at parents evening about what has been studied and what is planned.' Thank you, we agree this is a good idea and we will do this. We will update you at parents evening about your child's RE progress. We cannot change the plan of topics taught as this is detailed by the Diocese. There is a copy on the website and it is added to this letter.</i></p> <p><i>'Mass on a more regular basis in school' – Thank –you. We have increased the number of Masses we have in school over the last year. Our next school Mass will be our Year 6 leavers Mass in July. We are working with Father Quinn to balance the amount of liturgies and Masses we hold in school and at St Wilfrid's church.</i></p> <p><i>'.....we would value a more in depth look at other faiths.' Thank you – our 'Come and See' scheme and our Diocese recommends that we teach two weeks of discrete other faiths teaching each year.1 week covers Judaism and 1 week Islam. This year we have invited the Islamic diversity group in to school to lead an EYFS/KS1 assembly and a KS2 assembly. We think that a visit to a mosque or a synagogue is a great idea and we will look into the possibility of this in the future.</i></p> <p><i>'Nothing –keep up the good work.' Thank you</i> <i>'We like that RE is incorporated into all aspects of school.' Thank you</i></p>					

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the questionnaires, we do value your opinion. We hope that our response to your points is helpful.

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