

St. Colmcille's

Primary School

**Parent Survey-**

**Analysis of Responses**

Date: **June 2021**

Number of questionnaires issued: 419

Number of returns received: 311 = 74%

**How are we doing?**

1. My child is well settled in school.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 68.4% |
| Agree | 27.4% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 2.9% |
| Disagree | 1.3% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0% |

1. My child is well cared for by the staff in school.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 71.4% |
| Agree | 27.3% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 1.0% |
| Disagree | 0% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. The school encourages the pupils to behave well.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 69.2% |
| Agree | 29.2% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 0.6% |
| Disagree | 0.6% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. The school recognises and values my child’s contributions to school life.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 57.1% |
| Agree | 34.2% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 8.1% |
| Disagree | 0% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.6% |

1. The school encourages my child to develop his/her personal and social qualities.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 53.2% |
| Agree | 38.1% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 7.4% |
| Disagree | 1.0% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. My child is encouraged to respect and value the opinions/views of others.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 61.1% |
| Agree | 36.7% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 1.9% |
| Disagree | 0% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. I am satisfied that my child feels safe and secure in school.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 69.3% |
| Agree | 27.5% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 1.9% |
| Disagree | 0.6% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.6% |

1. The school has told me about the procedures to deal with any concerns/complaints I may have.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 52.4% |
| Agree | 37.0% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 9.0% |
| Disagree | 1.3% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. If my child feels unwell or unhappy in school, the staff will deal with it effectively.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 61.7% |
| Agree | 32.8% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 4.8% |
| Disagree | 0.3% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. If my child is being bullied the staff will deal with it effectively.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 46.5% |
| Agree | 34.1% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 17.2% |
| Disagree | 1.6% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.6% |

1. The school has informed me about the procedures to deal with child protection matters.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 52.1% |
| Agree | 38.9% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 8.7% |
| Disagree | 0% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. I have been informed about the school’s policy on acceptable use of the internet.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 56.7% |
| Agree | 37.2% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 5.4% |
| Disagree | 0.3% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. The work my child is asked to do is matched to his/her ability.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 54.3% |
| Agree | 39.2% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 4.8% |
| Disagree | 1.3% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. The school has explained to me how I can help my child with his/her work.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 44.6% |
| Agree | 38.8% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 11.2% |
| Disagree | 4.8% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.6% |

1. I am satisfied that my child can cope with the homework he/she is given.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 54.6% |
| Agree | 36.4% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 4.5% |
| Disagree | 3.8% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.6% |

1. My child’s written work is regularly marked.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 64.7% |
| Agree | 33.3% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 0.6% |
| Disagree | 0.3% |
| Strongly Disagree | 1.0% |

1. I receive helpful information about my child’s progress in school.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 42.5% |
| Agree | 37.4% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 9.9% |
| Disagree | 8.9% |
| Strongly Disagree | 1.3% |

1. I am informed regularly about the life and work of the school.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 53.2% |
| Agree | 42.0% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 4.1% |
| Disagree | 0.3% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

1. The school provides opportunities for my child to participate in out of school activities.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 36.5% |
| Agree | 37.4% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 19.7% |
| Disagree | 4.5% |
| Strongly Disagree | 1.9% |

1. The school is well thought of in the community.

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| Option | Percentage |
| Strongly Agree | 73.1% |
| Agree | 25.6% |
| Neither Agree or Disagree | 1.0% |
| Disagree | 0% |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.3% |

In our school we should stop doing…

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| Responses | Frequency |
| KS2 finishing early  | 3 |
| Giving too much homework | 3 |
| Causing parents unnecessary expense e.g. Dress up days | 2 |
| Prizes for Sports Day | 1 |
| Initiatives that not all teachers participate in | 1 |
| Finishing term with half days | 1 |
| Parents parking on double yellow lines | 1 |
| Teachers ignoring parents’ concerns | 1 |
| Bad language and unnecessary talking in class | 1 |
| Class sizes above 25 children | 1 |

