



# St Barnabas

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## St Barnabas Parent Survey Analysis December 2021

# Key findings: Leadership



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- 100% said school is well led and managed ( 75.5% strongly agree, 24.5% agree)
- 100% said SLT are accessible to me (83.7% strongly agree, 16.3% agree)
- 81.6% strongly agree that they would be comfortable approaching SLT with a question, comment or concern- 14.3% agree and 4% disagree
- Positive feedback about school dealing with concerns- 59% agree, 22.4% agree and 18.4% haven't had any concerns
- 89.8% said communication is about right, 6% too much, 4% not enough ( trying to move away from class dojo as not as reliable)
- 100% of parents who speak to office staff find them welcoming & supportive (87.8% strongly agree)
- 59.2% strongly agree they are encouraged to take an active part in the life of school (1 person disagreed)

# Leadership Comments



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- **Leadership**, especially during covid, had been **exceptional**
- **Seamless** and **fantastic**, always **friendly** and **professional**.
- The atmosphere around the whole school is amazing, love the fact the headteacher is stood outside daily on pick up and drops offs to speak to any parent who wants to talk.
- **Mrs Ham's leadership is enthusiastic and inspirational**, she is a **great role model** to the children and her **kindness is genuine**.
- I feel the school is **very well led** and all staff are **friendly, welcoming and supportive**. I am **very proud** my child attends this school.
- The school is **led with confidence, understanding & kindness**. As a parent understanding any school challenges and objectives would be beneficial
- **Extremely strong leadership team!**
- The school is **being led in an excellent manner by Mrs Ham and her team**. They have continued to **provide amazing opportunities alongside excellent teaching and learning for** all children despite the challenges that the pandemic continues to present.
- **Leadership team are very accessible** and available to parents to raise any concerns or questions etc. They are **visible** to parents and there are various ways you can contact including dojo.
- The **leadership** throughout covid has been **great**, it's been a really difficult time with no precedents and national guidance difficult to navigate. Leadership team have worked hard to keep our children and staff safe but also give them the opportunity to enjoy school and be as "normal" as possible.
- **Mrs Ham and her team are amazing**, they go above and beyond for all the children and their families. Getting to know each child personally and making sure all their needs are met.

# Leadership- Governance



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- 59% of parents couldn't name of at least one Governor (many of these parents were Reception & Year 1 parents who haven't been able to come into school and see Governors at induction evenings, events etc)
- 28.6% mostly understand the role of Governors, 28.6% a little & 30.6% don't
- 49% are unsure what Governors do, 51% feel that Governors support the leadership and management of the school

Comments from parents:

More visibility of governors and their role - assurance to parents that they are fulfilling their statutory functions.

**Actions:**

**How can we promote the role of Governors? Monthly newsletter- Governor of the month, Governor half termly newsletter, attending Worship & events, joint subject leader newsletters etc?**

# Key findings: Safeguarding



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- Behaviour- **46.9% strongly agree** that the majority of children behave very well, 44.9% agree, 4 % not sure, 2% (1)strongly disagree & 2% (1) disagree
- 44.9% strongly agree behaviour is dealt with effectively and consistently, 26.5% agree, 4% disagree, **24.5% unsure (Can we share behaviour policy?)**
- **100%** say their child feels safe in school (**75.5% strongly agree**)
- **98%** say children know who to talk to for help and keep safe (**61.2% strongly agree**)
- **Bullying**- 24.5% strongly agree, 20.4% agree & 6% (3) disagree that bullying is dealt with effectively & 49% say their child hasn't been bullied
- **96%** say incidents are dealt with quickly and effectively or their child hasn't been involved in incidents
- **Online safety**- 42.9% strongly agree online safety is taught well, 24.5% not sure (**Can we further promote online safety to parents on a weekly basis?**)
- **98%** say school teaches my child how to lead a healthy and active lifestyle and how to keep physically and mentally healthy

# Children's Experience & Progress Findings

- **98%** say their child **enjoys coming to school** most of the time (71.4% strongly agree)
- **100%** children have **positive attitudes to achieving and learning** (69.4% strongly agree)
- **98%** agree their child is taught well & teachers have high expectations (1 parent who disagreed is a Year 6 parent)
- **22.4% disagree** that they are kept well informed about what their child is or will be learning (***Need to bring back half termly class newsletters that we did pre-covid***)
- **98%** are pleased with their child's progress this year (59% strongly agree)
- **96%** say their child's **mental health & wellbeing** is given a high priority (59% strongly agree)



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# Children's Experience & Progress Findings

- **100%** say the school meet the needs of their child (61% strongly agree)
- **100%** say the school supports my child to develop resilience, confidence and independence (61% strongly agree)
- **100%** say the school curriculum engages my child in learning (53% strongly agree)
- **100%** say children have a wide variety of learning opportunities
- **10%** say there isn't enough homework (comments about Year 6 homework- **Action- spoken to Mr Prescott about SAT's revision guides and be ordered**)
- **Comments about optional homework projects- could these be added to curriculum newsletters?**
- **98%** feel their child is encouraged to have good attendance & punctuality
- **98%** School encourages my child to be active, exercise and take part in sport (61% strongly agree) **Impact of new sports coach at lunch times on new MUGA?**

