

Pensans Community Primary School

PARENT GUIDE No.7

PARENTAL SURVEY RESULTS



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Parent Survey Results - January 2014

Thank you to all 150 people who filled in the parent survey carried out during the Parent Consultation Day on Friday January 31st. This was a fantastic response and the overall results are very positive indeed.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	
My child is happy at school	131	19	0	0	0	
My child feels safe at school	136	14	0	0	0	
My child makes good progress at school	127	23	0	0	0	
My Child is well looked after at school	140	10	0	0	0	
My child is taught well at school	139	10	0	0	1	
The school manages behaviour well	131	15	0	0	4	
The school deals effectively with bullying	111	31	0	0	8	
The school is well led and managed	131	17	0	0	2	
I would recommend the school to other parents	141	8	1	0	0	
PLEASE RATE THE QUALITY OF YOUR PARENTAL CONSULTATION TODAY		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Arrangements for making my appointment were straightforward and well managed		136	14	0	0	1
I was given a clear picture of my child's current approach to school life in general (behaviour, effort, independence etc.)		141	9	0	0	0
I was given a clear picture of my child's current levels of attainment and progress in Reading, Writing and Maths		142	8	0	0	0
I understand what my child needs to do in order to further improve their learning and am happy to support them in doing so.		132	18	0	0	0

Some of the Parent Comments from the Survey

Q. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE US IMPROVE... *(Responses in Red)*

A bigger Car Park! *(We would love a bigger Car Park but as a public building we are only allowed a certain number of car parking spaces by the DfE as part of a push to reduce the use of cars, sorry!)*

More opportunities for outdoor learning please *(Yes, as part of our work with the Eden Project staff have received training on taking the curriculum outside, we are always looking to use our grounds as part of the learning focus)*

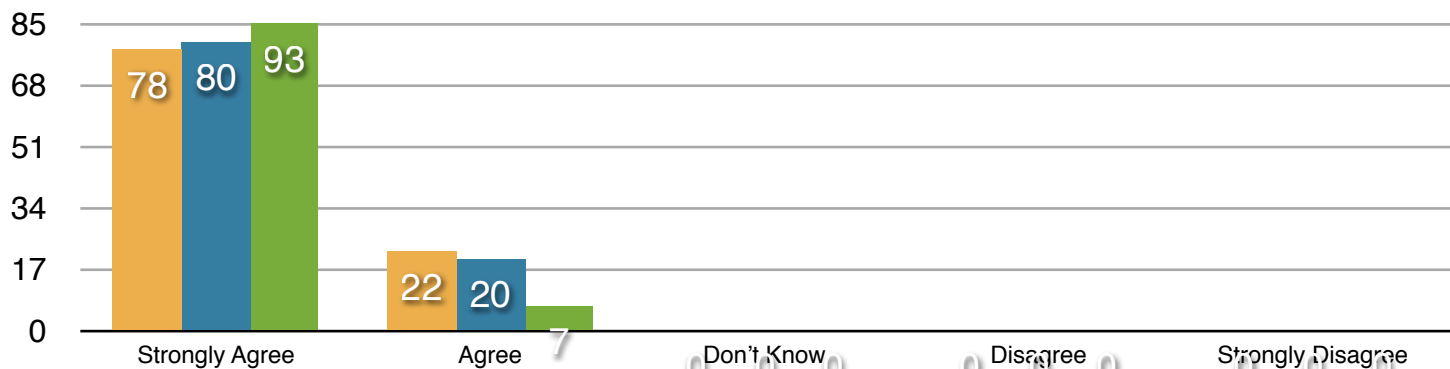
Could newsletters be emailed please *(Absolutely, if you let the office have your email address we can send them to you. They are also available on the school website on the day they are published)*

Can we have wake and shake in the morning each day? *(We will certainly look into introducing this, we'll talk to staff and to the Pupil Parliament to gauge enthusiasm for this, watch this space!)*