In our school we should continue doing…

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| Responses | Frequency |
| Outdoor Learning- planting flowers, looking after chickens | 15 |
| Promote Wellbeing | 7 |
| High quality teaching and learning | 6 |
| Communication via ParentMail and Seesaw | 6 |
| Accelerated Reading Programme | 5 |
| Staggered drop offs/pick ups | 5 |
| After School Clubs | 4 |
| Creative and Expressive subjects (Music/Art) | 4 |
| Golden Time/Rewards | 4 |
| Wrap Around Childcare | 3 |
| Weekly Tests | 2 |
| Fun Activities/Themed Weeks | 2 |
| More physical activity | 2 |
| Morning Meet and Greet | 1 |
| Cycling Proficiency | 1 |
| Shared Education | 1 |
| Effective Covid Management | 1 |

In our school we should start doing…

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| --- | --- |
| Responses | Frequency |
| Restart After School Clubs | 19 |
| Regular feedback on pupil progress | 13 |
| More physical activity | 8 |
| Language classes | 5 |
| Outdoor Learning | 3 |
| Extend more able pupils | 3 |
| Return to full school hours | 2 |
| Additional support for SEN pupils | 2 |
| Music lessons | 2 |
| Encourage use of sunscreen | 1 |
| Act on parental concerns | 1 |
| Mathletics | 1 |
| Educate children about effects of bullying | 1 |
| Ensure equality between classes | 1 |
| More car parking spaces | 1 |
| Restart school councils | 1 |
| PTA draw | 1 |
| Monthly Principal letter | 1 |
| Restart Ulsterbus service | 1 |
| Healthy breaks for Y1 - Y3 | 1 |
| Dinner menu- fish on a Friday | 1 |
| Directly inform parents of child’s homework | 1 |
| Teach life skills | 1 |

