

Parent view survey – Summer 2025

Introduction

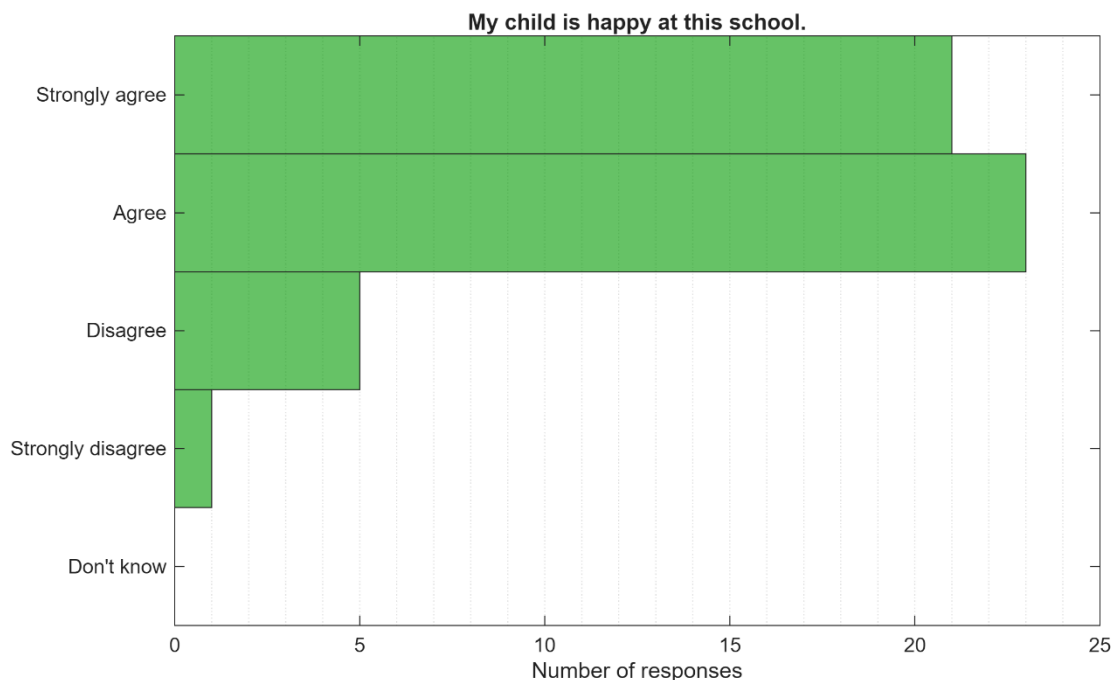
A survey was conducted in late June/early July 2025 using the questions for the Ofsted Parent View survey. The survey provided parents with an opportunity to provide anonymous feedback on how well the school was meeting their child's needs. The survey was accessible via a hyperlink sent out to all parents. The survey consisted of 14 statements to which parents were given a rating scale to record their agreement/disagreement with the statement. A final question gave parents the opportunity to make further comments.

A total of 50 responses were received with 40% of respondents providing a comment at the end of the survey. The responses to the multiple choice questions were positive with the majority of responses being 'agree' or 'strongly agree'. Graphs of the distribution of the responses to the multiple choice questions are provided below. Additional analysis has been undertaken to explore correlations between the responses to pairs of questions to further explore the views of parents.

Results and analysis

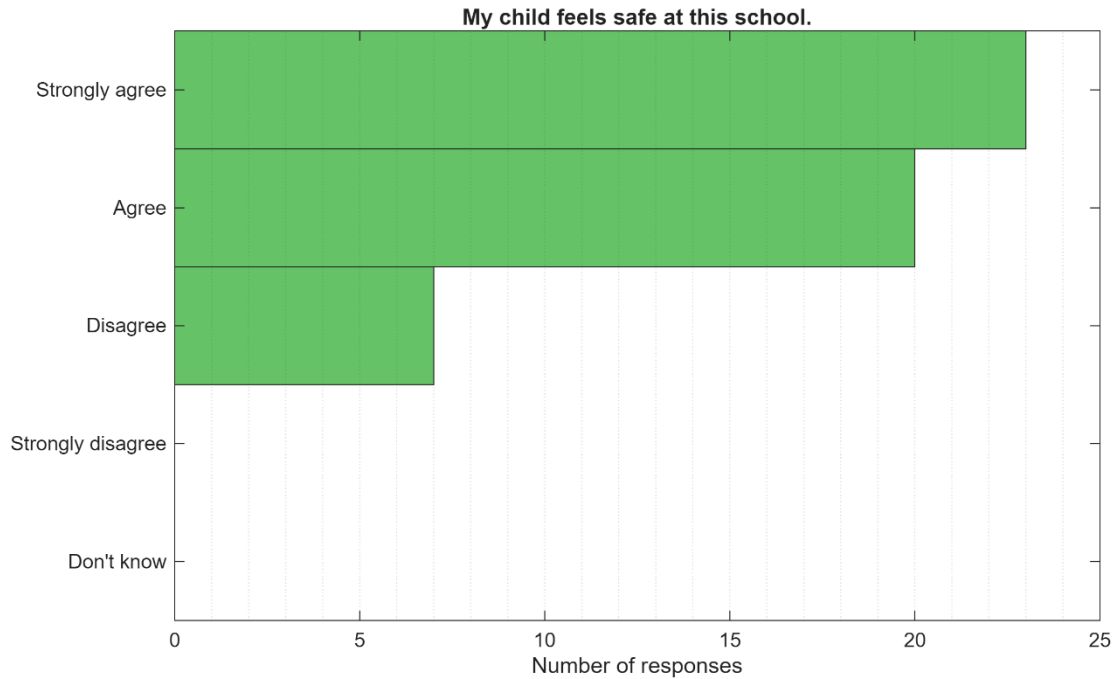
Question 1: My child is happy at this school

The majority (88%) of parents responded positively to this statement, with 12% either disagreeing or strongly disagreeing.

