



**"Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love".**

21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Results of Parent Engagement Survey 2023-24**

This year, RISE commissioned a parent engagement survey across all of its schools. Thank you to all who completed the survey. Overall, our results are very positive and are well within line with other schools in our Trust. A summary of the results for St Mary's are as follows:

**Number of respondents:** 87

#### **Top 4 School Results**

Do you agree that your child feels safe at school?	97% of respondents gave a positive response
Do you agree that your child is happy at school?	95% of respondents gave a positive response
How confident do you feel in supporting your child's learning and development at home?	95% of respondents gave a positive response
How comfortable do you feel with asking your child's teacher for advice?	95% of respondents gave a positive response

#### **Bottom 3 School Results**

Do you agree that your feedback has impact?	74% of respondents gave a positive response
How confident are you that being in a Trust is beneficial?	68 % of respondents gave a positive response
How clear are you on the role of the Trust?	52% of respondents gave a positive response

**We thank you your comments and to support your responses please see the actions taken below:**

*Respondents felt that they did not often see the impact of feedback given to the school.*

Receiving feedback is important to us. It increases our self-awareness and encourages development through identifying our strengths and areas for improvement. However, most importantly it indicates how our actions affect our children and you, our parents. The children that attend our school belong to you but ... they also belong to us and we genuinely want to give them the best experience possible whilst they are with us.

#### **An example of how we have responded to feedback...**

Arbor is now your one stop shop for communication; paying bills, booking parents meeting etc. Our revised weekly newsletters (Friday Flyer) have also been well received as you can now access all relevant information in one place on a Friday afternoon. The weekly newsletter gives you a whole host of information including highlights of the week within school, sports and reminders regarding forthcoming events.

We have also set up a new Facebook page where you can receive adhoc updates and reminders.

If you have any feedback that you wish to give the school, please do not hesitate to contact us by messaging through Arbor; by phoning or by emailing the school. We will get back to you. We would rather hear from **you directly** rather than receive information through the 'grapevine' as the core thread of the feedback may be lost in translation. We can then respond to and action your feedback. If we are unable to action it, we can also explain the reasons why.

Respondents were not sure that being part of a Trust was beneficial for their children or were clear on the role of the Trust.

The good news is that most respondents knew we were in a Trust.

The landscape within education is one that is constantly evolving. In order to remain at the forefront of these changes and abreast of current research, being part of a Trust is essential as it allows schools to be part of a supportive collective, who work together for the good of the pupils. The benefits to being in a Trust include continual professional development in teaching and learning; access to a research based and knowledge rich curriculum and centralised resources. Please have a look at the Trust website if you would like any further information [www.risemat.co.uk](http://www.risemat.co.uk)

As part of the Trust's universal offer, we receive a number of monitoring and support visits each year. These visits focus on areas such as safeguarding, teaching and learning, curriculum etc. As of next year, everytime we have a visit, I will advise you of this in my introduction to the weekly Friday Flyer. Furthermore, reports that we receive, following a visit, are shared with governors.

Many thanks

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