

Bethany School Pupil Survey - January 2023

Bethany school conducted a survey of all pupils in years Reception to 11. 89 pupils in year Reception to 11 were present on the day and took part in the survey. The full results have been shared with Governors, staff team and parents. Here is a summary of the survey's findings with our response.

I enjoy school	All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
Pupil responses 2021	12%	61%	25%	3%	0%
Pupil responses 2023	25%	36%	33%	6%	1%
School response	Obviously we want all the children in our care to enjoy school. We are aware of some negative attitudes and are helping to support individual pupils who don't enjoy school.				
Teachers help me to do my best	In every lesson	In most lessons	In some lessons	In very few lessons	In none of my lessons
Pupil responses 2021	18%	55%	21%	6%	0%
Pupil responses 2023	49%	31%	16%	3%	0%
School response	As teachers we strive to help our students to do their best, and are pleased that 80% of pupils answered that this was the case in most lessons or better.				
My teachers give me work that challenges me	In every lesson	In most lessons	In some lessons	In very few lessons	In none of my lessons
Pupil responses 2021	14%	49%	29%	8%	1%
Pupil responses 2023	28%	49%	15%	8%	0%
School response	We are pleased that 77% of children felt that the level of challenge given to them is good in most or every lesson. We have an ongoing process of work scrutinies by the senior leadership team and also a teacher from another school to moderate the work and the level of challenge across school.				
I enjoy learning at Bethany School	All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
Pupil responses 2021	28%	40%	26%	0%	6%
Pupil responses 2023	33%	40%	26%	1%	0%
School response	We would hope that all pupils enjoy learning at Bethany school, and are pleased that 73% of pupils enjoy learning most of the time or better. We are pleased that negative attitudes towards learning have reduced since our last survey.				
Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
Pupil responses 2021	23%	58%	15%	3%	1%
Pupil responses 2023	38%	44%	15%	3%	0%
School response	It is encouraging that the vast majority of pupils feel listened to in lessons.				

There is an adult at school that I can talk to if something is worrying me	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
Pupil responses 2021	36%	24%	31%	5%	4%
Pupil responses 2023	45%	24%	20%	8%	3%
School response	We have worked with children a lot on this issue since our last survey, and class teachers have addressed this issue in Tutor Time and signposted pupils to different adults who pupils could go to for help in addition to their class teacher. We are concerned that 11% of children still disagree that there is an adult that they can talk to in school and are working to identify further work that we can do to improve.				
The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good	All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
Pupil responses 2021	13%	45%	33%	6%	4%
Pupil responses 2023	19%	65%	13%	2%	0%
School response	We are very proud of the excellent behaviour of children in our school, and most of the children agree, saying that behaviour in lessons is good most of the time or more.				
The behaviour of other pupils around school is good	All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
Pupil responses 2021	11%	48%	29%	9%	3%
Pupil responses 2023	18%	43%	32%	6%	1%
School response	We are pleased that most children agree that behaviour across the school is good. More negative perceptions here came from younger children and we are working with them to explore this in more detail.				
Is bullying a problem at Bethany School?	It doesn't happen	It happens and teachers are really good at resolving it	It happens and teachers are good at resolving it	It happens and teachers are not good at resolving it	It happens and teachers do nothing about it
Pupil responses 2021	56%	23%	10%	11%	0%
Pupil responses 2023	65%	15%	17%	3%	0%
School response	We are thankful that bullying is a rare occurrence at Bethany School, and that most children feel that where it does occur, teachers are good at resolving it. We are also pleased that the percentages of children who feel that bullying doesn't happen at all has risen, along with the percentages of children who feel that teachers are good at resolving it.				
I feel safe when I am at school	All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Almost never	Never
Pupil responses 2021	50%	40%	10%	0%	0%
Pupil responses 2023	71%	19%	8%	1%	1%
School response	We are pleased that the majority of children at our school feel safe. However, our aim is for all of our children to feel safe. We are working with children to explore what their concerns are, and have made an action plan to address some of these issues.				

Bethany school encourages me to look after my physical health	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
Pupil responses 2021	22%	43%	25%	7%	3%
Pupil responses 2023	43%	28%	24%	5%	1%
School response	Healthy living is embedded throughout our curriculum, through PE, PSHE, science, topic lessons and prayers.				
Bethany school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
Pupil responses 2021	28%	30%	40%	1%	1%
Pupil responses 2023	60%	20%	15%	5%	1%
School response	The profile of mental health has been raised considerably in recent years and we are seeking to address this through Assemblies, tutor time and our curriculum. We are pleased to see that this has had a positive impact on pupils' views since the last survey.				
I take part in school activities outside lessons, like clubs, sports, music and art	very frequently	frequently	sometimes	not very often	never
Pupil responses 2021	26%	19%	16%	14%	25%
Pupil responses 2023	15%	22%	19%	30%	15%
School response	Although the results of this question are disappointing, since our last survey we have introduced a number of new clubs, including 'board games club,' 'story club', German club and a choir. These have all been well attended. Cross country club every Friday is also very well attended. Children have requested a Christian Union which we are looking into setting up. The results in this question will be influenced by the fact that not all clubs are available to all age groups as we are keen for our youngest children to be active at dinner times, building social skills on the playground.				
Bethany school encourages me to be independent and take on responsibilities	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
Pupil responses 2021	38%	35%	25%	1%	0%
Pupil responses 2023	48%	38%	11%	2%	0%
School response	It is encouraging to see that 76% of our pupils feel empowered to be independent and take on responsibilities as a result of their experiences at Bethany School. Feedback from sixth forms in the city is that our pupils are well prepared for the next stage of education at our school.				
Bethany school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
Pupil responses 2021	66%	26%	6%	0%	1%
Pupil responses 2023	77%	16%	6%	1%	0%
School response	As a Christian School we teach that all people are made in the image of God, and we are delighted that an overwhelming 93% of pupils agreed or strongly agreed that we encourage them to respect all people and treat all people equally.				

Bethany school provides me with information about my next steps	Yes, but it was too much information and wasn't always helpful	Yes, I received the right amount of information that was helpful	Yes, but there wasn't enough information that was helpful*	No, I haven't received any information	
Pupil responses 2021	8%	71%	13%	8%	
Pupil responses 2023	7%	84%	6%	2%	
School response	We seek to support pupils through each of the transition points through school and as they move on to the next phase of their education or training when they leave Bethany School. We are encouraged that the majority of pupils thought that we are getting this right.				
I would recommend Bethany School to a friend moving into the area	Yes	Maybe	No		
Pupil responses 2021	56%	38%	6%		
Pupil responses 2023	64%	33%	2%		
School response					

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