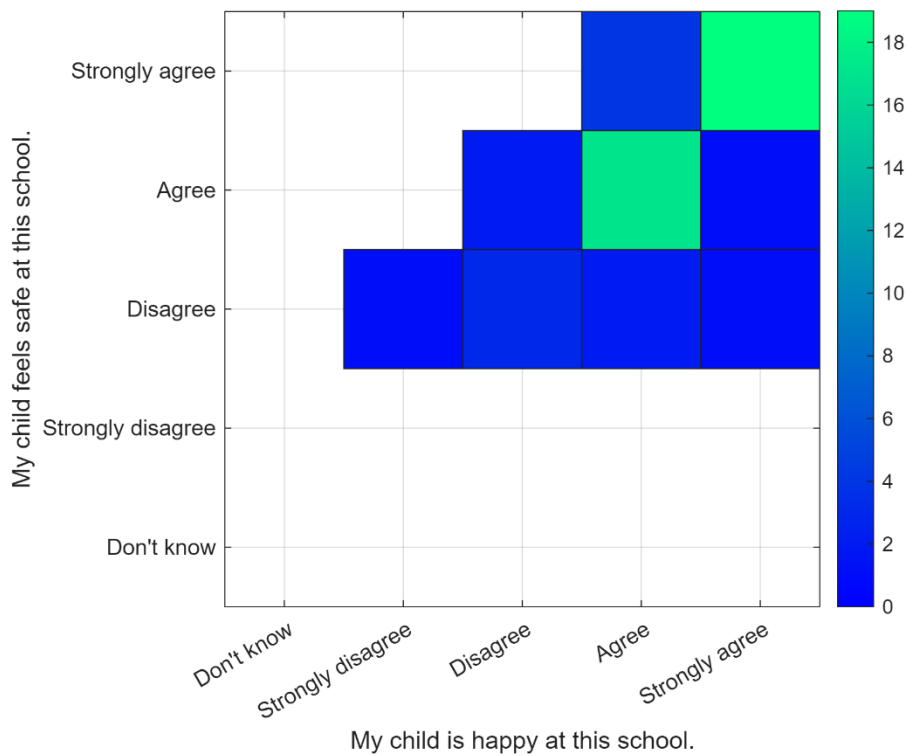


Question 2: My child feels safe at this school

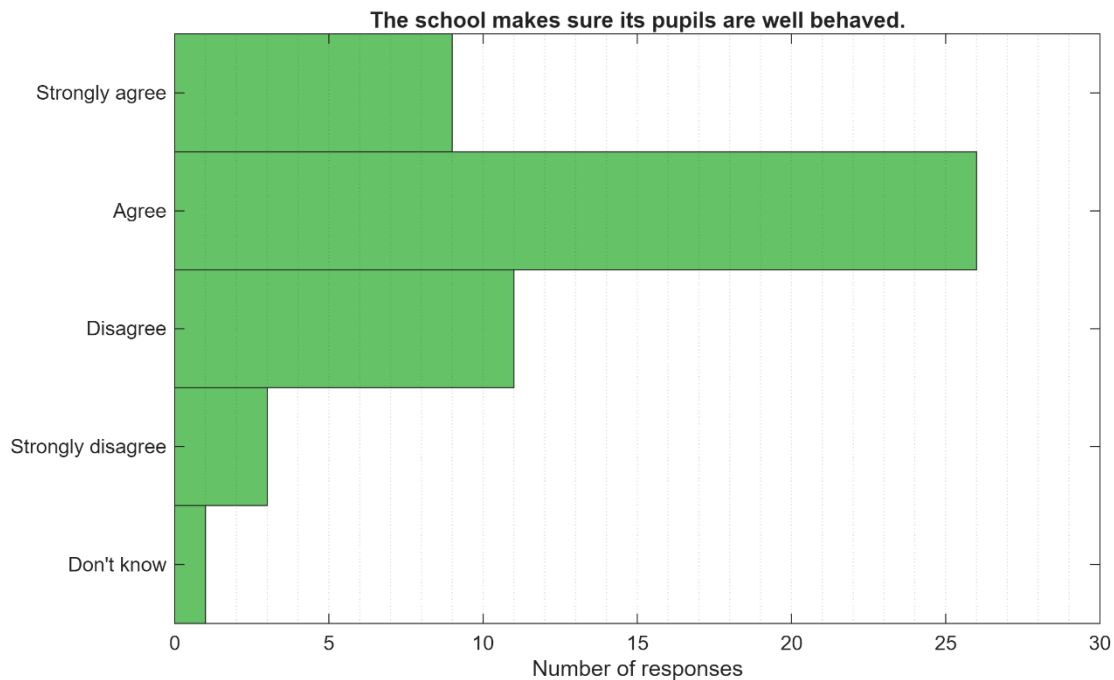
The majority (86%) of parents responded positively to the statement with 14% disagreeing. No one strongly disagreed with the statement.



The correlation between the answers to questions 1 and 2 is shown in the following graph. The majority of parents agree or strongly agree with both statements. Some parents disagreeing with one statement but agree to the other statement. A minority of parents disagree, or strongly disagree, with one or both statements.