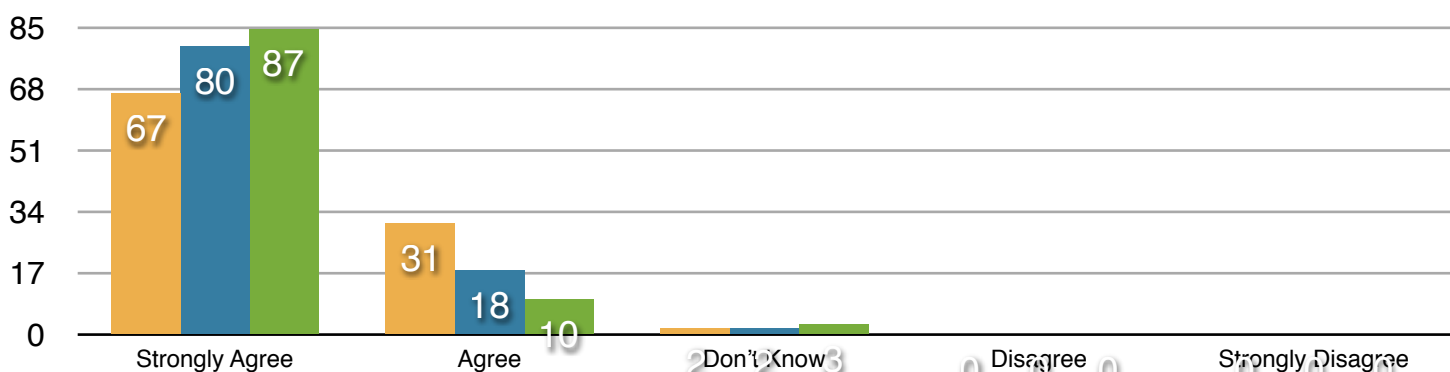
Can parent consultations be after school? *(We do hold the Autumn and Summer consultations after-school but have found the Spring (mid-term Report) consultations are really well attended during the day, there are appointments up until 5.30pm even on the day time appointments)*

Can we see the SRE programme please? *(By all means, there is a copy on of the Policy on the School Website under the Key Info. Section - we're always happy to talk to parents about any aspect of the curriculum just pop into the reception or email the school with your query)*

