

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF '2018 PARENT SURVEY'

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Here in Sacred Heart Grammar School we truly value the views of parents/guardians as an important part of our self-evaluation process. The information that this provides helps us to improve our provision as well as help shape the future direction of our school. As part of this process, during the last term we invited parents/guardians to contribute to the 2018 Parent Survey, consisting of 21 set questions and 2 open questions, so that we could get a better understanding of the thoughts, views and opinions of parents/guardians about our school and the work that we do. I am delighted to say that we had a terrific response to the survey, with a remarkable 540 replies having been received. The results were extremely positive and showed that a high percentage of you, the parents and guardians, felt that we are providing high quality opportunities and experiences for our students.

I have included for your information a summary of the results of the 2018 Parent Survey indicating the responses received across the different year groups. The results are presented in two corresponding parts. The first is a set of percentage figures showing the responses to the twenty-one set questions. The second encapsulates a selection of the thoughts offered in two open questions asked, namely *'What do you like most about the school?'* and *'What would you like to change in the school?'*

### Responses to Set Questions

Year Group							Overall	Percentage response to question asked
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	100%	98%	99%	agree/strongly agree that their daughter is happy at this school.
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	agree/strongly agree that the school keeps their daughter safe.
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	agree/strongly agree that their daughter is well looked after at this school.
100%	100%	99%	100%	95%	97%	100%	99%	agree/strongly agree that the school deals effectively with allegations of bullying.
100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	100%	98%	99%	agree/strongly agree that their daughter is making good progress at this school.
100%	100%	97%	99%	96%	97%	95%	98%	agree/strongly agree that the school informs them about their daughter's progress.
100%	99%	95%	100%	97%	95%	95%	97%	agree/strongly agree that the school helps them to support their daughter's learning.
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	agree/strongly agree that their daughter is taught well at this school.
100%	98%	99%	97%	100%	96%	100%	98%	agree/strongly agree that their daughter receives appropriate homework for her age.
99%	95%	95%	97%	97%	93%	98%	96%	agree/strongly agree that the school helps their daughter to have a healthy lifestyle.
99%	97%	97%	95%	99%	99%	98%	98%	agree/strongly agree that there is a good range of activities for their daughter to enjoy.
100%	98%	99%	100%	99%	100%	98%	99%	agree/strongly agree that the school meets their daughter's particular needs.
100%	99%	100%	100%	96%	99%	98%	99%	agree/strongly agree that the school responds well to any concerns they raise.
100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	agree/strongly agree that the school makes sure students are well behaved.
100%	99%	99%	100%	97%	99%	100%	99%	agree/strongly agree that the school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour.
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%	agree/strongly agree that the school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit.
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	agree/strongly agree that the school has a good reputation in the local community.
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	agree/strongly agree that the school is led and managed effectively.
100%	97%	97%	100%	97%	97%	95%	98%	agree/strongly agree that overall, they are happy with their daughter's experience at this school.
100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%	would recommend this school to another parent.

## Responses to Open-ended Questions

### **What do you like most about the school?**

- *"My daughter loves going to school. She's a happy, mature young lady, and I believe the teachers work so hard and should take credit for their outstanding input into these young girls' lives."*
- *"Sense of community and support"*
- *"The care and homely atmosphere. High standard of education."*
- *"My daughter loves school and is progressing well due to great teaching. Thank you"*
- *"Pastoral element, looking after child holistically not just academically. Teachers always very approachable, caring and offer support and guidance to child's study"*.
- *"I have a happy and healthy daughter who loves all aspects of school life. Her talents and weaknesses are always supported and encouraged. All the staff go the extra mile for their students and it is truly appreciated"*.
- *"Students are treated with great respect. My daughter is so happy at the Sacred Heart. Teachers are outstanding!!"*
- *"The caring, nurturing ethos within the school. Our daughter has made the transition to post primary with ease. Thank you!"*
- *"Great support to pupil and parents through SENCO, Staff very kind and thoughtful."*
- *"It brings out the best in its pupils and encourages them to achieve their potential."*
- *"The Christian ethos instilled in each pupil as evident throughout the school in teachers and staff."*
- *"The thing I like most about Sacred Heart is that both daughters are extremely happy going to and coming from school. As a result, they have both always been able to fulfil their potentials. many thanks to ALL staff."*
- *"My child is happy, feels that she belongs, teachers are interested in their pupils and challenge them."*
- *"Warm, welcoming and a positive environment for a young girl to grow a strong and confident self. Thank you."*

### **'What would you like to change in the school?**

- *"Encouraging all children to participate in sports - not just those who have a flair for sport."*
- *"Lockers should be provided as too many books, files etc. to carry to and from school."*
- *"Increase number of after school activities particularly in first few months of being in a new school- especially sports (non-competitive) Gaelic, netball, soccer etc. would help to get to know other First Years."*
- *"A cloakroom for coats and school bags especially in winter time. Lockers."*
- *"Some class sizes seem large."*
- *"More retreats and help children express themselves through their faith."*
- *"Maybe look at encouraging girls to stop using mobile phones etc. so much. I know it's difficult but worth a try. Teach them about the dangers of social media."*
- *"Less homework as amount given is excessive and creates undue stress and impacts on ability to do extra-curricular activities and revision."*
- *"Open the passageway between Abbey CBS and Sacred Heart in the morning. My daughter walks to school along a narrow, dangerous and busy road. this simple change can avoid any necessary risk for her."*
- *"Having to bring raw food into school is awkward and would prefer to make financial contribution towards this."*
- *"I think it should be compulsory for girls to wear school raincoats in winter."*
- *"It's distance from Lurgan."*
- *"I think that students should attend the Parent/Teacher meeting with their parents."*

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for contributing to our '2018 Parent Survey' and assure you that we will take your comments on board as we move forwards. We certainly will continue to do our best to ensure that Sacred Heart Grammar School is a happy, vibrant and forward thinking learning environment where all children are nurtured, encouraged and supported to realise their full potential.

Yours sincerely,  
Paul Kane  
(Acting Principal)