



St Ann's Well Academy

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## Parents' School Improvement Suggestions

**Thank you** to all parents and carers who completed the parent questionnaire. Your views are extremely important to us and as a team we are always trying to action any improvements suggested.

You said - **I would like to be informed of my son's spelling test scores, or when he has done some good work.**

**We do** - We have three open evenings during the year for you to come along and find out about how your child is getting on. All teachers are available from 8:50 - 9:00 to have a quick chat to, which would be an ideal time to find out how your child has scored in their spelling tests. We do not report back spelling test results to all parents as the administration time spent to write down all the results would not be a productive use of teaching and learning time.

★ **Something new** - Praise postcards have been ordered for all classes which teachers can give to children who have done something fabulous in the week.

You said - **Have clear anti-bullying procedures.**

**We do** - We have a very clear anti-bullying policy which is linked to our school behaviour policy both of these policies can be found on the school website. We have also produced parent and child guidance leaflets which give information about what to do if bullying occurs. We always take part in anti-bullying week.

*The leadership and management of St Ann's Academy are always looking for ways to improve. We have looked at some of the results of the parent questionnaire to see how we can move your views from 'needs to improve' or 'good' to 'outstanding'.*

Questionnaire - **The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour**

**We do** - At St Ann's we have a very clear behaviour policy which both rewards good behaviour and addresses and supports children who make incorrect behaviour choices. A parent leaflet was sent out at the beginning of the spring term explaining our systems. Please find a copy of the school's behaviour policy and the parent leaflet on our school website.

Most of our behaviour strategies are based on positive praise and rewards with children being awarded stickers, entered into weekly prize drawers, chosen as an excellent attitude winner and invited to an end of term reward. However, we do still have some children who struggle with their behaviour choices. As an **inclusive school** and as a school who has a statutory duty of care to develop children's moral code we provide additional intervention for children whose behaviour choices are sometimes not acceptable. These interventions are skilfully delivered with very clear learning intentions.

**187 out of 207** pupils have received a certificate of **OUTSTANDING** behaviour or **Significantly Improved Behaviour** certificate this term.



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### **Questionnaire - The school takes account of my suggestions and views.**

**We do** - Parent questionnaires are sent out every term to enable parents to share their suggestions and views.

At the end of parent courses and 'Bring a Parent' to school days parents and carers are asked to complete a questionnaire.

Staff are available before and after school to discuss urgent issues, and appointments can be made for other concerns at a suitably convenient time for all.

★ **Something new** - A new parent suggestion box can be found on the shelf in front of the office hatch where you can post your suggestions and views all year round.

All views are considered and discussed by appropriate members of staff, but not all requests are acted upon as the needs of the entire school community have to be considered.

### **Questionnaire - The school promotes worthwhile values and attitudes.**

**We do** - At St Ann's Well Academy the personal development of our pupils is a fundamental part of the academic and pastoral work of the school. Underlying all our academic work is something called Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) education. We aim to deliver spiritual, moral, social and cultural education through all aspects of school life; curriculum, extra-curricular activities, school trips, the pastoral system, behaviour systems, direct teaching assemblies, celebration assemblies, themed weeks such as anti-bullying week as well as staff modelling correct values, behaviours and attitudes.

★ **Something new** - We are currently writing a parent leaflet explaining what SMSC is, why it is so important and how we teach it at St Ann's Well Academy. You can also find a copy of the SMSC policy on the school's website.

### **Questionnaire - The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle.**

**We do** - The school employs a specialist PE provider to deliver high quality, weekly PE lessons for all pupils. He also runs 2 after school sports clubs and works with different groups of children at lunchtimes. There are two after school dance clubs and a Kung Fu club which run all year which children can access.

Our new in-house catering service cook delicious, well balanced school dinners every day.

Through our science curriculum, children learn about what food groups make up a balanced diet and which foods should be consumed in moderation.

★ **Something new** - Devern Gordon (site manager) has recently fitted a kitchen in what was called the Blue Room. We are planning to use the new kitchen to provide baking / cooking sessions for all pupils throughout the year as part of our design and technology curriculum.

**Thank you to you all for your continuing support.**

Please read the parent testimonies section on our website where you can read all the positive, supportive comments you have said about us.

Your views on what is working well and how we can improve are extremely important to us.

From the team at St Ann's Well.