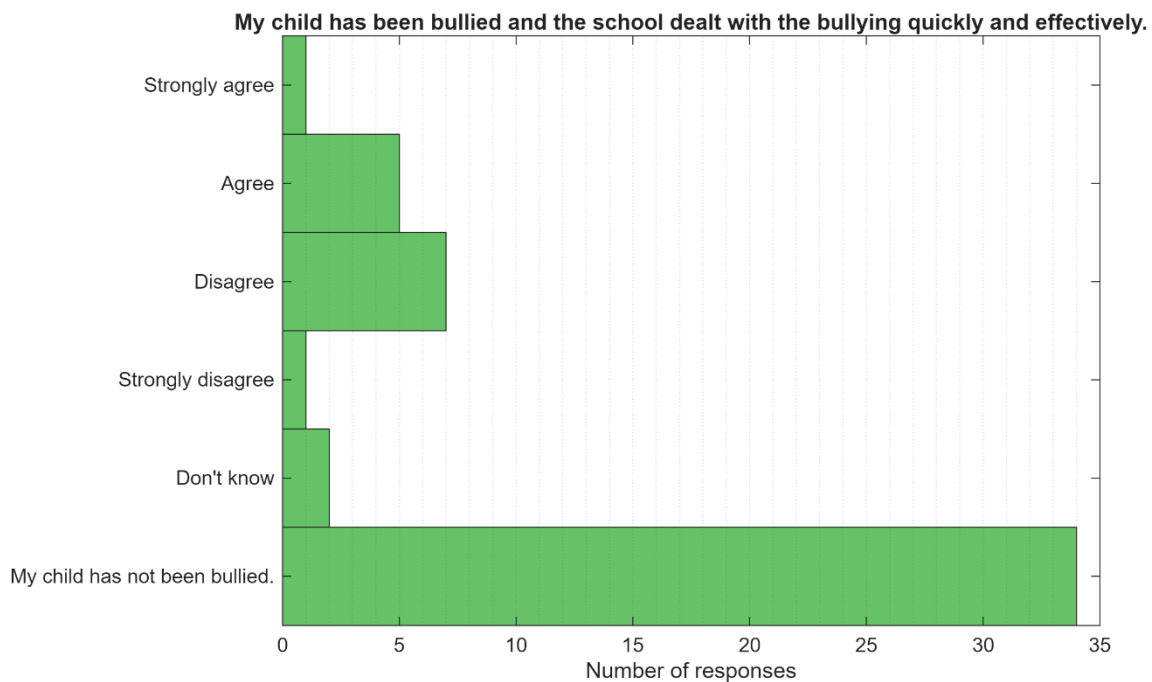


Question 3: The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved



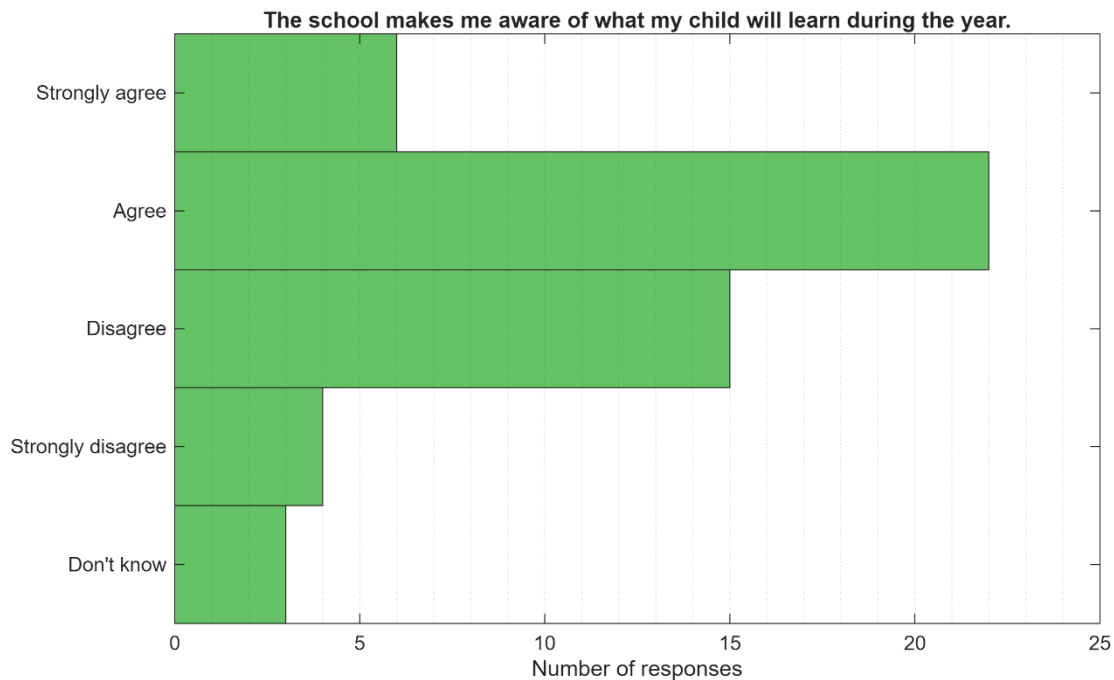
Question 4: My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

The majority (68%) of parents responded that their child had not been bullied. For the 32% where a child had been bullied, 37.5% responded positively to the question however 50% either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement. A small percentage (12.5%) responded that they did not know.



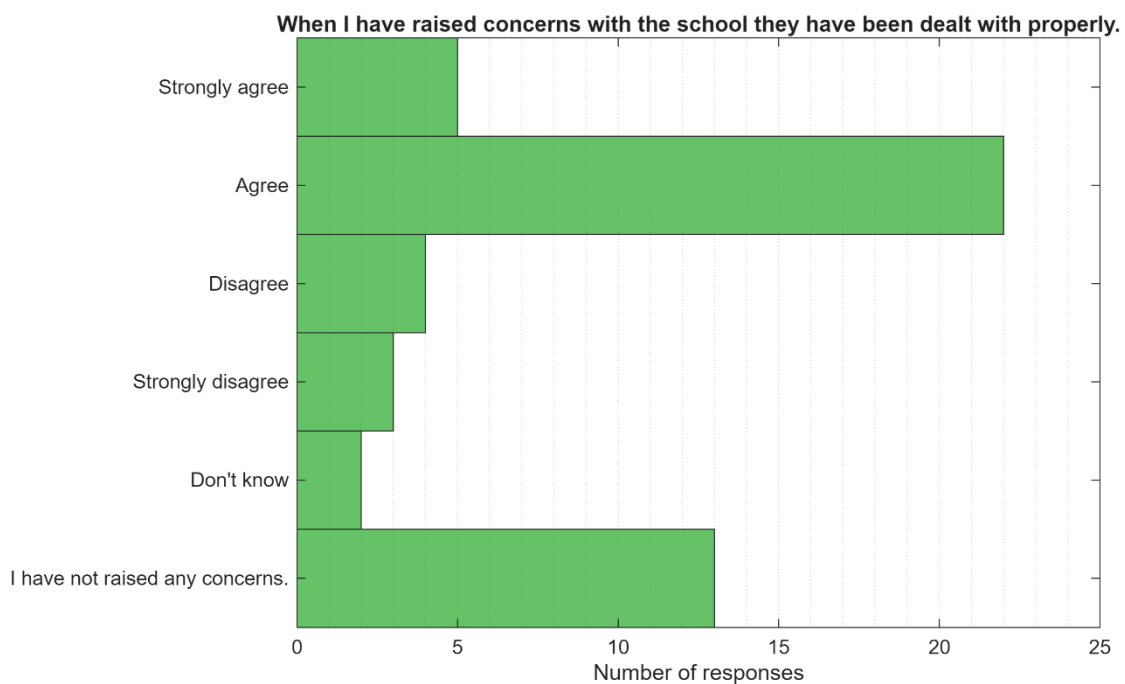
Question 5: The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

Whilst the majority (56%) of parents responded positively to this statement, 44% were unaware of what their child will learn during the year.



