



## Parent Survey, November 2023

### Results and responses

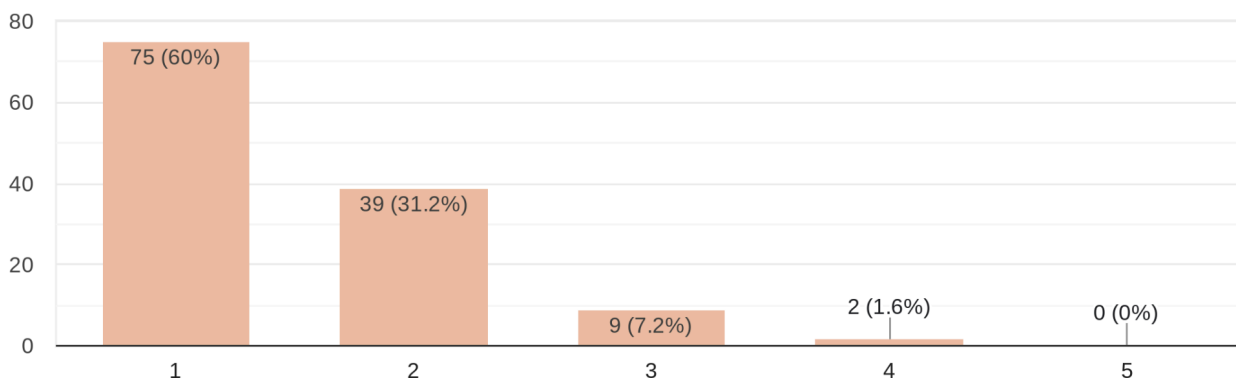
Many thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to our survey; the questions were all taken from the survey which Ofsted carry out when they inspect Schools and Academies.

We are all delighted with the overwhelmingly positive response which we had and are pleased that so many see St Matthew's in such a positive light. I am delighted to share the results here with you and our response to each question.

(1 = Strongly Agree, 2 = Agree, 3 = Agree nor Disagree, 4 = Disagree, 5 Strongly Disagree)

My child is happy at this school.

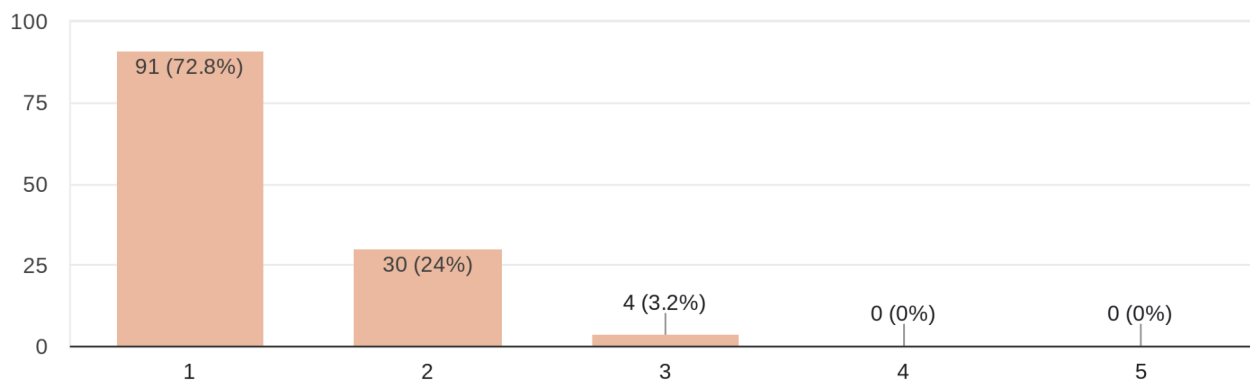
125 responses



We know that not everyone can be happy all the time, we do work hard to be aware of the needs of all the children; should your child be unhappy we always encourage you to contact their teacher at the earliest opportunity to try and address the concerns.

