

# Exciting Insights from Our Recent Parent Survey

## SEE WHAT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY THINKS

We're thrilled to share the results of our latest parent survey, which offers valuable insights into our school's strengths and areas for growth. A huge thank you to all the parents who took the time to participate—your input helps us continuously improve and create the best learning environment for our students.

### Participation and Overview

A total of 73 parents responded to the most recent survey, conducted as part of the School Self-Evaluation (SSE) process. This allows us to set specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals that shape future planning and support our pupils and wider school community. The survey focused on four key areas:

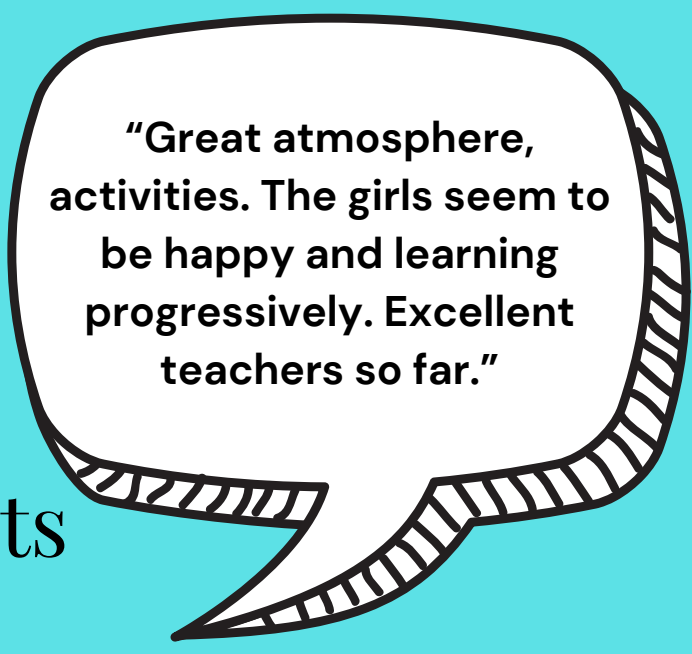
- Wellbeing
- Anti-bullying and Inclusivity
- Parental Communication
- Digital Learning

### Top Highlights

Here are some key takeaways from the survey:

- **Wellbeing:** A remarkable 97% of parents rated the school's approach to supporting student wellbeing as good or excellent.
- **Inclusivity:** 90% of parents agree that the school provides a safe and inclusive environment.
- **Anti-Bullying Measures:** 83% of parents believe the school has effective measures to prevent or manage bullying.
- **Digital Learning Priorities:** 85% of parents feel that online safety is the most important digital skill for their children to learn.

Our Lady's is a great school with a warm, nurturing and inclusive environment that focuses on both academic and personal growth. The teachers are outstanding and learning support exceptional ensuring each student receives the individual support they need to succeed. It is a warm and welcoming school with a very friendly and supportive staff



“Great atmosphere, activities. The girls seem to be happy and learning progressively. Excellent teachers so far.”

## Detailed Results

### Wellbeing

The overwhelming majority (97%) of parents expressed satisfaction with the school’s approach to student wellbeing.

Additionally, 86% of parents feel the school actively supports mental health and resilience-building for students. This feedback reinforces our commitment to fostering a supportive and positive learning environment.

### Anti-Bullying and Inclusivity

We take pride in creating an inclusive and respectful environment across all grade levels. The survey results reflect this:

- 83% of parents are satisfied with how the school addresses bullying incidents.
- 85% believe the school has effective measures to prevent and manage bullying.

### Communication

Strong communication between school and home is key to student success. The survey showed that:

- 82% of parents are satisfied with the school’s communication regarding student progress and activities.
- 92% rated the communication methods (e.g. Aladdin app, newsletters) as good or excellent.

One parent commented on **“How they speak to the kids and parents and how helpful they are keeping children engaged in good healthy activities”**

Another noted positively the **“teaching using different methods and techniques, a good mix of traditional and modern education approach.”**

### Digital Learning

Digital learning is a priority for the 2024/2025 school year. We have invested in technology, including new devices and ongoing staff training. According to the survey:

- 73.6% of parents feel the school is well-equipped to support students in digital learning.
- Top digital skills parents want their children to develop:
  - Online safety (85%)
  - Problem-solving with technology (65%)
  - Digital literacy (60%)

## Areas for Improvement

While the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, we recognize the need for continuous improvement. One key area we'd like to enhance is survey participation. With over 200 families in the school, our response rate was approximately 37%.

To boost engagement, we plan to:

- Encourage both parents/guardians in a household to submit separate responses where possible.
- Increase awareness about the survey's impact on school decisions.

## Next Steps

The insights gained from this survey will drive meaningful improvements. Our teaching staff and Board of Management have reviewed the results in detail and are committed to taking action.

### Immediate Steps:

- **Enhancing Communication:** We've already implemented a monthly newsletter (instead of the previous quarterly version) to keep parents updated on school news and initiatives via the Aladdin app.
- **Accommodating Parents in the Morning:** To support families during busy mornings, the school will now supervise pupils in the yard from 8:40 AM—10 minutes earlier than before.
- **Strengthening Digital Learning:** We will continue investing in technology and teacher training to ensure our students develop essential digital skills.

**We encourage all parents to stay involved and keep sharing their feedback. Together, we can continue building a strong and supportive school community that helps every student thrive.**

Thank you once again to everyone who participated. Stay tuned for updates as we put these initiatives into action!

I think the children are really happy and enthusiastic about school and there is plenty of extra-curricular activities they have access to now which is great. Also love the student committees and the sense of inclusion

Providing extra learning supports and special needs supports where necessary. Creating a school environment where pupils feel safe and happy