

**Church School Distinctiveness**  
**Questionnaire Responses Christmas 2017**

**Many thanks to everyone for completing and returning the responses received. We value your responses in trying to improve and develop our current practice.**

**Distinctiveness**

39/40 respondents agreed that:

They are aware that St Paul's is a Church of England school.

School communicates its Christian vision and ethos clearly.

They believe the Christian values taught in the school promote good relationships and behaviour.

1/40 respondents stated that they didn't know.

**Worship**

38/40 respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their child enjoys taking part in daily worship with just 1 reply disagreeing. 36/40 respondents stated that their child had benefited from participating in collective worship, with 4/40 respondents being unsure whether their child had benefitted or not. 37/40 respondents stated that members from St Paul's Church take an active role in the life of school with 2/40 respondents disagreeing. All except one respondent agreed that Christian Values shared through Worship and school life impact positively on their child.

**RE teaching**

37/40 respondents indicated that the RE teaching their child receives is very good, with 3/40 being unsure.

32/40 respondents agreed that their child receives teaching about other faiths in addition to Christianity with 8 respondents being unsure.

**Leadership and Management**

39/40 respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the school is led and managed well, by school leaders and governors, from a distinctively Christian perspective. 34/40 respondents agreed that the school's dealings with queries, problems or complaints are in line with Christian values with 5/40 respondents stating that they didn't know. 37/40 respondents agreed that the school values children's views and opinions with 3/40 being unsure.

**Things St Paul's does well as a church school**

- Taking classes to church
- RE taught within school
- Being involved with Reverend Gill and vicars/having them come into school for assemblies
- Having the lovely pictures on display in the hall and the prayer tree in reception
- Awesome Nativity – credit to all involved
- Welcomes all children in a non-discriminative way
- Builds confidence in children
- Promotes Christian Values and teaches children to respect others and their opinions
- Discuss all religions
- Age appropriate RE
- Regular Church visits
- Consistent with Church Ethos throughout school
- Carol service and end of term assemblies led by children
- Links between school and church
- Good behaviour of the children
- Rev Gill visits school

**Things St Paul's could do to improve as a church school**

- Community involvement eg OAP bingo/tea and biscuits led by Year 6
- Awareness of older people in the community in their own homes
- Links with Church High schools
- Nothing!
- Parents could engage more with church
- When weather is bad maybe consider not walking to school and have service in school
- Consider getting more school children involved in Church on a Sunday