### My child feels safe at this school.

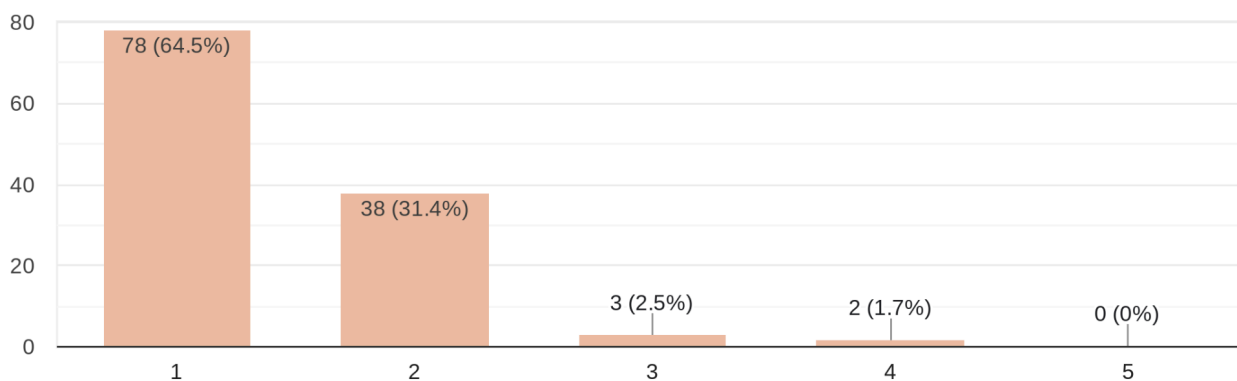
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It is so important that children feel safe at our school, we worry that some do not and would encourage those who feel this way to contact their child's teacher so that we can work to address your concerns.

### The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

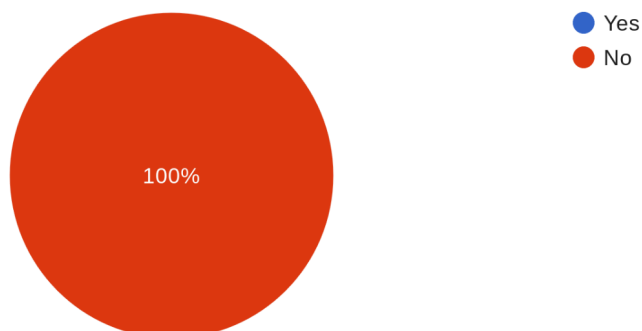
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We have done a lot of work to ensure that pupils are well behaved at all times. Clearly this is mostly successful and we know we do have a good reputation for the positive behaviour of our children. Clearly it is not perfect, we are all human and sometimes we all, children included, can make poor decisions which lead to mistakes. We see all behaviour as communication and every incident is an opportunity to reflect and learn and to try not to repeat the same mistake.

### My child has been bullied

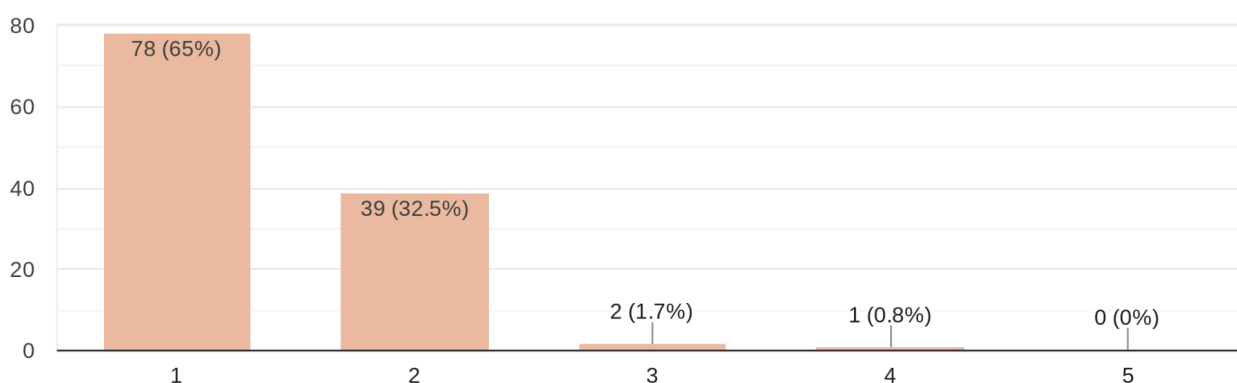
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We are delighted with the response to this question and we are aware that the word ‘bully’ can be much misunderstood by many and we have a lot of experience of people using the word incorrectly. To help us and the children understand, we take the STOP approach; bullying is Several Times On Purpose. When children come to us we always work to address any behaviour concerns in order to prevent bullying taking place. Where allegations of bullying are made we **always** investigate them and ensure we put support in place not only for any possible victims of bullying but also for the perpetrators so that they can learn from their mistakes.