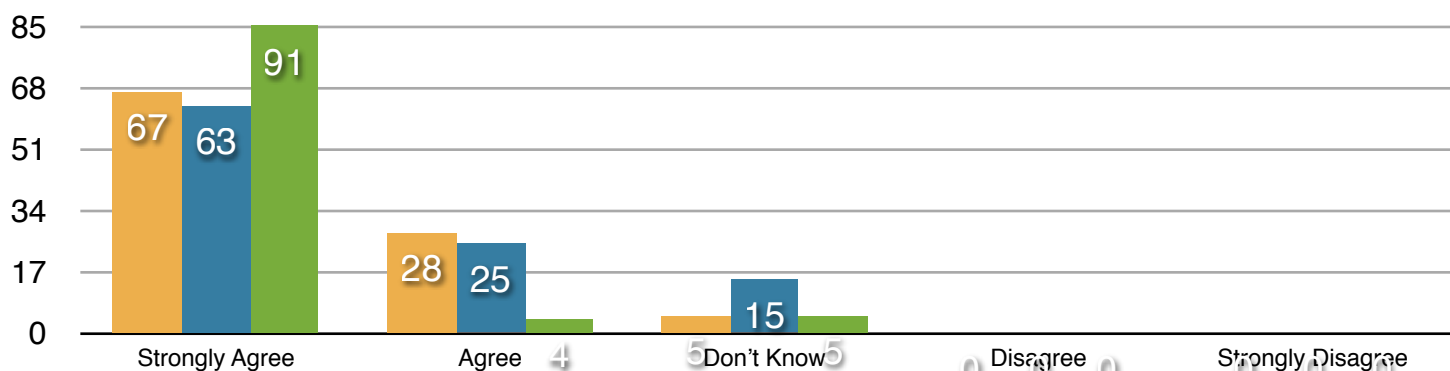
My child is well taught at school



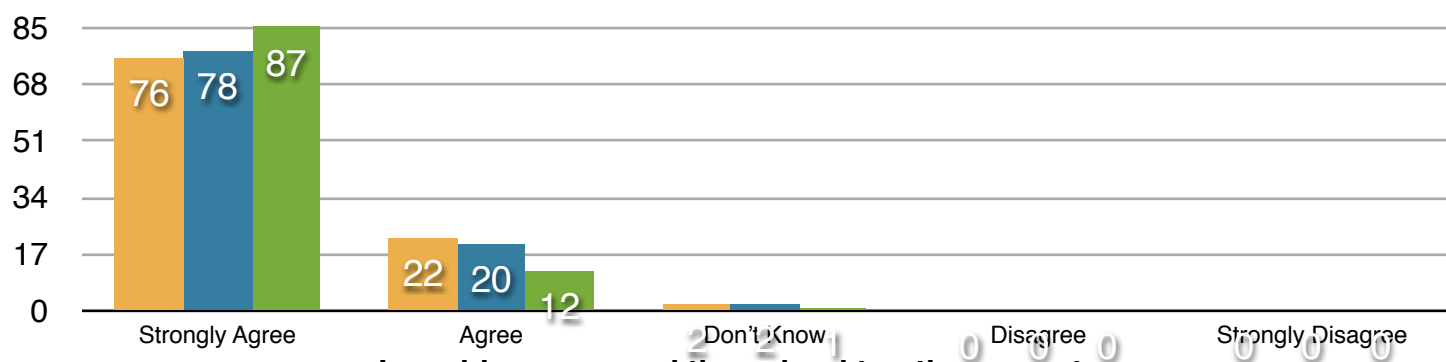
The school manages behaviour well



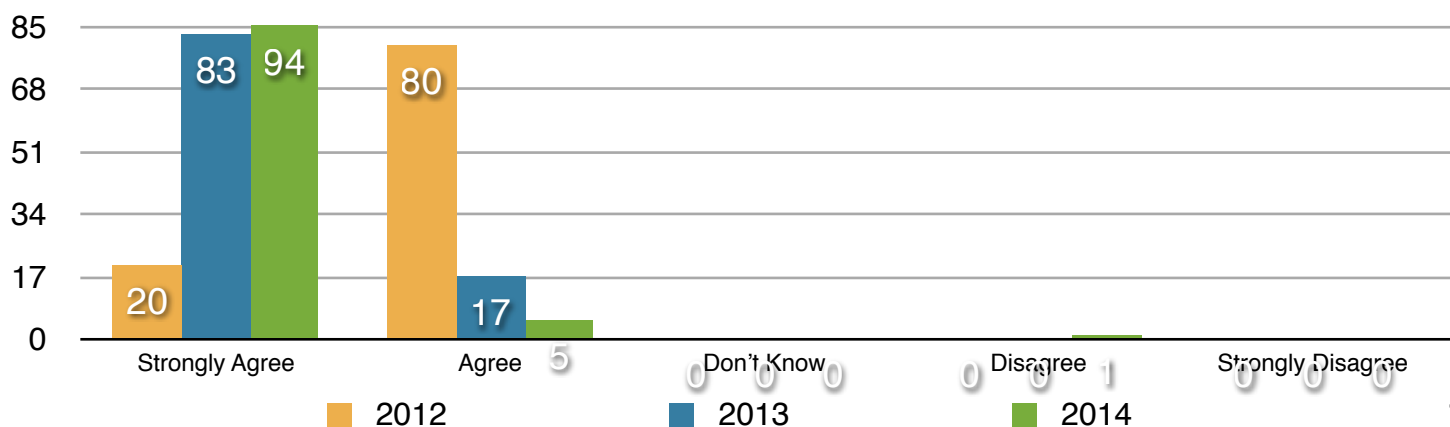
The school deals effectively with bullying



The school is well led and managed



I would recommend the school to other parents



1d. WHERE ARE WE NOW ? (PARENT/STAKEHOLDER VIEWS)

