

SACRED HEART RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

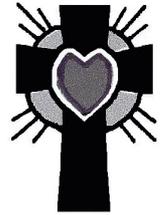
PARENT FORUM

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Thank you to everyone who attended our first parent forum on February 15th; we hope that you enjoyed the afternoon and found the parent forum useful. There was an opportunity to receive feedback from the RE questionnaire sent out to parents and to view the school's new mission statement.

School's Mission Statement

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We open our hearts to everyone.

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We would like your views and opinions about our new mission statement.

We would be very grateful if you would complete the questionnaire on the last page and return it to school by Friday 17th March 2017.

Next Parent Forum

Thursday 6th April 9.45am

Agenda

- Forest school ideas
- If you have anything that you would like to discuss please let the school office know.

Everyone is always very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

RE Questionnaire Feedback

The following questionnaire was completed by parents in February 2017. 19 questionnaires were returned out of 56 families. This represents 34% of the school population.

	Agree Strongly	Agree	Agree and Strongly Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
Sacred Heart offers a distinctly Catholic education.	74%	26%	100%		
My child is progressing well in Religious	58%	42%	100%		
Sacred Heart teaches Christian values	42%	58%	100%		
Sacred Heart provides clear moral	63%	37%	100%		
Sacred Heart provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development as appropriate.	37%	63%	100%		
Sacred Heart has high expectations of behaviour which reflects its Catholic ethos.	79%	21%	100%		
Collective worship is important in the life	69%	31%	100%		
There are opportunities for daily prayer.	74%	26%	100%		
My child is given opportunities for prayer	69%	31%	100%		
There are opportunities for my child to	64%	36%	100%		
Sacred Heart actively promotes strong	26%	68%	94%	5%	
The school invites parents to attend	58%	42%	100%		
The staff and governors of the school	26%	74%	100%		
There are good partnerships with our	79%	21%	100%		
There are good relationships with the local community.	31%	69%	100%		

Parent comments:

"I thank God, Fr James, the Headteacher and the teachers for delivering a good RE education for my child. I had opted for this school only for this reason that my children are brought up with good Christian and Catholic values. I am proud that the school does this."

"The school is still relatively new and it seems to have a low profile in the town. It would be good to find ways to raise the profile of the school so that people are aware of the good Catholic primary provision available in Northallerton. Sacred Heart is the only denominational school in the town."

"There is very little opportunity to engage with Headteacher and governors. I am not aware of how school engages with the local community outwith vouchers and carols. I would value more meaningful parental involvement in school decision making."

"I feel that parents evening should be reconsidered as some people can't come to the drop in's due to work commitments. Having a time and date worked well, maybe a date and offer of time for the people that need/want it and everyone else could use the drop in sessions if they work for some families."

School's Response

The school engages with parents and the local community in many ways and always values the input of parents. We believe that links between home and school are of vital importance and parents should be fully informed of activities in school and how they can contribute to school life.

Parents:

The school recognises that parents are the child's first educator. This academic year, we have introduced termly reports to parents. We have also introduced an 'Open door policy' to encourage communication between parents and teachers. Teachers are available after each school night for parent consultation meetings. Teachers will always be available if parents wish to make an appointment. In the Autumn term, parents were invited to 'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

Before half term, we held our first 'Parent Forum', to which parents were invited to discuss our new mission statement which had been written by the children. In the future, 'Parent Forums' will be held every half term.

Parents are always regularly invited to school masses both at Church, with the local community and in school.

We have invited parents to a 'Garden party' to help dig and plant the allotments and the cottage garden in our EYFS area. In the summer term, parents will be given the opportunity to participate in 'Stay and Play' in EYFS.

Parents will be invited to e-safety training in school led by Miss Poad. We have a weekly school newsletter so that parents can keep up to date with school news and events.

As a school, we are continually looking at ways in which to improve the learning outcomes for all of our pupils. As a staff, we always discuss and agree any changes that are happening in school and ensure that the changes are for the benefit of the pupils. Any changes that are made are always carefully thought out and planned over a long period of time. Parents and carers have always been informed of these changes and we always welcome comments and feedback.

Local Community:

The school engages with the local community through our regular attendance to mass on a Tuesday at church with the parish community and the first Sunday in the month for Family Mass.

The school organises and leads a Carol Service in Church at Christmas and Stations of the Cross during Lent to which the school community and parish community are invited.

Also during Lent, Mrs Taylor organises a Lenten Lunch in the parish hall for the local community, which involves our year 6 pupils and our 'Mini Vinnies'.

For the past two years, the children have sung carols in Barkers Store, in the High street, for the local community.

We have asked the local community to help fundraise through Tesco 'Bags of Help', Sainsbury's active vouchers for sports equipment and gardening vouchers from Stripes. Local gardening centres have donated plants for our outdoor areas. The year 6 pupils have taken a trip to the local market on a Wednesday morning to purchase plants.

Our pupils regularly take part in sports events that are organised between local schools. The pupils have eagerly participated in many different sporting events and recently they reached the football and netball finals.

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'Mission Statement' Questionnaire

	Agree Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
I understand the mission statement of Sacred Heart School.				
I agree with Sacred Heart's mission statement.				
I am highly supportive of the school's mission statement.				

Suggestions how parents could become more involved in evaluating the school's Catholic ethos.

Any other comments about the School's mission statement.