### The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

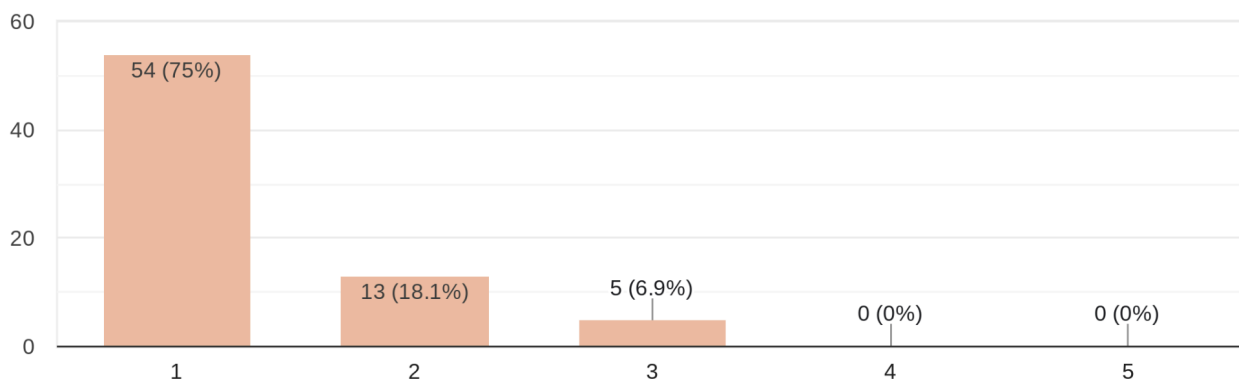
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Through newsletters, Class Dojo, Curriculum Letters and our website we do work hard to keep you informed of what children are learning and we do value your continued support in helping them to achieve the best that they can.

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

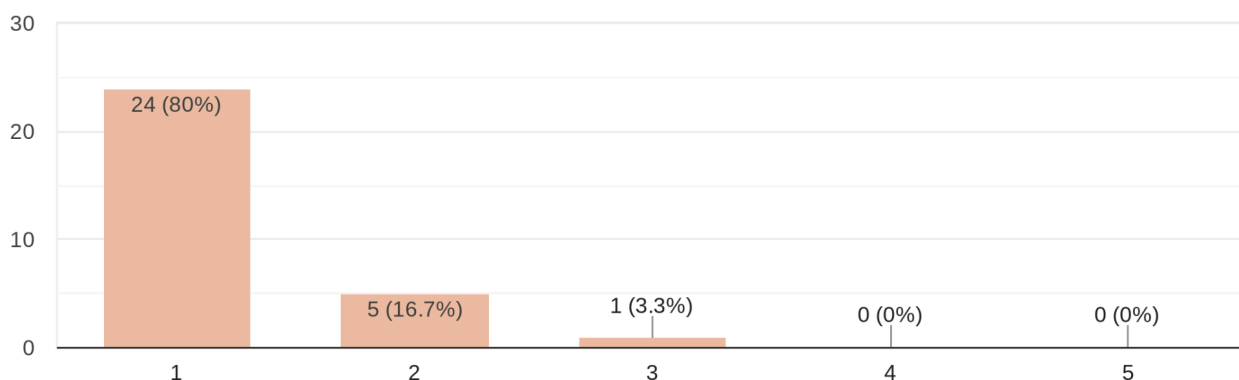
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We never claim to be perfect and whilst we are once again delighted with the positive response to this question, we are aware that we are not always able to resolve things to the satisfaction of all. All we ask is that when a concern arises you contact us at the earliest opportunity so that we can have the best possible chance of resolving things swiftly.