# Ethos



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- **100%** say the school reflects the ethos and practices of a Christian school well (73.5% strongly agree)
- **100%** say the school has a positive, respectful culture in which my child is well cared for (79.6% strongly agree)
- **100%** say they understand the school's ethos and vision (61% strongly agree)
- **100%** say the school is welcoming to all (77.6% strongly agree)
- **100%** would recommend sending a child to St Barnabas

## Comments:

*I love Barnies, Christian values, run through everything offering my child a well rounded education both academic and as a spiritual socially responsible member of the world. I'm not sure how you can improve this.*

Christian values come through strongly across everything in school. Children know the Christian values and display them. We often have comments from visitors on how lovely the atmosphere is within school.

Vision clearer to parents and stakeholders - longer term vision and what the offer is for children at St Barnabas (**Could we create a St Barnabas offer / bucket list including trips, visits etc?**)





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## Comments about how school can be improved

- Parents evening earlier in the year and longer appointment times
- More information about curriculum & what children will be learning
- More after school activities and larger variety
- Greater teacher interaction now fewer covid restrictions
- Staff run breakfast club
- More feedback on how to support children
- Class dojo- sometimes too much communication, difficult to find posts
- Staffing changes this year
- More transparency of finances and how money is spent

## What do you think the school's greatest strengths are?

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Kindness, getting to know each individual, respect for all

Community feel

The leadership is good. The school has improved so much since Mrs Ham became head teacher. I found the survey difficult to answer due to changes and covid. But I am happy with the school and the kids are happy to

The staff I think are our greatest asset, the staff team are a credit to the school and to our children. Our children represent our school values and ethos brilliantly.

The fact we are 'small' in comparison to many schools means we are a true school family.

Care for our children and their wellbeing.

Family approach and atmosphere and the staff

Building the confidence and resilience of children whilst offering a broad, balanced curriculum in an inclusive environment

Its warm and welcoming attitude. Putting all children at the centre of the learning.

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Barny's is the most welcoming school we could have hoped for. Our child feels a real ownership and sense of belonging there.

Good leadership and communication

The staff!

It's staff; all so genuine, warm and approachable and clearly care very much for the children

Feeling safe and happy

Everything

Friendly and child wellbeing lead ethos

Helpful and friendly

Communication and encouragement

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The teachers

Communication. Encouragement. Keeping learning fresh & exciting

Their ethos which clearly flows down in everything they do.

Communication and positive outlook.

Engaging with children , learning through play and developing children to achieve the very best in all areas of life

One big family

A fun and nurturing culture

Consistency. Staff. Strong leadership.  really misses Mrs Thompson.


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Communication is delivered very well on all platforms, we are very impressed with the level of enthusiasm both reception teachers and the headteacher has to offer. Our child is very happy currently.

Everything

Motivating my child to learn and want to be at school. Bringing her out of her shell to meet and communicate with new faces.

Friendly and welcoming staff

Strong Christian values.

Very welcoming. Each child is encouraged to join in and learn. Looks after children's mental health. Great ideas for non uniform and other activities.

Very welcoming school and staff

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They are always welcoming and always find ways involve parents and children, teachers and staff are always work to respond to worries. It is like a large family and all children are catered for as is appropriate to their individual needs. I feel very confident in the school and my child loves attending and always comes out at the end of the day happy.

Very family orientated, everybody is welcome.

I love the most is that Mrs ham and the previous head teacher were always there morning and night greeting children saying goodbye and they new every child in the school

Strong inspirational leadership, dedicated hardworking teachers and support staff, excellent sporting opportunities, fabulous choir opportunities, Christian values run through EVERYTHING, children are valued as individuals, the staff know ALL the children. Thank you.

Caring and friendly

The school is such a welcoming place that feels like a home for all the pupils and their families. Not only growing the minds of the children but also growing polite and well rounded humans.

They do make everyone feel welcome

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The teachers and all other staff are all so lovely & approachable. Any problems are dealt with immediately.

Overall very impressed with the first few months of  school journey and looking forward for what's to come.

Support

Sharing children's work via dojo/website

My child feels safe and happy

The welcoming nature and atmosphere. Their care of the children. My child loves school!

Such a warm and friendly school with a positive attitude. In the 4 years  has been at the school he hasn't moaned once about having to go to school. He loves his school

Very caring and welcoming to both children and parents. All staff are very approachable.

Welcoming putting children first, making time to get to know all the children and their families

Fabulous school

Communication and always being there to help I've been made to feel so comfortable asking for help and receiving it staff on reception are brilliant and Mrs ham is always there and has time to talk