Bethany School Pupil Survey - February 2025

Bethany school conducted a survey of all pupils in years one to eleven. Seventy eight pupils in those year groups 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.

l 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%	
Pupil responses 2025	15%	48%	34%	1%	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%	
Pupil responses 2025	33%	50%	17%	0%	0%	
School response	As teachers we strive to help our students to do their best, and are pleased that 83% 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%	
Pupil responses 2025	31%	41%	22%	6%	0%	
School response	We are pleased that 72% 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%	
Pupil responses 2025	23%	45%	29%	3%	0%	
School response			enjoy learning a oy learning mos			

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%		
Pupil responses 2025	42%	44%	12%	1%	1%		
School response	It is encouraging that 86% of pupils feel listened to in lessons, and that the negative perceptions of pupils have decreased since the last survey.						
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%		
Pupil responses 2025	45%	29%	16%	8%	3%		
School response	We continue to work with children a lot on this issue, 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%		
Pupil responses 2025	10%	44%	40%	6%	0%		
School response	We are very proud of the excellent behaviour of children in our school, and most of the children agree. However we are concerned that less pupils think behaviour is good and will work with them to explore this in more detail.						
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%		
Pupil responses 2025	14%	56%	26%	4%	0%		
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%		
Pupil responses 2025	58%	19%	19%	4%	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%	
Pupil responses 2025	58%	31%	10%	1%	0%	
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%	
Pupil responses 2025	33%	38%	23%	5%	0%	
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%	
Pupil responses 2025	47%	32%	18%	3%	0%	
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. Although this survey's results are not quite as positive as the last one 79% still agree that we encourage them to look after their mental and emotional health.					
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%	
Pupil responses 2025	20%	23%	21%	18%	18%	
School response	Although the results of this question are disappointing, since our last survey we have introduced a Christian Union at the request of pupils. A number of existing clubs, including 'board games club' and 'story club' continue to run. These have all been well attended. Cross country club every Friday is also very well attended. 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.					

School response							
Pupil responses 2025	56%	43%	1%				
Pupil responses 2023	64%	33%	2%				
Pupil responses 2021	56%	38%	6%				
I would recommend Bethany School to a friend moving into the area	Yes	Maybe	No				
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.						
Pupil responses 2025	13%	72%	13%	1%	0%		
Pupil responses 2023	7%	84%	6%	2%			
Pupil responses 2021	8%	71%	13%	8%			
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			
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 94% of pupils agreed or strongly agreed that we encourage them to respect all people and treat all people equally.						
Pupil responses 2025	73%	21%	5%	1%	0%		
Pupil responses 2023	77%	16%	6%	1%	0%		
Pupil responses 2021	66%	26%	6%	0%	1%		
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		
School response	It is encouraging to see that 79% 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.						
Pupil responses 2025	36%	43%	18%	1%	1%		
Pupil responses 2023	48%	38%	11%	2%	0%		
Pupil responses 2021	38%	35%	25%	1%	0%		
Bethany school encourages me to be independent and take on responsibilities	strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree		

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