Church School Questionnaire – March 2023

Many thanks to all who completed the Church School Questionnaire that was sent out via parentmail last term. In total, we received 66 responses.

From the questionnaire the feeling is that the majority for the parental stakeholders are happy and supportive of the way in which Langley Fitzurse Church of England School develops its Christian distinctiveness.

The open question responses have been included in this report and as a school we will look to address some of the issued raised from Question 15 – things that we can do better.

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| Are you aware that Langley Fitzurse is a Church School ? | Yes/No | 66 | 100% agreed |
| Do you believe that Langley Fitzurse is a good Church School ? | Yes/No | 66 | 100% agreed |
| I believe that children at Langley Fitzurse can express their own  faith with confidence | Agree/Disagree | 66 | 100% agreed |
| Langley Fitzurse keeps me informed of what is happening in school | Agree/Disagree | 62 | 94% agreed |
| Langley Fitzurse keeps me informed about the RE it provides | Agree/Disagree | 61 | 92% agreed |
| I am happy with the RE Langley Fitzurse provides | Agree/Disagree | 65 | 98% agreed |
| I am happy with the collective worship Langley Fitzurse provides | Agree/Disagree | 64 | 97% agreed |
| I am happy with the church services Langley Fitzurse provides | Agree/Disagree | 66 | 100% agreed |
| I am invited to attend the collective worship and/or church services | Agree/Disagree | 65 | 98% agreed |
| Langley Fitzurse School contributes to the spiritual life of pupils, parents and staff | Agree/Disagree | 64 | 97% agreed |
| Langley Fitzurse School has excellent links with St Peter’s and clergy | Agree/Disagree | 64 | 97% agreed |
| Langley Fitzurse School creates positive links with the wider community (e.g. charity support) | Agree/Disagree | 65 | 98% agreed |
| Langley Fitzurse is a place where everyone is valued | Agree/Disagree | 65 | 98% agreed |

What do you like about Langley Fitzurse as a Church School?

* No one religion is overtly impressed upon the children and my child is free to express her views about God, religion and spirituality.
* It works well
* Sense of community.
* Close connections with village church, children always seem happy and engaged. School uphold Christian values and beliefs which promotes their importance amongst the school pupils.
* It is a joy to watch the children sing and speak in the church (when we are able to go and see them, a little trickier with some jobs). The children have such pride and joy about it.
* The small family feel, the faith and links with the church but equally discussions around other religions and the values of the school
* The staff are very helpful
* We liked when our son bought home some homework which asked him to talk to members of his family about their thoughts on God. It's nice that the school and building have a bit of history and the church is close by and at the centre of the village.
* We are very happy with Langley Fitzurse as a Church school.
* I like the focus on spiritual values while teaching about all faiths and none.
* Langley Fitzurse puoils are involved in the community and visit the church for events on a regular basis. The vicar also visits the church and the children have an excellent understanding of important values, along with understanding of different religions and ideas.
* The community feel and the values the children learn
* "My daughter is in year 1 and is having the opportunity to explore Christianity and the spirituality element. She will happily share what she has learned e.g. recently she has been talking about Lent and it's meaning, duration and why it is a special time for Christians. She can also share learning she has done about other world religions.
* There are regular opportunities to attend church services which is a wonderful way to be included as a member of the whole school community.
* I have noticed the school is doing more to do with charities e.g. the polar bear in Pegasus and this is a good element to see having its profile raised.
* The clergy are wonderful. Katherine is very approachable, warm and kind. She always takes the time to get to know you and your family which makes you feel very much part of the church family."
* The way the children following and respect other religions
* Christian ethos
* It teaches the children about the religious events and helps them to feel engaged.
* I like the community feeling that the school has developed. Our daughter tells us what she has learnt about religion and we think it sets her on a great path for a great future.
* Friendly and inclusive, teaches the children good morals and values
* Mrs Bloomer is great with the children in school and in the church services and I really enjoy coming along to those services
* The staff are very helpful

How would you like to see Langley Fitzurse developed further as a Church school?

* Possibly include other views eg Humanism.
* No - all good as it is
* I wouldn't. It should focus on being a part of the community.
* Very fortunate to have village church close by, easy for pupils to access and also for the parents/ family to attend.
* Nice for the services to continue.
* Better communication between school and parents as there seems to be a lack of it and a lot of things are notified on a last minute basis
* Communicate has slipped in recent times and can cause confusion between the parents and the school.
* I am really happy with everything
* We would like the opportunity to attend collective worship/certificate presentation to feel more involved.
* We don't know much about which songs/prayers he knows.
* Some more RE based trips? A friend's son went to Malmesbury Abbey.
* We'd like to see him bring home more of the work he's doing on a regular basis so we can chat about what he's been learning."
* Links into other local churches in the surrounding area and other places of worship.
* Nothing - NA
* Not sure, I think you do a great job.
* I don't believe there are many things that the school needs to improve upon. I am very happy with the schools Church school offering and the ways in which it is enabling my child to be amazed, excited and inspired.
* NA
* I think you are doing a good job already
* The only comment I have is communication about when the services are to be able to change work times to be able to attend.

Kind regards

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