2012

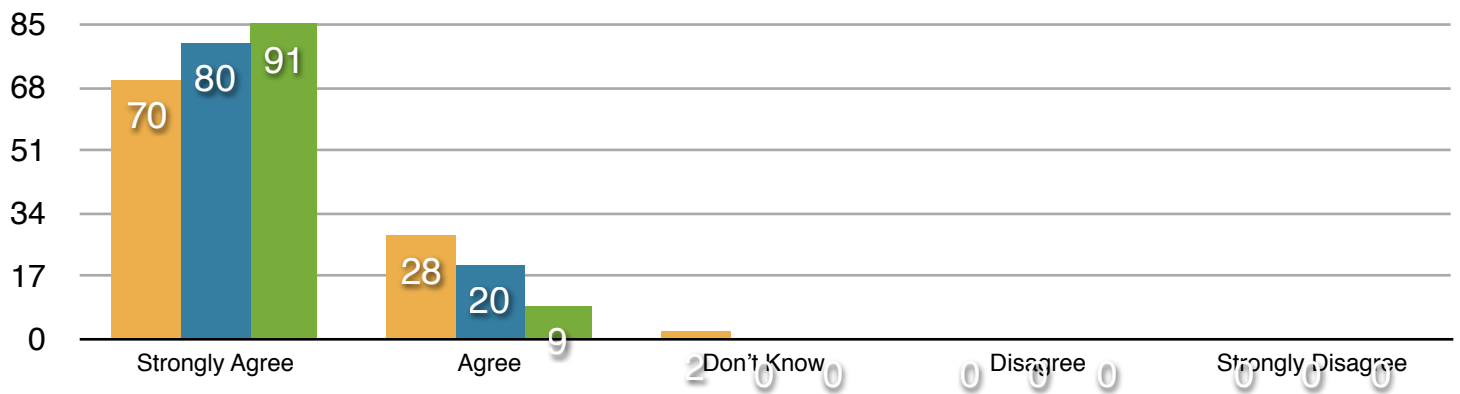
2013

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My Child is Happy at School



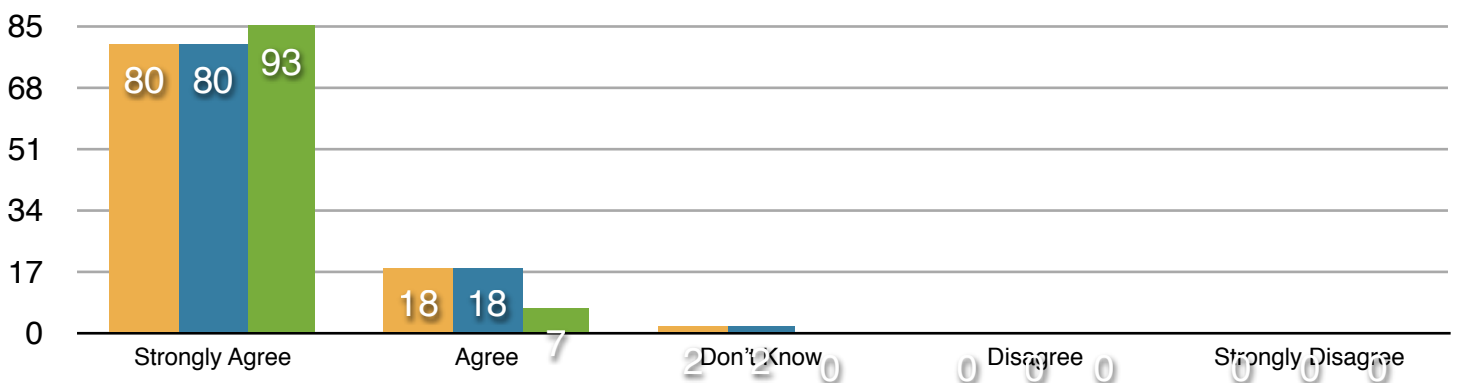
My Child feels safe at School



My child makes good progress at school



My Child is well looked after at school



**Q. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU PARTICULARLY LIKE ABOUT THE
SCHOOL OR WOULD BE UNHAPPY TO SEE CHANGE...**

- Everything, its ACE!
- Everything is great my son is doing very well
- The House System and the inter-house competitions, George says the friendliness and the sport
- No, lovely school. Aston is so happy here don't change anything
- Dexter is very happy at school it is very well run and managed. I think all the planning and activities are excellent
- Like the activities before and after school
- I love the happy feeling when walking around the school. A really positive ethos!! This cannot and should not change!
- Lewis is very happy. The teachers really know the children. Well run, a happy school!! Good progress is made
- I think that the staff go above and beyond what is expected of them to ensure that the children are happy and have the best education available to them. Very happy!
- I think that the teaching staff and Headmaster are exceptionall
- The level of support provided to my child especially with his special needs.
- Educational trips and social contact with other schools
- Everything! The boys love it!
- I like the focus on children's polite behaviour.
- The Nursery staff
- I think that the staff and the head are excellent and very supportive
- It's very friendly, always fun ideas and topics which I think is great for children's learning
- Lovely staff who know their pupils - plus small class sizes - love it!
- Really happy with the school and the way things are done here - happy with all aspects I have seen
- The support that Lewis receives as the improvement he has made is impressive
- Like all Teachers - TAs and all other staff and deinately Head Teacher i.e. do not change or lose staff and give them all pay rises!
- The wide range of sports and activities
- Thanks for looking after the children's 'everything'
- The children are the focus always
- I am very happy with the school and wouldn't want anything to change
- I like the way they are dealing with ...'s behaviour and how they addressed his issues
- 'Pastoral care' part of the schools attitude