Question 6: When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly

Just over a quarter of parents (26%) responded to say that they had not raised any concerns. One respondent did not answer the question. Of the remaining 72% of responses, 75% responded positively with just under a fifth (19.4%) disagreeing or strongly disagreeing with the statement. A minority (5.6%) of parents responded that they didn't know.

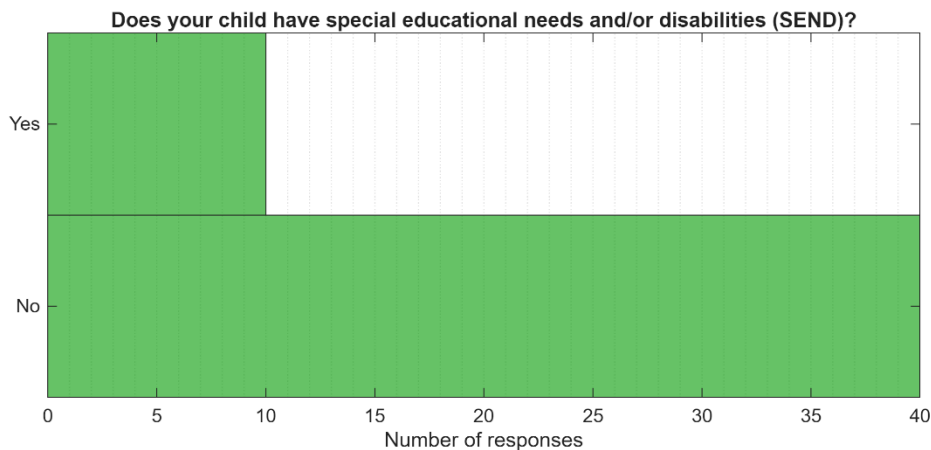


Question 7: Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

This was a question that was targeted at the level of support provided to those children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The first question identified the proportion of parents responding that had a child with SEND, whilst the second part gauges whether the parents felt that their child with SEND is getting the support they need to succeed.

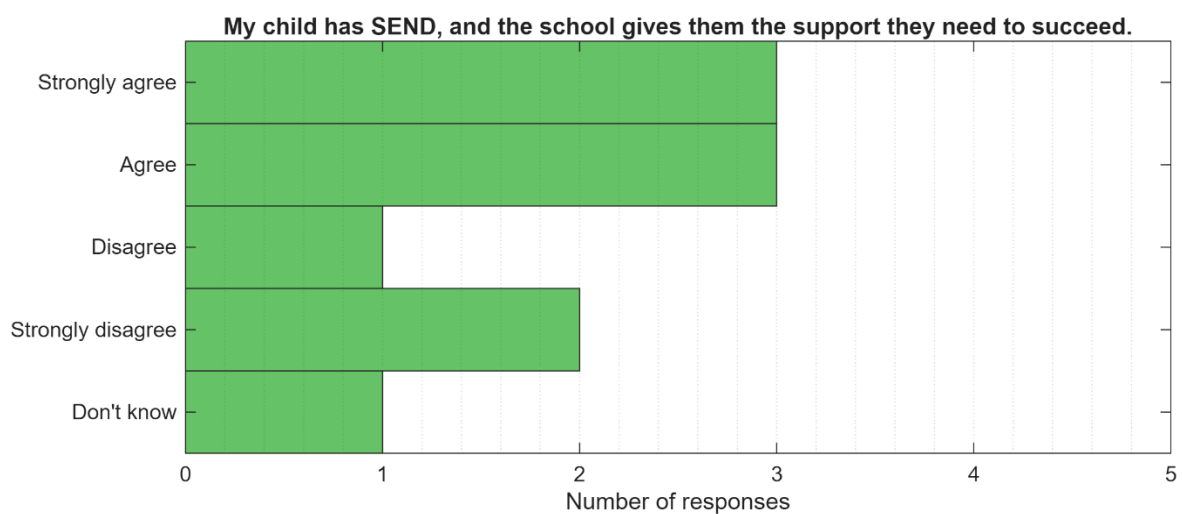
Question 7A: Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

The majority (80%) of parents responded that their child did not have SEND. A fifth (20%) of parents responded that they did have a child with SEND; these parents when on to respond to the second question.