My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'

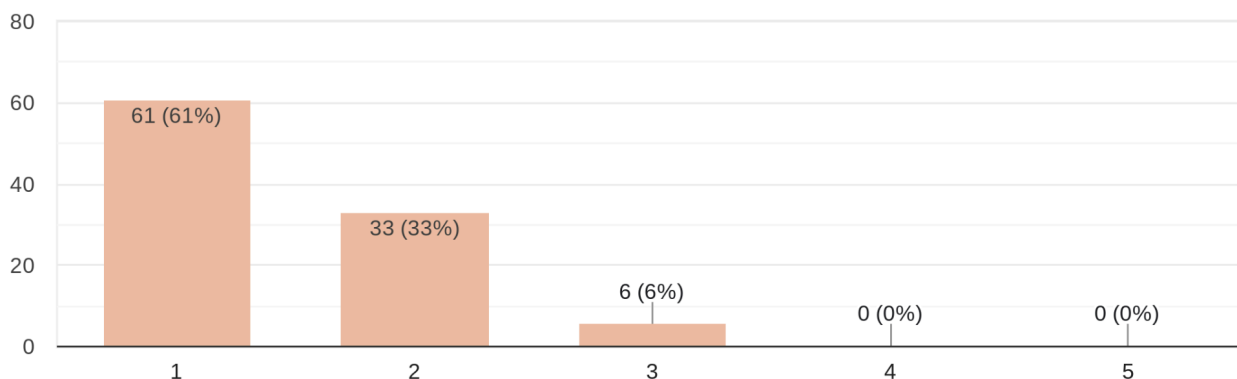
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Miss Young and her team who support our children with SEND work extremely hard to both understand the individual needs of these children and do their best to meet them. Each SEND child is treated as an individual and is supported to achieve the best they can and to play a full part in the daily life of the school.

The school has high expectations for my child.

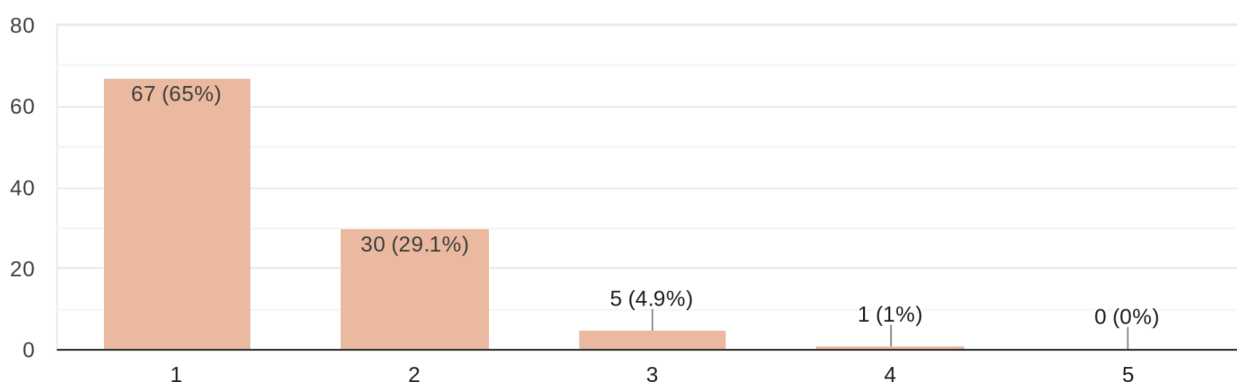
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We believe in high expectations for the children and for ourselves. Our vision statement has aspiration at its heart and we firmly believe that the children should have dreams and our job is to equip them with the skills and knowledge to try and achieve them. This is a collaboration between school and home and we greatly value the part that parents play in this.

My child does well at this school.