Some of the Parent Comments from the Survey - January 2014

**Q. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU PARTICULARLY LIKE ABOUT THE
SCHOOL OR WOULD BE UNHAPPY TO SEE CHANGE... CONTINUED**

- Lovely atmosphere all the time
- Think that the school is fantastic + doing a great job. It's lovely to see Maisie's confidence growing term by term
- No, happy with the school
- I love the way the children have to locate their name when they come in (Nursery)
- I am happy with everything at school
- I am so happy with my daughter's progress and the school environment. No improvements necessary
- The encouragement of all the children and support to bring out the best in them
- The encouragement of the individual
- Love the school pick up scheme works brilliantly - top marks to Jo and John plus the staff who run it. Also thanks to Linda + Sally at reception brilliant again
- The Head!
- Very bright colourful and fun
- Lovely teachers. Very informative, well managed. I hope the Headteacher doesn't leave, or any of the teaching staff.
- Issey is happy with her time here and enjoys all she does. She loves her teacher so no I wouldn't change anything
- I love the risk taking and the independent view of children and education which doesn't bow down to the safest path and I love that
- I am very happy with the school and both my children are happy
- I love this school, it seems to have the perfect balance of fun and high expectations of the pupils
- We are happy with everything within the school
- The personal touch and the way the children are seen as individuals and not just numbers
- The atmosphere within the school is amazing. My child has always loved coming to school and the quality of teaching and the teachers approachability has ensured my child's learning improves week on week, term on term, thank you!

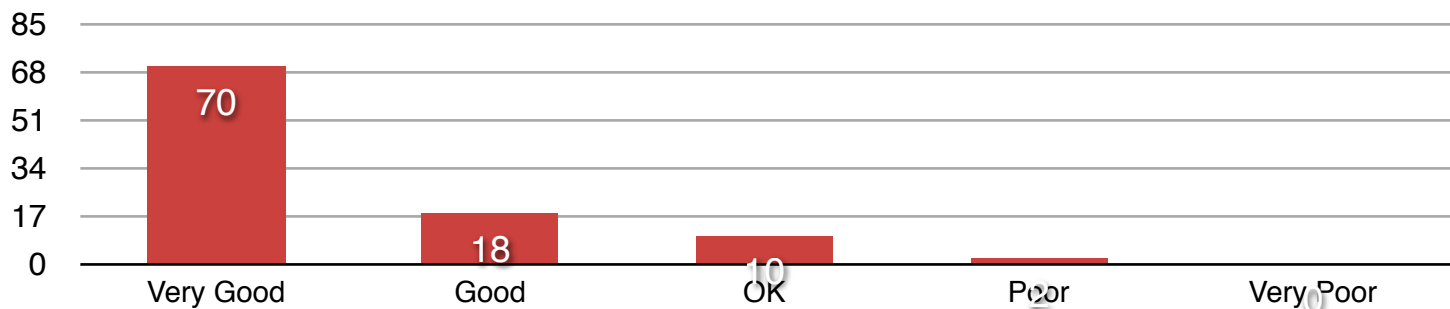
1d. WHERE ARE WE NOW ? (PARENT/STAKEHOLDER VIEWS)

