

St Timothy's

Primary School, Nursery Class and LCSC

At St Timothy's we Belong Together in a Loving, Respectful and Happy Family

Love Nurture Learn Respect Belong Safe Achieve

Please see below a summary of the responses to our survey. All writing in italics is mine, either to link or comment. The writing in red is the original questions. Everything else is wording from parents. I've put average scores **bold**.

1. On a scale of one to six (one being the lowest and six the highest) please answer the following questions regarding your child(ren)'s experience of school. There is a clear vision, values and aims relevant for the school and community.

Average Score: **5.06**

2. Please add any comments about our vision, values and aims as we prepare for next session.

My son loves attending St Timothy's and the staff and Senior Management are instrumental in ensuring that the school has a clear vision with their hands on approach.

Very humble and co operative staff

A number of parents indicated that while they thought the vision, values and aims were good they were unsure of exactly what they are – you'll see from the new letterhead that we're addressing that!

3. The teaching, learning and assessment in place meets my child's needs

Average Score: **5.27**

4. I am happy with my child's attainment and achievement

Average Score: **5.28**

5. We would like to update our curriculum rationale as we move towards next session. What is important to you in your child's education?

As we move further into the Covid recovery period I feel that real life/hands on experiences with visit and visitors will be a good tool in sparking learning for our children. For my own child I feel a

focus on well being and social skills would be a benefit as a child who spent almost half of her life loving with Covid restrictions

Being able to apply skills across learning and work independently. Also being confident in literacy and numeracy

Maths, English, R.E. Online safety courses.

6. Are there any changes you would like to see us make to our curriculum?

I would like more focus on foreign languages and more active participation in practical things to help the environment. that doesn't have to be taught in class, it can be learned through school policies such as reusing and recycling, not dropping litter, teachers not rewarding kids with 'throw-away' toys which don't last long and inevitably get thrown in the bin after a short time and encouraging parents not to drive their children to school.

There were a couple more comments about languages, and one about Gaelic – we are planning discreet language lessons as part of non-class contact time next session. We have no plans to offer Gaelic unfortunately.

I strongly believe in the benefits of play based pedagogy and there's lots of good work going on nationally in this area, it would be great to see current play approaches built on further

Again, there were a couple more comments about play pedagogy, which will continue to be an aspect we focus on developing

I would also like to see current affairs. We live in an uncertain world with much turmoil, i would like my child to understand and have grown up conversations regarding the challenges they will face.

No, very happy with our children's education and the team of teachers they have.

7. The school looks after my child's wellbeing

Average Score: **5.27**

8. The school promotes inclusion, equity and equality

Average Score: **5.31**

9. How would you like to see us continuing to develop and promote the wellbeing of the learners?

Continue what you are already doing, from what i've seen this is a very strong area for the school.

Would like more experiences/ information on children's mental health . Would love to see children talk more about this subject in school.

The use of the nurture room and play room being significant benefits to my child, I would like to see this continue

I like that my child talks about the strategies he is introduced to such as mindfulness, continue to offer this.

Involvement in different groups. Opportunities to take part in challenges outwith classroom. Time spent in small groups and sometimes 1 to 1 when time allows.

We like to think this is an area of strength for us and the comments reflected this, we do plan for this to continue to be a main focus for us.

10. Is there anything else you would like to tell us? If so, please do it here. Thanks for your time.

I would like to express my thanks to the whole team at St Timothy's, I was anxious about my daughter starting p1 this year both academically and socially however the team have been amazing at meeting her needs and reassuring me as a parent. Thank you all for not just keeping things going in the hardest of times but for helping our children thrive and learn in the most difficult of circumstances.

I am so happy I moved my child to this school. Across the board it is easy to tell the children are put first and their emotional wellbeing is paramount to the staff. There is no bullying at this school any matters involving child disputes are dealt with straight away & put right. I know my child is safe here. Such a good feeling for a mum going off to work. Thank you St Timothy's

There have been a few incidents I have heard of friends speak of with bullying and also one with my own child where it has been the same child in question who has been the culprit and I feel this is not take as seriously as it should be

My personal take on this is that, as you can see from the two comments above, different people have different opinions on these things. There are always going to be some issues between children within schools and St Timothy's is no different in this regard. I would give reassurance that we do take issues between pupils very seriously (actually our exclusion rates are far too high) but equally we make no apology for being a nurturing school where we demand no violence and aim to support all of our pupils.

Amazing staff and very informative with the school diary

Would be good to have regular updates (maybe termly) on what my child is working towards and anything we could do to help. A little more insight into what they are doing in class e.g. are they working on money, what topic are they covering.