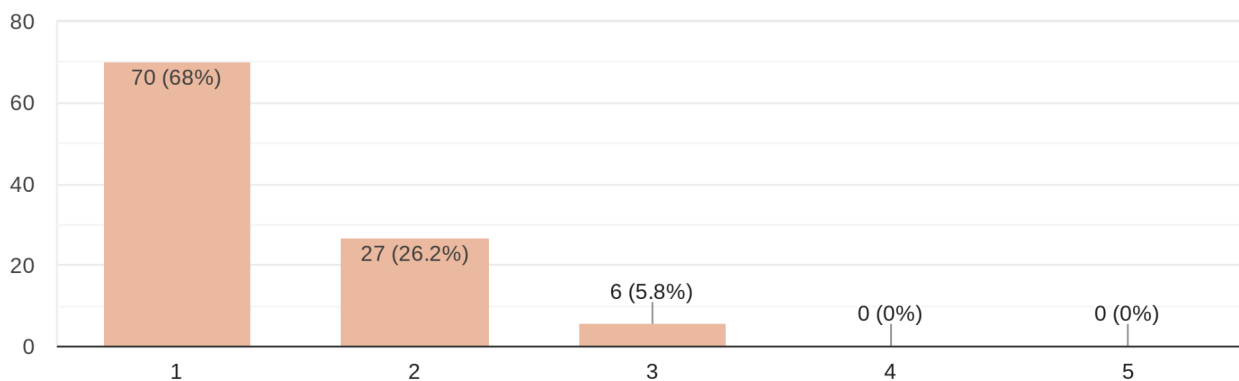
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Academic ability and achievement is an important part of what we do at St Matthew's; we also take very seriously the work we do to help the children develop as individuals with the ability to make reasoned choices and to play a part in society now and as they grow up. The [SIAMS inspection of summer 2022](#) recognised our strengths and successes in this area.

The school lets me know how my child is doing.

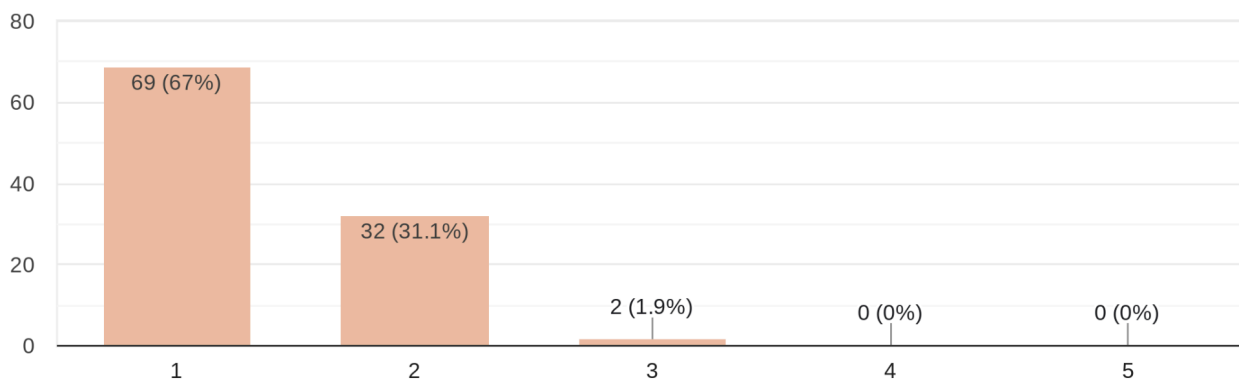
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Whilst we are pleased with this response, we still want to improve further. We use Class Dojo, Parents' Consultation sessions and direct conversations to keep you informed; if you have any practical and workable suggestions we could consider in order to improve this area further, please do get in touch with us to let us know.