Issues Raised by parents in July 2012	Actions Planned/Comments	Outcomes (July 2013)
Being part of FS means that I am sometimes not aware of upper school events and shows.	All parents receive whole school info. via newsletters, Facebook etc. Hopefully eSchools VLE will further improve this situation	Continued use of Facebook/Newsletters and Twitter to update parents. Further work needed with the VLE
Can newsletters be sent electronically or put onto Facebook?	Again the VLE will hopefully address this, no reason why newsletters cannot be emailed out again.	Further work needed with the VLE
A suggestion Box for parents which can then be reviewed and discussed via newsletters, like the extended day and Ice Cream van issues		The parents post/suggestion box is in place outside of the main entrance
Would like to see a PTA form again	Parent Partnership action planning in place for this to be addressed	PTA Reformed and now active
Perhaps parents could be invited in to lunch for special occasions, e.g Mothers Day		This is being planned for by Linda our new Cook in Charge
Would like to see more progress reports in my son's planner		Levels now reported at each PT Consultation and as part of the End of Year Report in a visual format
I would like to see Levels reported at each Parents Meeting		
Sometimes as parents we are not given enough notice for events, e.g. sorting out costumes etc.		Continued use of Facebook/Newsletters and Twitter to update parents
I sometimes feel that communication could be improved more, although I have seen improvements		
Communication has been better this year but sometimes letters come out close to upcoming events without much notice		
Not enough homework set for her age group (Upper Junior)	Home Learning is one of the SDP areas for 2012-13. This will have a thorough review.	A new homework system is now in place building upon the success of the open ended homework system
I think that children should have homework every day, not just reading (Upper School)		
Lack of homework in some year groups		
A bit difficult for a 4 year old to do homework, sometimes willing sometimes not.		
Less Christmas commerciality, reduce the "I want-throw away" society. Deepen awareness of seasonal + nature celebrations solstices etc.		
I believe that the school should focus on our history rather than other people's e.g. native Americans		There has been a good balance of local study and history from further afield over the past year.

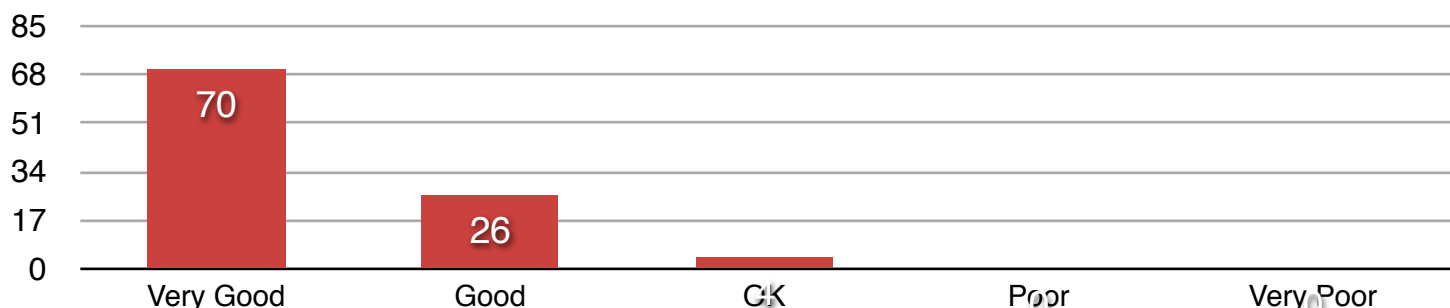
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A shelter for parents waiting to collect Reception children would be good	Explore the feasibility of this via Governors and EYFS staff	
After school clubs with outside agencies are very unreliable, e.g. violin, yoga and kickboxing	A fair point and we need to have greater assurances/guarantees from external club providers regarding back up coaching	
A couple of times J has handed in dinner money and then we have had a call from the office asking for payment	The Finance Governors and the Office are looking into new money handling procedures this has included a receipted till being installed	
The improvement to the play area are great but the waiting area in the mornings now spills into the road and blocks the paths. Maybe remove the parking spaces to cure this?	This needs to be considered in September by the H&S Governor, Geoff and Martin. A solution should be fairly straightforward.	
I don't want the school to become an Academy as the structure works well as it is	There are no plans for the school to become an Academy as yet. However, the current Government would like to see all schools become Academies so we may not have a choice in the future.	
It would be great if the children could learn more about the natural environment (plants/birds etc.) Perhaps a night camp in the grounds?		
More things in the newsletters about sports activities outside of school	Space in the newsletter is limited. The use of the school website for community information is an option. Also, we are now part of a PE Partnership with 11 Trust Primary schools access to information could be provided via a central point in this partnership. Neil Eddy is the co-ordinator for this.	
Railings to stop parents crossing through the pick up point	This is an issue and the H&S Governor will be asked to look into this concern and suggest appropriate safe provision is made.	
Less Christian teaching and more about other religions and cultures	The school does attempt to provide a balanced approach to RE and Assemblies in line with the Local Agreed Syllabus and the National Expectations. The RE Co-ordinator continues to monitor this.	
Can we have a school orchestra/ band	Mrs Ciliberto does have plans to create a school orchestra and this is something we would love to see put into place.	
Less costs for events I feel that the costs are very high at the moment	We do try to keep costs for trips as low as possible, the Finance Gobs will be asked to look at and monitor this as a particular focus this year.	
Not so much being expected of parents	Each child's education is a partnership between home and school. We expect a great deal from our staff who work very hard to improve the life chances for every child in our school, it seems reasonable and natural that parents would want to do the same for their own children.	