Other Comments

* My child has loved going to school these past few years when their dyslexia was recognised and progress made on learning. Perhaps more dyslexia friendly resources are needed which will indirectly help with behaviour.
* My child has loved his time at primary however we think a stronger policy should be put in place to help children who bully and those who are quietly being bullied.
* A special thanks to my children’s teachers for all the work they have put in this year under difficult circumstances
* More discussions re: bullying and easier methods to talk openly with teachers when concerns are raised by the child.
* Saint Colmcille’s is an absolutely fantastic school and have gone above and beyond during this pandemic. The staff always give 100%, with reasonable expectations for the kids’ abilities, there is never work that is beyond my child’s abilities and they all ensure all the kids are engaged and included. Couldn't ask for more!
* St Colmcille’s is an excellent school and my children are extremely happy there. The staff are brilliant and have worked so hard, especially in these difficult times to ensure that the children are happy and well educated. During the last lockdown the extra zoom classes, for example keep fit Wednesday and sing along Friday were brilliant and offered a little bit of normality to the children and allowed them to take part in something outside of the homework settling with their friends. Well done to you all, you are doing a fantastic job.
* For obvious reasons there has been no parent teacher this year but some schools did schedule a 5 minute catch up with parents. I would have liked to know how my child is doing in school and any areas I should be helping with over the summer break.
* I appreciate parents have access to teachers via seesaw and Google classroom, perhaps issuing teacher email addresses could be considered too, so that there is direct access to the class teacher.
* It has been a very difficult year and I feel the school have really focused on children's well-being by providing lots of little incentives and activities to keep everyone going and keep motivation high.
* Give yourselves a pat on the back everyone :) brilliant year handled with professional, determination and grit :)
* I can't honestly fault the school at all, the atmosphere is so warm and wonderful. The children appear to be well adjusted, confident and happy. The staff are dedicated to their job, they have answered their vocation and strive to help our children be the "Best they can be".
* In general, the school has been great, my concern is disparity of approach by teachers and the lack of over sight on this. Children self-marking, the use of ticks and dots and no comments on progress.
* Very very happy with our fabulous school & teachers.
* With sincere thanks for the outstanding education my children have received at St Colmcille's over the last decade. Thanks to all the teachers, secretaries and after school’s staff.
* We had a great and enjoyable experience having our child in your school. They loved learning in this school and are sad to leave all the great teachers behind. They loved it so much that they want to become a teacher too. Keep up the great work, thank you all for your commitment and support, highly recommend the school.
* School has clearly worked very hard in challenging times to keep all safe yet continue learning, and this is much appreciated.
* Keep up the great work!
* One concern is if teaching is continued when groups leave with younger siblings at 1.45pm and arrive later for staggered drop offs.
* I think St Colmcille's is an amazing school and the teachers and staff are wonderful. The school has far exceeded my expectations in every respect, it is so well organised and provides an exceptional education experience for the children.
* I think St Colmcille’s is a great school. My experience as a parent and my child's experience as a pupil have been very positive. During lockdown I feel the school provided pupils with a daily routine by morning zoom calls and set tasks every day. This gave structure to the school day during difficult times.
* Great School and staff!! They've done very well the last year considering all the disruptions due to Covid.
* We are very proud to be part of the school community. The teaching and non-teaching staff are excellent. From the minute you walk through the front door you can sense how welcoming the school is. We are also very impressed by the attention and dedication given to children with additional needs. The Learning Support Assistants are excellent and it is lovely to see the time and thought that has gone into the Sensory Room. It is so lovely to see a school who very obviously is trying to promote an inclusive environment. Well done St.Colmcille’s.
* School is doing a great job supporting both parents & kids. kids are doing a wide range of activities & making learning fun.
* St. Colmcille's is very well regarded and has been exceptionally supportive during the pandemic. The staff have proven themselves to be a cut above repeatedly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work. It is greatly appreciated and not said often enough!
* The school environment for our children at St.Colmcille's continues to be warm, caring and nurturing, as well as professional, progressive and educationally excellent. Thank you.
* Haven’t had any feedback on children since first term.
* As parents we need feedback on our children so we know what they are struggling with. Many schools are now facilitating the normal school hours since restrictions eased and some never reduced their hours. I know St Colmcilles is a large school but is missing an hour a day detrimental to the children's education?
* As usual, I am more than happy with everything the school does for the children and parents, alike. Keep up the fantastic work! And THANK YOU!
* With transfer looming it would be great to hear how the children are doing. Conscious they have missed a year of school. Are they on target, do they need more support? How can we as parents help?
* This is an outstanding school which nurtures every child and ensures that the teaching and learning is of the highest quality. Pupils are happy and thriving. What more could any parent want?
* St Colmcille's is a happy safe environment which inspires pupils with their learning and teaching methods. Pupils and parents are very proud of this school!
* Extremely pleased with school and its values and leadership. My child is very happy in school. More updates on my child's progress would be good. I feel all staff try their best for the pupils and really care for them. Thank you and well done.
* Great school, if my child could stay there forever I would let them.
* I felt very supported when I raised a concern about my child with the teacher, time was taken to discuss the issue, changes were implemented in the classroom, the issue was investigated and follow up was made.
* The teachers have listened when I have raised slight concerns or observations about my child and I felt that they took it seriously and followed up if required.
* We only found out our child was slightly struggling with some work by overhearing a zoom class during lockdown as in they were doing different work to other pupils and later found out that the teachers had concerns before lockdown, better communication would have helped.
* As our child has a statement we were very concerned how they would cope in school. We are very happy with how they have been accepted and supported in school even during lockdown and home-schooling the schools support and organisation was fantastic.
* I'm satisfied with all the work and progress my child is doing. Many thanks to teachers.
* My child really loves school and I feel that this is due to the very positive relationships between staff and pupils.
* I couldn't complain at all about the school. it is fantastic in every way. I think the after school staff are fantastic, they really look out for the children needs. Keep up the excellent work.
* I would like to have a parent teacher meeting for an update on this strange year’s progress.
* My child is very happy in St Colmcille's and their progress since joining the school has been very apparent. Their reading, writing, and numeracy have improved massively. She enjoys going to school and speaks fondly of her class and her teacher. Her teacher and the other staff are first class; we very much appreciate all their effort.