

St George's Catholic Primary School

Parent/Carer Feedback Autumn 2022

Question: How could we further improve St George's? (40 Responses)

You said ...	So we ...
You would like earlier support for children with additional needs.	Have introduced new strategies and approaches at St George's to help us do this. This includes new policies, training for staff and support from external agencies and professionals.
You would like to see more outdoor activities like camping etc.	Will look into this.
You would like more trips and more fun days for the kids to enjoy	Are working on this and trying to do as much as we can on a very tight and small budget.
School needs more clarity on photographs.	Have a clear policy in place which all school staff follow. I apologise if there has been any confusion on our side.
I would like to see involvement from the children to develop menus that are a lot more healthy not just about keeping a healthy weight but about the importance of food to nourish the body and fight against infection and managing viruses etc.	The school menus are managed by Newcastle City Council and are planned to deliver good quality, low in fat, salt and sugar and highly nutritious meals. There is a good balance of meat, fruit and vegetables provided every day.
I'd like to see more positive celebration of diversity and disability. I would like to see themes around that and inviting people into talk like guide dogs and authors for books catered towards neuro divergences. I would like to see more promotion for the forest school.	Taken this suggestion board and will use it to develop our provision in the upcoming terms. Unfortunately, the Forest School area is currently out of use as it is unsafe and needs capital investment to improve and develop it. We have these improvements in our school estates planning document for academic year 2023-2024.
More residential visits for upper key stage 2 with possible grants and funding for the parents can't afford.	Our Year 6 children are going on a residential this year to Hawkhirst.
I would like to see more community engagement. And would like to see a whole school litter pick or something to encourage better behaviour outside the school and more engagement with the environment.	Agree! These are great ideas – thank you!
You would like more whole school events and extra-curricular activities.	Are working on this and increasing these types of events each term to build up capacity and provision.
Removal of disruptive children, this way our children won't become afraid of other children's anger and violent behaviour.	Are working hard to support all our children. I hope parents and carers can see the positive impact we have had on this issue since September. If you have any ongoing concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school.
Bring the PTFA back.	Are looking into this.
More homework and focus on pushing a child to reach their full potential in order for them to thrive.	Have reviewed all our homework expectations and polices and shared this information in the spring and/or summer term.

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<p>Move the trim trail away from the entrance as it's a bit of a squeeze when parents are standing trying to get the buggy through, also bike storage :)</p>	<p>I agree, the trim trail could not be in a worse place but there is no way we can move it because of costs. We are looking at rearranging the staff car park so hopefully this will help address your concerns. Bike storage will be in place next academic year.</p>
<p>Maybe children could have one to one time at least once a month with a teacher to ask how they are feeling/how they are finding doing their work/if they are ok in themselves. I know this might be difficult with time and staff, but I as parent (first time child has been in school) my child does struggle sometimes to talk about emotions, so maybe if this is talked about to a full class or one to one may be good for kids starting to understand feelings. :)</p>	<p>Have introduced a new 'Zones of Regulation' daily check in for each child and a 'Three Houses' discussion framework to support children in identifying and talking about their feelings with the adults in school. We have also revised our school's PSHE Curriculum and provided 1:1 and small group support via one of our senior leaders or a specialist counsellor. We are also doing more assemblies and class activities on managing feelings and behaviour and fostering healthy relationships.</p>
<p>Provide more after school clubs for younger children in Year 1 and Year 2.</p>	<p>Are now doing this.</p>
<p>More provision for SEND children.</p>	<p>St George's is a highly inclusive school and our SEND provision is good. If you could contact school with more specific feedback about what type of provision you would like to see more of, then we would be very grateful.</p>
<p>Better communication between staff and parents.</p>	<p>Have class emails for parents to use, termly class newsletters, half termly school newsletters, regular phone calls home where there are concerns from either parents/carers or school regular surveys for parent/carers feedback, parent/carers evenings, class open evenings and the school website.</p> <p>If anyone has any further suggestions as to what more parents/carers would like, please let us know.</p>
<p>More challenging work for children who are progressing well.</p>	<p>Provide adaptive teaching and learning opportunities for our children but agree, this is something school needs to work on and develop further.</p>
<p>More communication is needed about a child's progress and learning other than at parents' evening.</p>	<p>Provide two parent/carers evenings and an end of year school report. If any parent or carer would like more, please contact school to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher.</p>