

# Westleigh Methodist Primary School

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Development (SMSC)  
Questionnaire.  
March 2017



Please tick the box below for the year group your child is in.

Year	<b>R</b> 60%	<b>I</b> 26%	<b>2</b> 27%	<b>3</b> 52%	<b>4</b> 23%	<b>5</b> 24%	<b>6</b> 38%
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Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am aware that the school is a Church school.	66%	32%	1%	1%
Having my child attend a Church school is important to me.	20%	50%	30%	
The school is a caring place based on clear Christian values.	38%	59%	3%	
The school makes me feel welcome at school worship and other special events.	59%	41%		
Pupils show respect for and care for others.	46%	51%	3%	
The school encourages pupils to enjoy learning.	70%	30%		
The school keeps me informed about my child's progress.	65%	32%	3%	
The school keeps me informed about the curriculum and school events.	69%	30%	1%	
The school has strong links with the Hindley Green Methodist Chapel.	23%	57%	19%	1%
The school makes links with the local community e.g. visits from police, fire brigade, fundraising events.	50%	49%	1%	
Pupils can make a contribution to the life of the school e.g. eco warriors, school council, prefects, etc	60%	39%	1%	
The school values wider learning opportunities through clubs, trips and visitors.	64%	36%		
Pupils learn about the wider world and cultures other than their own.	63%	37%		
My child enjoys school.	70%	27%	3%	

Please turn over...

### **What do you like most about Westleigh Methodist as a Church School?**

- ✓ *My children are settled and happy and learning really well.*
- ✓ *It's a great school with small classrooms so not too many children.*
- ✓ *The activities.*
- ✓ *Close family.*
- ✓ *More religious views.*
- ✓ *The values it instils in the children.*
- ✓ *It teaches values and good behaviour.*
- ✓ *Promoting Christian Values.*
- ✓ *The values that the children learn at school.*
- ✓ *Worship and learning about Jesus.*
- ✓ *Teaching children about values and respecting others at all times.*
- ✓ *It isn't too churchy but embraces the ideas and values of Christianity.*
- ✓ *How it links with the community and Christian Values.*
- ✓ *Regular religious education lessons – using these types of lessons to help teach right from the start.*
- ✓ *Happy my child respects people's beliefs and backgrounds.*
- ✓ *That they learn about religion.*
- ✓ *Staff make my children feel happy and safe in school and have great relationships with the staff.*
- ✓ *We strongly believe it is up to Ashleigh and Rose to decide their religion, but it was important to us we choose a school that would teach kindness, responsibility and the other important life lessons they are taught at home.*
- ✓ *The openness of the school teachers and the welcoming feel to the building and staff.*
- ✓ *Bobbie is learning about Christianity (she told me the story of Noah).*
- ✓ *I think it is good having traditions that we have celebrated for many years, Christmas, Easter, etc.*
- ✓ *Westleigh is a good school. Teachers are kind and passionate about teaching the children.*
- ✓ *It is relaxing and calm.*
- ✓ *How welcoming they make you feel.*
- ✓ *The school has a lovely welcoming atmosphere with excellent learning activities for my daughter's development.*
- ✓ *Teach good principles.*
- ✓ *We are well informed about what is going on in the school.*
- ✓ *The school and teaching staff are very passionate about what they do with learning children, also the school is very helpful if I have any problems regarding my child and education.*
- ✓ *The fact my children are happy here and any issues I have had have been dealt with.*
- ✓ *Being a Church school doesn't really matter to me.*
- ✓ *Very friendly school. Staff are lovely and easy to approach.*
- ✓ *The options it offers my child regarding beliefs. Produces a balanced learning experience.*
- ✓ *I find that this is the best for my children.*
- ✓ *Teach the children the correct values.*

### **How can we make Westleigh Methodist even better as a Church School?**

- ✓ *Didn't know it was.*
- ✓ *Keep doing what you're doing.*
- ✓ *Better school meals.*
- ✓ *After school clubs with Christian values at the core – scouts, etc.*
- ✓ *Maybe promote scouts/brownies as an out of school activity (if appropriate).*
- ✓ *More activities with local/Leigh Churches.*
- ✓ *Keep parents up-to-date on things happening in school.*
- ✓ *Children should wear PE kits every week from start and not do yoga in uniform.*
- ✓ *More connection to the Church events like Christingle, harvest, etc.*

- ✓ Attend Church more.
- ✓ Just keep it up.
- ✓ I can think of nothing in particular that would improve my impression of the school or its staff at all.
- ✓ Doing just fine at what they are doing.
- ✓ Be more pro-active with peer confrontation.
- ✓ It's doing just fine, Zain and Jazmine enjoy the events such as Sticky Church and other events.
- ✓ More recognition of attendance, not only end of year, some children come everyday apart from maybe 1 sick day and lose out. There should maybe be another one other than 100% or a termly certificate if a child achieves 100% for that term.
- ✓ Very happy with the school generally.
- ✓ More parent assemblies.
- ✓ Just keep up as you are doing.

### What are your views on the school app? (MySchoolsApp)

- ✓ Not downloaded yet.
- ✓ The school app is informative and highly useful.
- ✓ Great.
- ✓ Very good.
- ✓ Good, handy reference.
- ✓ I don't use it as often as I should but my limited use has been positive.
- ✓ OK
- ✓ Good, it keeps us up to date.
- ✓ Not updated enough.
- ✓ Needs work/improvement.
- ✓ Haven't downloaded it yet.
- ✓ Good. Could we have school holidays/term dates on there please and upcoming trips/dressing up days, etc. Sometimes the newsletter to download isn't up to date.
- ✓ Not used it.
- ✓ I did not know about this.
- ✓ Very good and informative.
- ✓ Good idea, easy access.
- ✓ Can't get on it. But Jazmine enjoys the learning apps.
- ✓ I think it's a good idea keeping up to date with your child.
- ✓ Excellent.
- ✓ Useful, info up to date.
- ✓ Can't get on it.
- ✓ I haven't used it personally, can't comment.
- ✓ Don't know, I haven't used it. I will check it out.
- ✓ Pretty good.
- ✓ Not used as yet.
- ✓ My children are better at using these.
- ✓ Good idea.

### Would you prefer to receive a printed newsletter or would you prefer to view it on the school app? (Please tick your preferred method of communication)

Printed newsletter

74%

Schools app

26%

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, your views are very important to us.