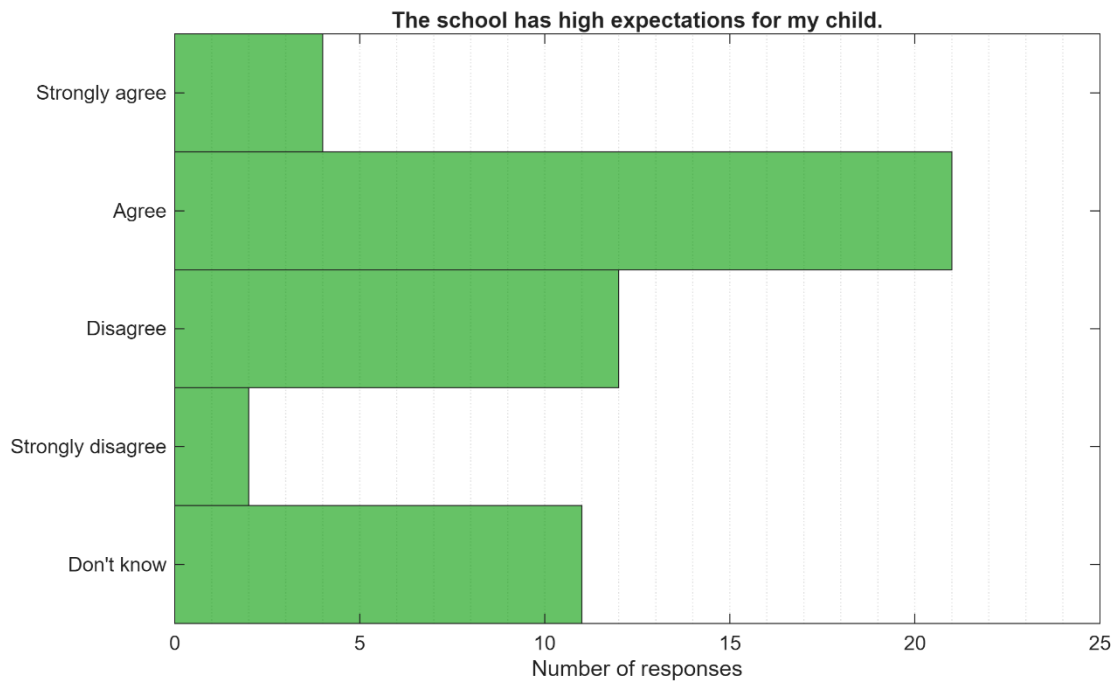
Question 7B: My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

The majority (60%) of parents either strongly agreed or agreed that the school provides their child with the SEND support they needed to succeed. 30% of parents either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement and 10% responded that they didn't know whether the school gave their child with SEND the support they needed to succeed.



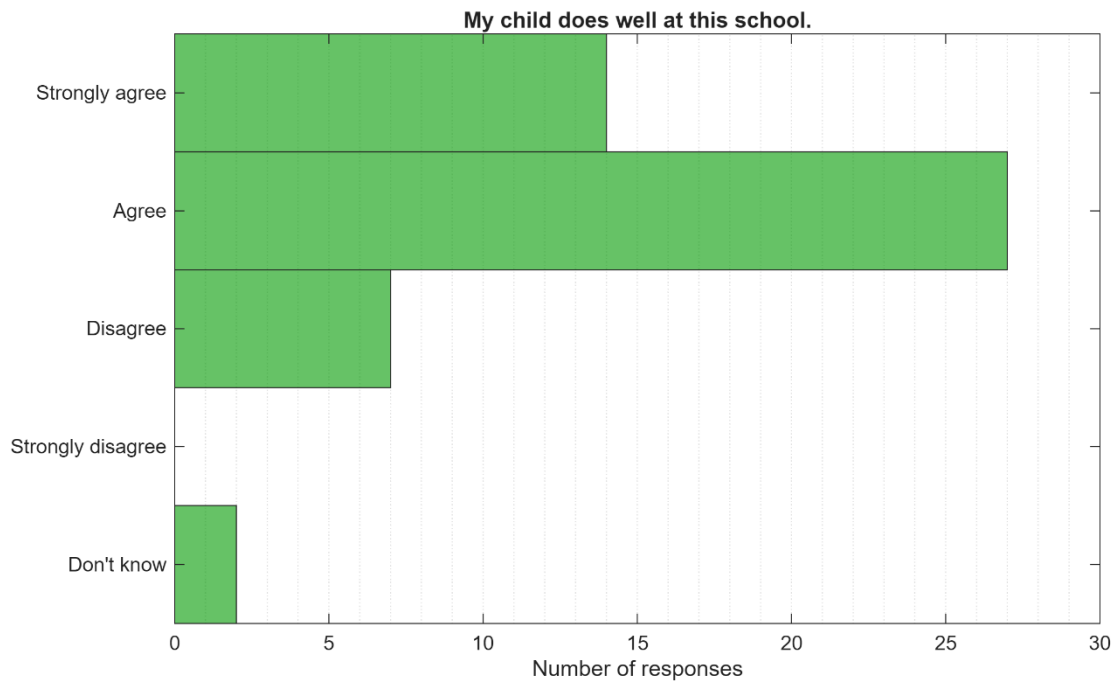
Question 8: The school has high expectations for my child

Half (50%) of parents responded positively to the statement with 28% either disagreeing or strongly disagreeing. Just over a fifth (22%) of parents responded that they did not know that the school had high expectations for their child.



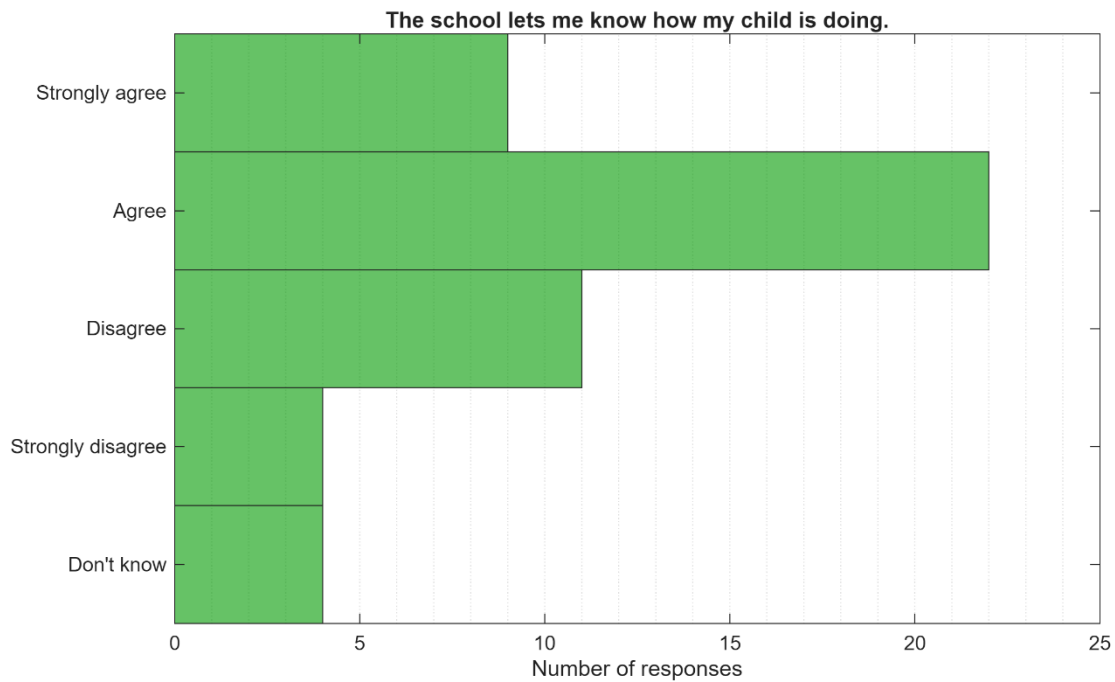
Question 9: My child does well at this school

The majority (82%) of parents responded positively to this statement with 14% responding that they disagreed; 4% responded that they didn't know that their child did well at the school.