There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

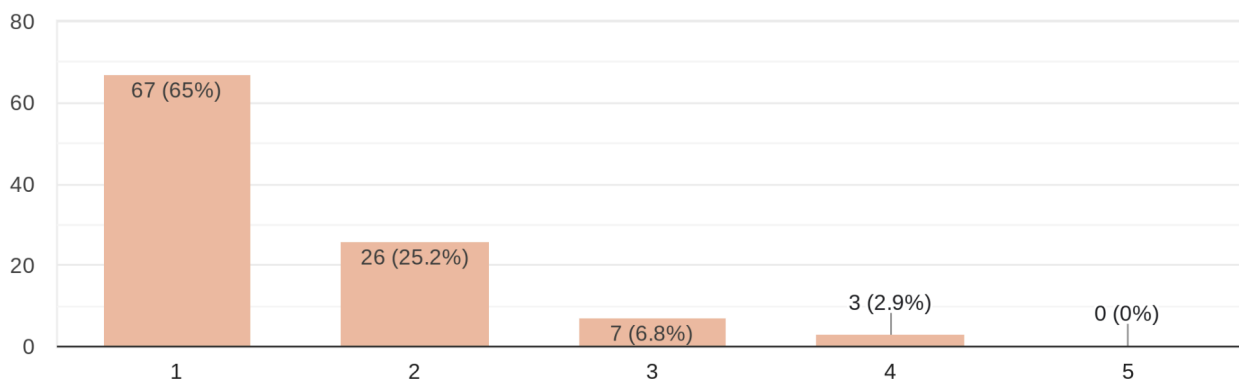
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We teach the full breadth of the National Curriculum here at St Matthew's and we are pleased that you recognise this in your responses.

My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.

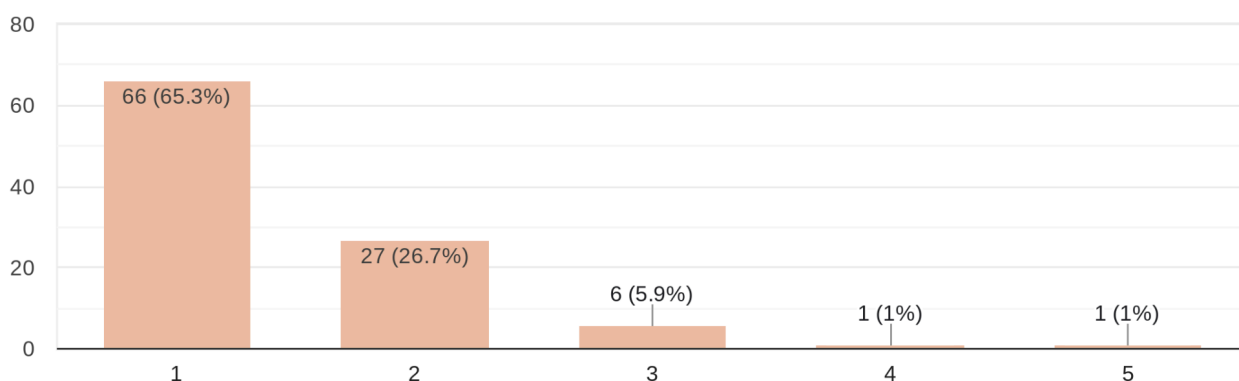
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We are aware that there is a growing demand for more clubs and activities; the only limit is the availability of staff and space to provide them and at a cost effective price. We are always looking for ideas of what sort of clubs children are interested in...

The school supports my child's wider personal development.

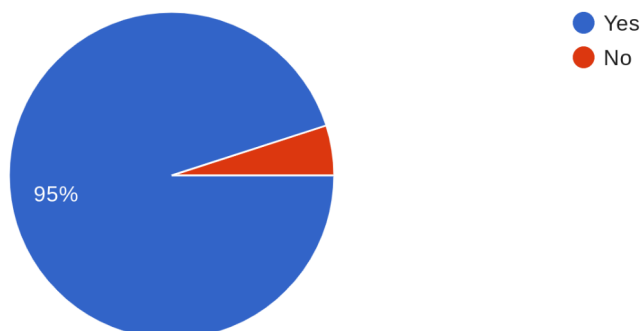
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As with the earlier question about how well your child does at this school, this clearly reflects the approach we take that school is not just about the academic development of the children. There is no point having great academic ability if you are not able to apply it for the benefit of those around you; we place a great emphasis on being a positive and constructive member of society and the need for personal responsibility for our own actions.

I would recommend this school to another parent.

101 responses



We are delighted that so many would recommend us to others and we would encourage you to do so! Please spread the word about St Matthew's. Of course, we are sad that some feel they cannot recommend us and we would encourage those people to make contact with us so that we can work together to address what it is that concerns you.

Once again, thank you to everybody who completed a survey and thank you for your continued support of St Matthew's and all we try to achieve with your wonderful children.