

2024/2025

Dear families of Our Lady and St Hubert’s,

Following the Parent survey sent out in September, we thank you all for your contributions. As we continue our journey forward as a community, we always truly value your feedback in celebrating what is working well and your contributions and

ideas moving forward. Your views are greatly valued, and we constantly endeavour to take

action with the children's best interests at heart.

We want to update you on some of the actions we will be taking because of the September parent survey:

**You said**- **‘The cross has been removed from the new school badge**

The cross is still there – it sits between the deer’s antlers on the updated badge.

**You said- Preschools now accept children who are still in nappies, putting extra pressure on staff and taking learning time away from others.**

Preschools are legally obliged (DDA) to welcome and support all enrolled children, including those not yet toilet trained. Staff provide the necessary care while maintaining learning opportunities for every child.

**You said-** **Children’s mental health needs are not taken seriously, and concerns are left unaddressed.**

**We did -** We partner with the NHS Reflexions Mental Health Support Team and have bought an additional half-day of therapeutic provision each week. Termly, needs-led parent coffee mornings run with our pastoral team, and we have invested in the OPAL programme to support pupils’ social-emotional needs at lunchtime.

**You said- ‘We wish the school would involve parents more in activities.**

**We did-** regular parent-inclusion events now run throughout the year, e.g., phonics workshops, Father’s Day, Mother’s Day, and Christmas craft sessions.

**You said- ‘Communication needs to be improved; the school sometimes feels disorganised.**

**We did—**Class Dojo was launched in October to give all parents instant updates on school news and events. When circumstances beyond our control (such as weather) force a change, we notify families promptly and reschedule where possible.

**You said- ‘Year 6, do not visit St Chad's before confirmation ‘**

**We did— Y**6 6 attended St Chad last month and have another visit booked for the next academic year.

**You said- ‘I know it’s not the school’s responsibility but the road outside is so dangerous I don’t understand why there isn’t a safe crossing.**

The red line, “red route,” outside the school and the road itself are managed and enforced by the local council, not the school. Stopping or parking on red lines—or pulling up in the middle of the road—is illegal and risks a Penalty Charge Notice. Most importantly, it risks children’s safety by forcing other vehicles to overtake oncoming traffic.

**We did—**we wrote to the Highway about a road crossing on Moat Road. Q3 has also carried out the same exercise. The Highway replied that the road's shape does not lend itself to having a crossing. We have sent parents newsletters and letters about parking on the red route and the road. The school continues to work with the PSCO regarding parking outside the school.

We are extremely proud of our school community and humbled by the unity shown by

all of you, our families. Together, we are living out our Mission, with the strength of

knowing that ‘God is with us in all we do.’

Please feel free to come in if you need any support or advice—our doors are always open.

Ms O’Beirne

**Principal**