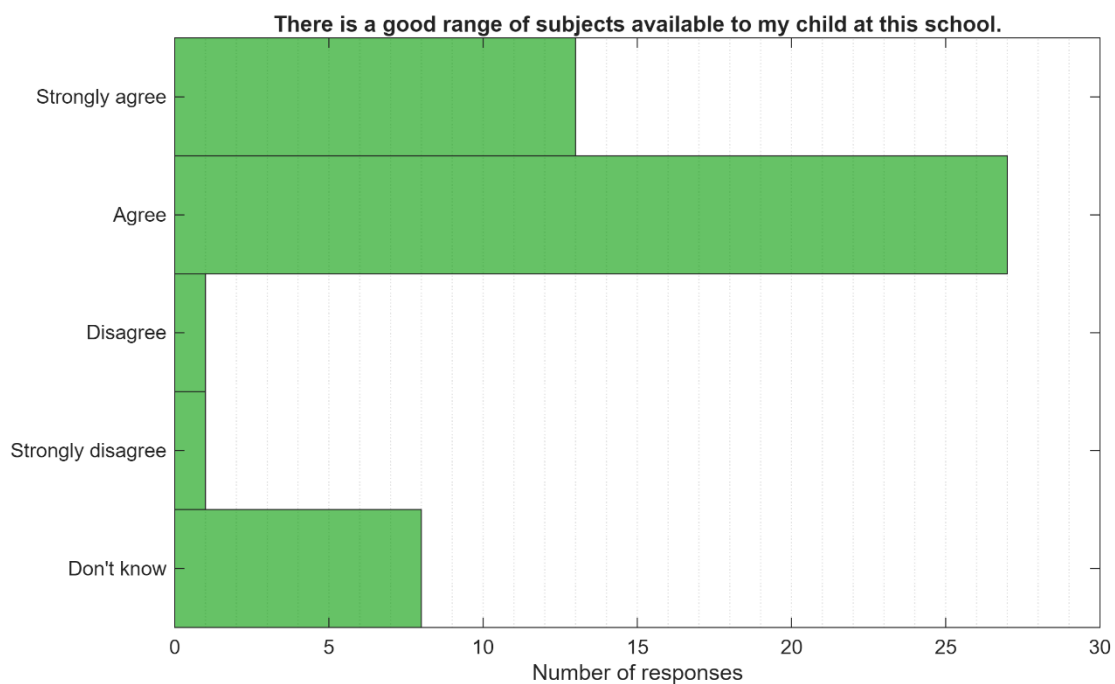
Question 10: The school lets me know how my child is doing

Overall 62% of parents agreed, or strongly agreed, that the school let them know how their child was doing at school, although 30% responded that they either disagreed, or strongly disagreed, with the statement. A minority (8%) of parents responded that they didn't know.



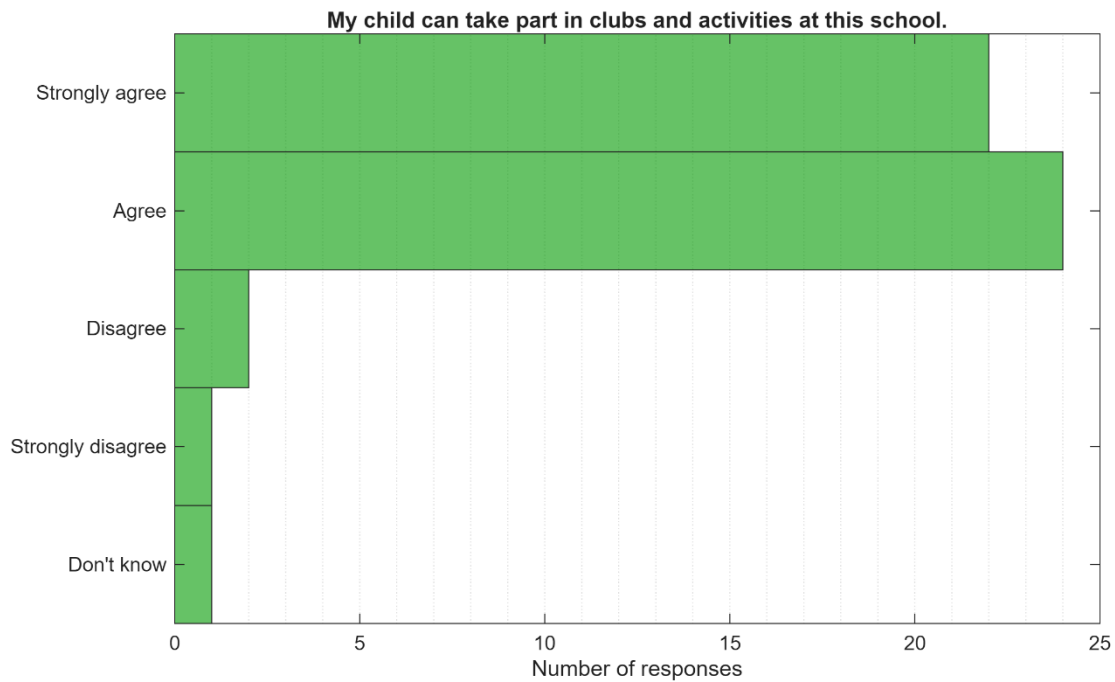
Question 11: There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school

A large number of parents (80%) either agreed or strongly agreed that the school provide a good range of subjects to their child. More parents responded that they didn't know (16%) than responded that they either disagreed (2%), or strongly disagreed (2%), with the statement.



