

# St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of the progress that we continue to make at St Matthias. As a school we have high expectations for learning and behaviour and we look for every child to flourish in our care. We know that when the Ofsted inspectorate came in before the summer they said:

***This is a happy and friendly school filled with lots of positive energy. Pupils are kind and support each other, such as in warmly welcoming new arrivals. Pupils said that adults take good care of them. Adults help pupils if they get stuck in their learning. They also deal effectively with any concerns that pupils share with them. Pupils are safe and feel so.***

Last week, we held parents' evening and the feedback was resoundingly positive across the board, with almost all responses in our surveys showing as 'agree' and 'strongly agree' in all areas. This is the best survey feedback we have received over the years and want to share and celebrate this with you. When asked if they would recommend this school to others, 89% of parents selected '**strongly agree**'. You told us that we could do even better by improving the playground equipment and going on more trips. We will work with our pupil parliament to action this. We are thankful for many of the parents' comments such as:

- ***'The school is a kind respectful and safe school'***
- ***'The school is a close community supporting and guiding each other through the children's education growth. The teachers are so friendly and polite, they feel like family.'***
- ***'The teachers are amazing and they all interact and know each child's name. Family oriented school.'***

Last week we also had a visit from one of our school governors. She spoke to children who said:

- ***'I feel safe. The teachers are kind and make me feel warm.'***
- ***'I always feel respected and learn lots of new things every day.'***
- ***'It feels like home. People check on you to make sure you're ok with your learning.'***

When asked to contribute 'one word' about the school- these were the words they used:



We continue to work closely with our community and encourage you to please come to us if you have any concerns at all about your child's behaviour, learning or wellbeing. Our door is always open. We are here to support you and your voice is important, as are the children's voices.

Our Christian values at St Matthias nurture a safe, caring and inclusive environment where together we 'have faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Lucy Blewett  
Headteacher