



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words

Our mission as a Roman Catholic primary school is to provide a catholic education that puts the word of God at the centre of our school. Our purpose is the happiness of all of our community through the pursuit of school-wide excellence; with success measured on our ability to sustain and enhance our position as a thriving example of Christ-centred education.

Catholic Life Questionnaire October 2018

Family responses

1. St Bernadette's R.C. Primary School's vision statement 'Live the Gospel and when necessary use words' is central to the life of the school.

100 % agree

- *This shines through in school curriculum and in school life*
- *The vision statement is all but everything our children should learn and do as they grow, for they are children of God.*
- *I think the sense of living the gospel in practice is very positive, as I understand it to mean 'actions speak louder than words'*

2. The Jelly Bean Awards interlinked with the Values Curriculum has a positive impact on my child's spiritual and moral development

98% agree

- *It really motivates the children to do well and be kind to others*
- *Living the gospel is recognised by staff members and peers. When a jelly bean award is received it gives the family the opportunity to celebrate their child's achievement. It reinforces positive behaviour and the child is given opportunity to reflect on how their actions have helped another*
- *Children enjoy getting an award and thinking of who might be worthy of one*

3. My child is a valued and respected member of the school community

98% agree

- *The school is really encouraging to my children and brings out their confidence. The teachers know all the children's names and really take the time out to listen to them.*
- *My daughter and us as parents, have always been made to feel welcome and valued by all of the staff we meet. The school are always looking for opportunities for the children to promote themselves in a positive way and to see themselves as key members in the school community.*
- *I love that from young to old, pupils to teachers, my two girls are known and spoken to regularly throughout the day*
- *My child feels a sense of belonging*

4. The school has a strong inclusive culture of care, community and belonging

98% agree

- *There are many systems in place to include all children regardless of their backgrounds and needs.*
- *My daughter feels cared for at school. Her achievements are celebrated at school and in her words, she wouldn't change anything about school*
- *Getting the children to look for good qualities over and above academic success*
- *This year the school made bead bracelets that were distributed around the local community.*

5. My family feels welcomed and valued by the school

98% agree

- *I have always felt a real family atmosphere within the school*
- *Staff go above and beyond expectations of making my family feel welcome and valued. They always make time to speak, even at the busiest times of the school day.*
- *It's just nice that you are known by teachers and you are always welcomed and greeted and never ignored.*
- *We are always greeted with a smile and that makes a huge difference to our day. The school always promote the children's achievements and blog this weekly and it is lovely to see how much they enjoy school.*

6. The school embraces all opportunities to link with the parish community

94% agree

- *They attend Mass at the local school and welcome Father John into their school to observe the catholic life of the school.*
- *Church masses, harvest bags, Nativity, end of year celebration at church and Baptism visit to church with Fr John*
- *I particularly notice the links this year in relation to the holy communion program.*
- *First Holy Communion, Christmas services in church, Easter services in church for KS2. School blog is made available to parishioners*
- *The school regularly has trips to church and encourages the children to make their first holy communion- in doing so encouraging families to become a part of the churches wider community*

7. The school has strong links with the wider community **90% agree**

- *My children have visited other schools for sporting events, posted Christmas cards through the school neighbours doors and sung carols. They also very much enjoyed the hope challenge in which bracelets were passed on to those who may have needed a bit of hope in their lives at that time.*
- *The school is genuinely part of our local community. The bracelets of hope made St Bernadette's part of our global community!*
- *Two teachers are currently in the Czech Republic seeing how schools in other parts of the world do things.*

8. Catholic life is well led in school 98% agree

9. What is good about the Catholic Life of St. Bernadette's R.C. Primary School?

- *My child is in the best school with regards to her social, moral, spiritual and cultural upbringing. There is a sense when you walk in the school that they take pride in their faith (and others also) and that being part of a catholic school is something to be proud of.*
- *Support*
- *It is a way of life at school- everything is connected by it including curriculum. The innovative prayer and liturgy as well as Jelly Bean awards and travelling cribs are fantastic for the children to understand.*
- *Provides a foundation for developing a good moral compass*

- *The values are lived out every day all day not just at Mass.*
- *My children know so much about the catholic religion and often correct me! They are taught so much and encouraged by it which gives me great comfort being the religion I chose for my children*
- *It is always highlighting and practising all things Catholic to the children*
- *It helps kids to know God and be of good character.*
- *It teaches the children a positive outlook and way of thinking without over informing them or preaching.*
- *Values staff teach around care, understanding, consideration of others*
- *It is embedded into everything the children do.*
- *Miss Dempsey, who is head of RE, makes sure we are well informed.*