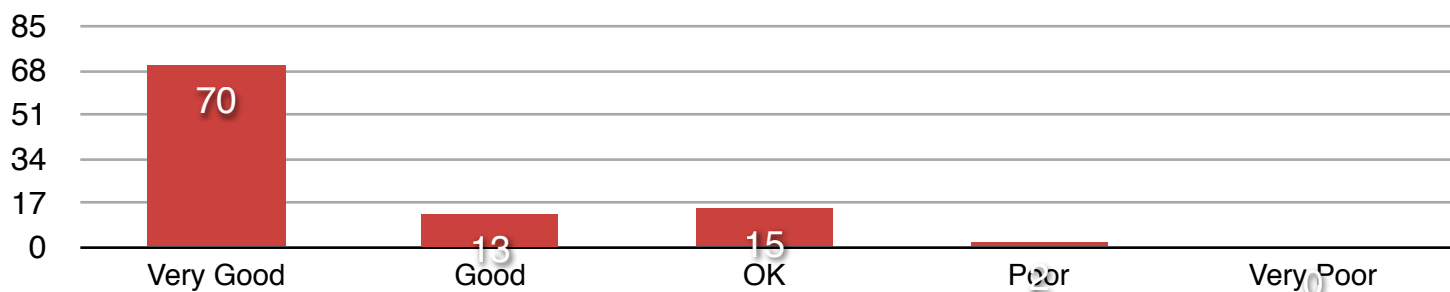
How do parents rate communication from the school



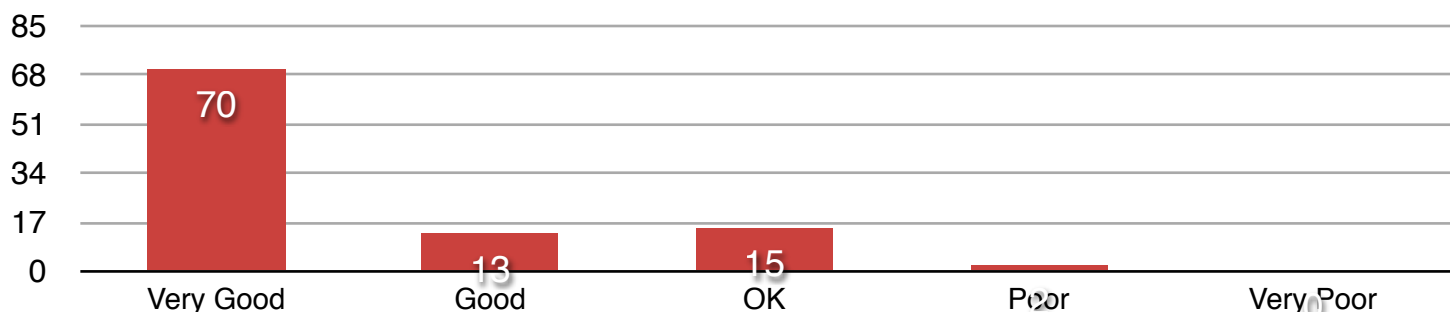
How do parents rate the development of the school grounds



How do parents rate the new approach to Homework



How do parents rate the new approach to Homework



Parent's View - "I like the new End of Year Reporting Format"



Parent's View - "I have a clear picture of my child's attainment levels"