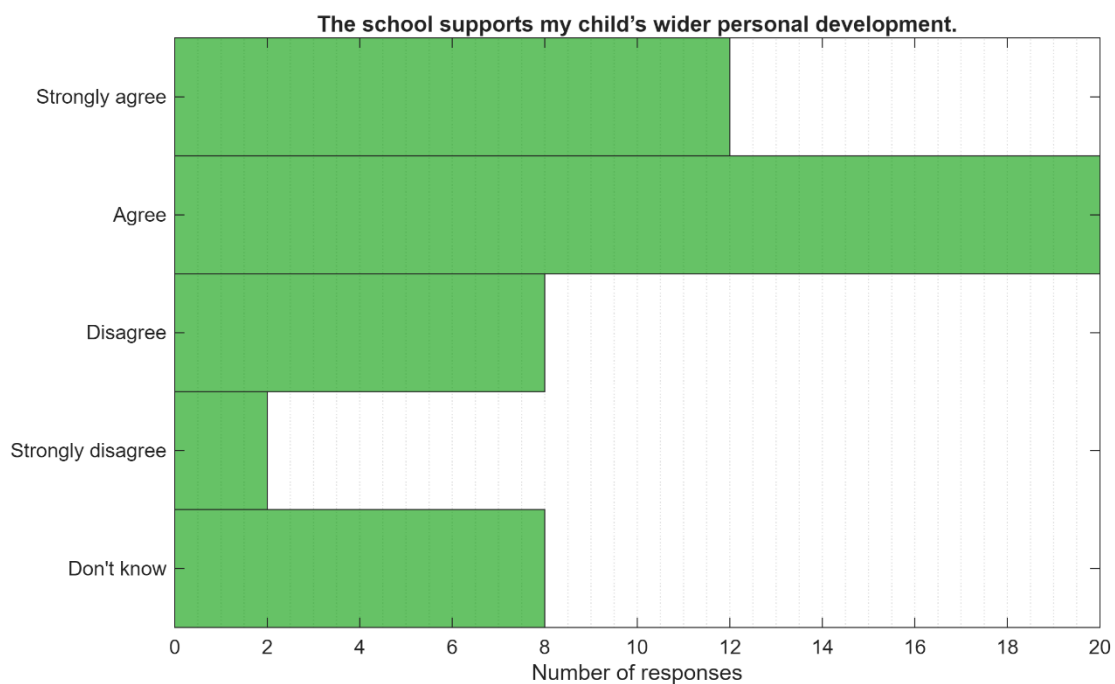
Question 12: My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

There was a strong positive response with the large majority (92%) of parents either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the statement. Only 6% of parents who responded either disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement and a parent didn't know.



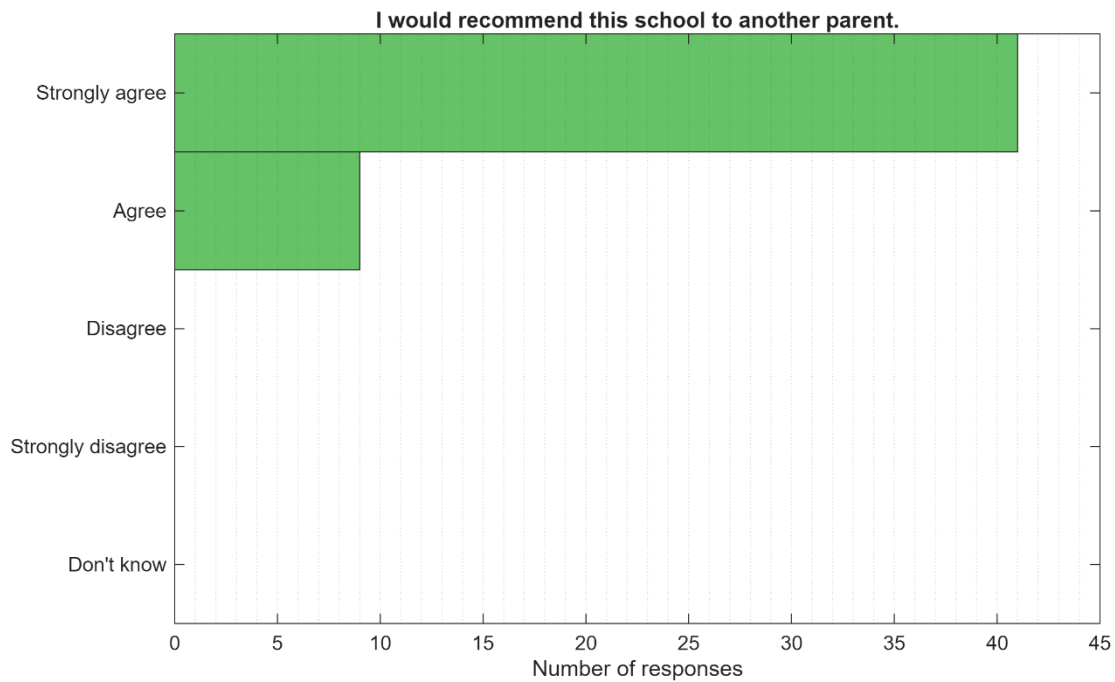
Question 13: The school supports my child's wider personal development

A total of 64% of parents responded positively that the school supported their child's wider personal development, with 20% responding that they disagreed to strongly disagreed with the statement. A minority (16%) of parents didn't know.



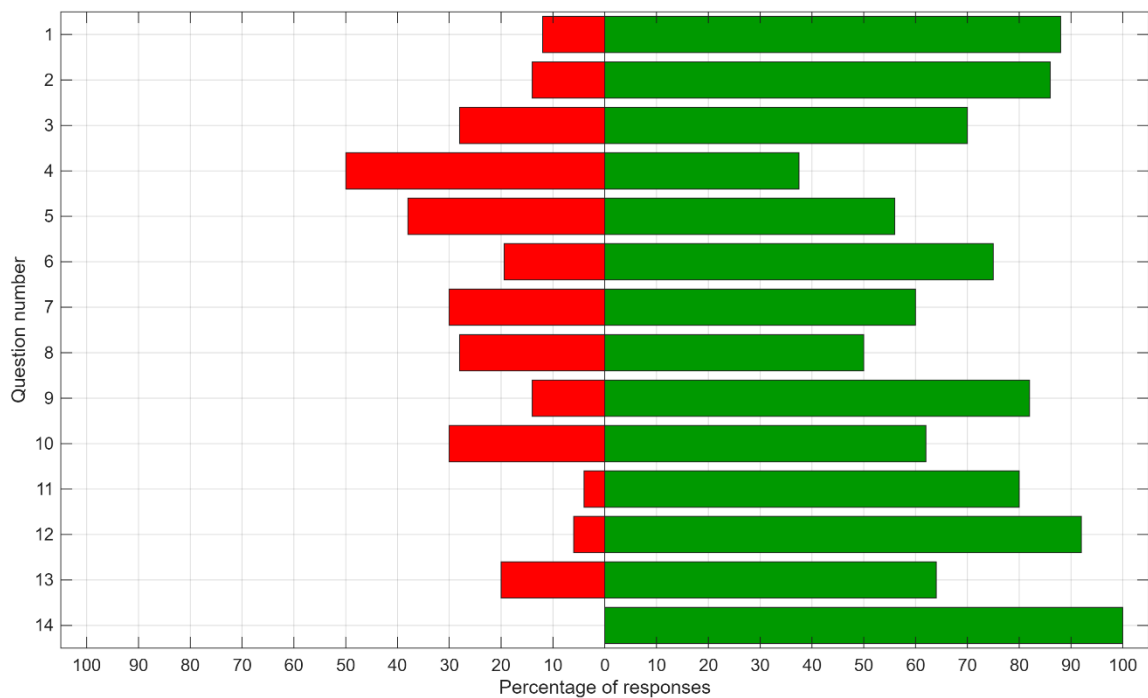
Question 14: I would recommend this school to another parent

There was a strong positive response to this question, with all respondents either agreeing or strongly agreeing they would recommend the school to another parent.



Summary of statement based questions

Overall there was a positive response to all questions, as shown in the graph below. This graph does highlight the response to question 4 that goes against this trend. Although the majority (68%) of respondents confirmed their child not been bullied, 50% of the remainder disagree/strongly disagree that the issue had been dealt with quickly and effectively.

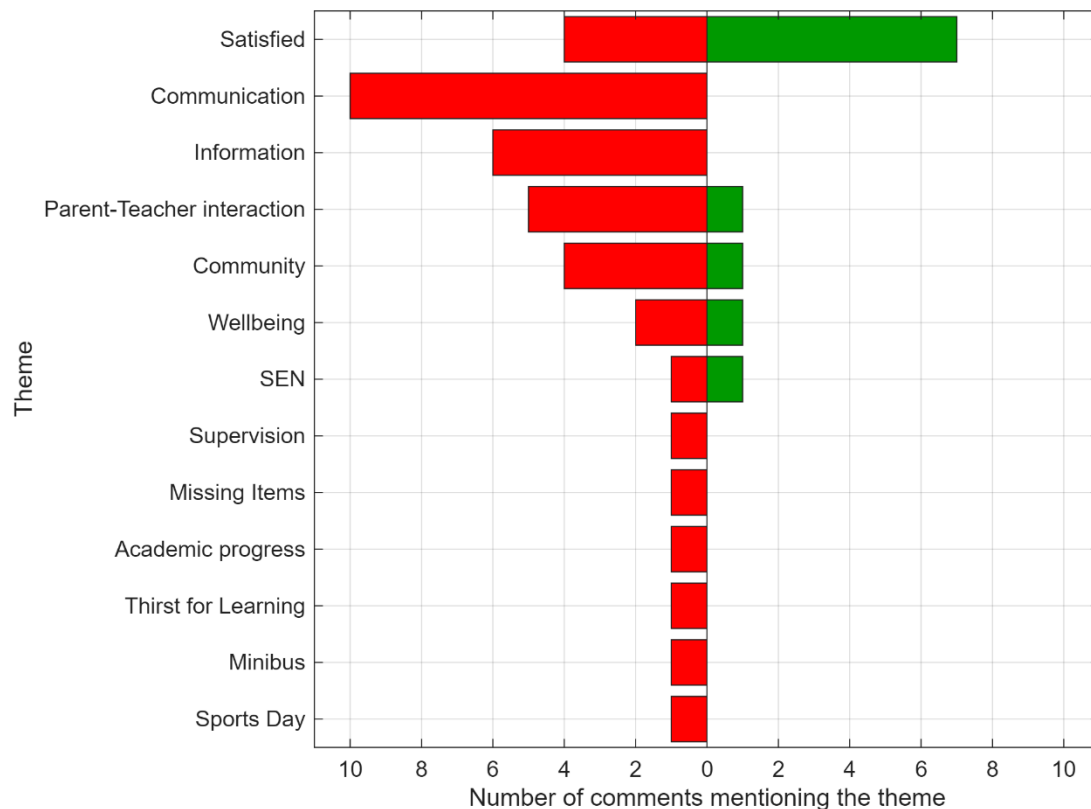


Question 15

Of the parents completing the survey, 40% took the time to provide additional comments which has been useful in gaining a greater understanding of how parents view the school. A simple thematic analysis was applied to these free comments made by parents. These were separated into thirteen themes, see the graph below, with the repeated comments on the same theme helping in identifying areas of concern to parents. Single entries are associated with individual parents.

More comments aligned with the theme of satisfaction (64%) than not (36%). The following themes were repeated in the responses:

- Communication and lack of information;
- Parent-teacher inter;
- (Loss of) sense of community;
- Wellbeing of child.



Conclusion

In conclusion, the survey resulted a good level of participation by the parent body. The responses indicate that the pupils are St Matthews CE Primary school are considered by their parents to be happy and safe. The theme of communication was a theme that came up in the outcomes from the statement questions and the comments from parents. All respondents either agree or strongly agree they would recommend the school to another parent.