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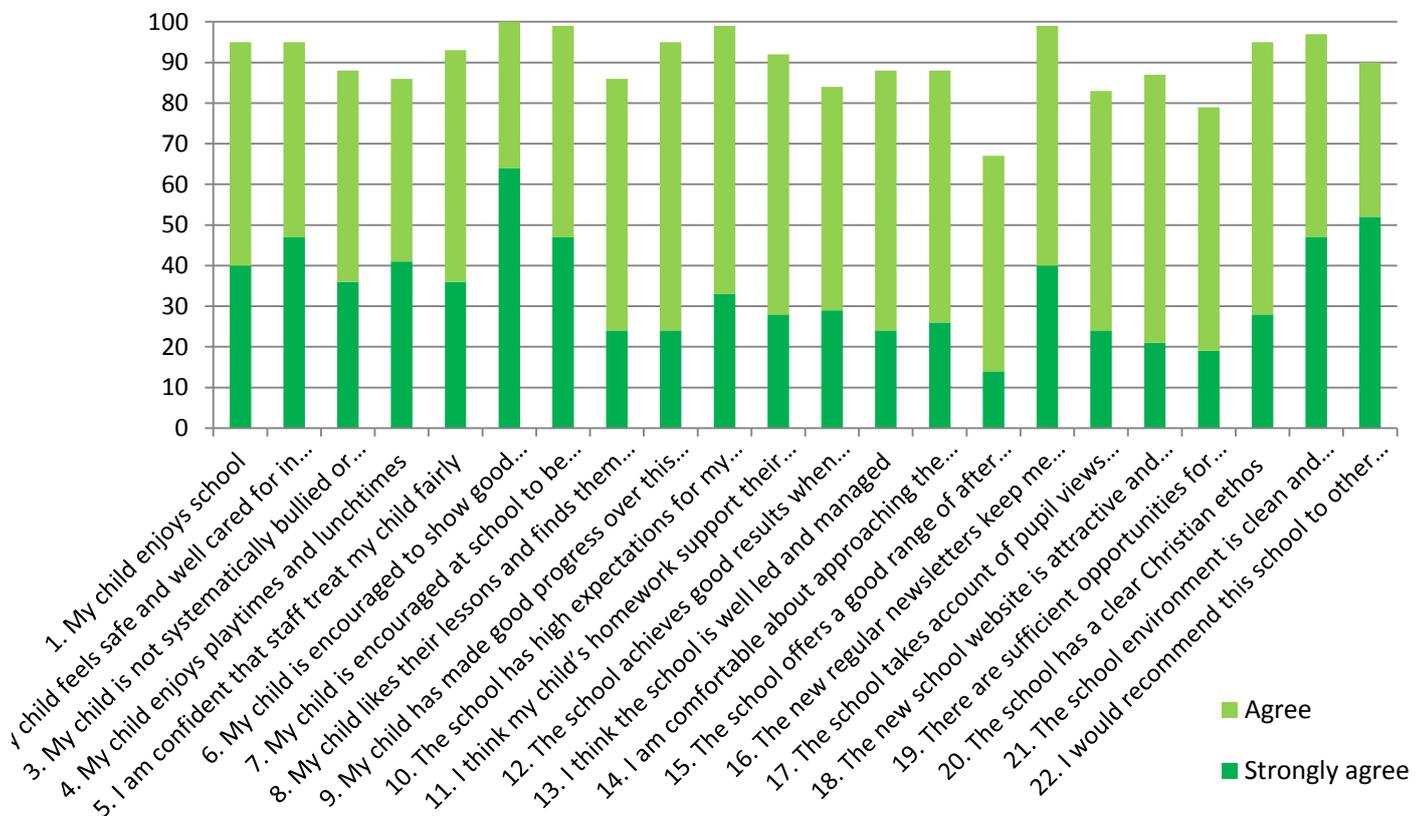
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Dear parents/carers

Parent questionnaire responses

Thank you to all the families who took part in the parents' questionnaire back in July last term. The 58 responses, the big majority of which were via the online survey, represented 53% of families in the school. This is a good response rate for any survey, so thank you for investing time into completing a return. Hopefully we will get even more next year.

The full summary results are available from the office if you wish to see them, but the vast majority of questions were answered very positively, as shown below.



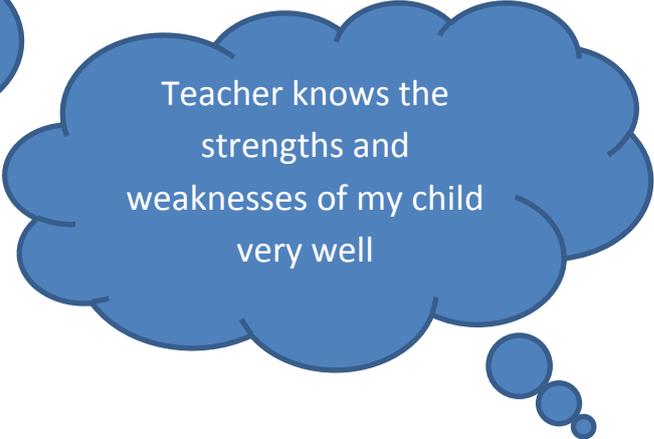
Positive Responses with above 95% agreement

- Q1. My child enjoys school (95%)
- Q2. My child feels safe and well cared for in school (95%)
- Q6. My child is encouraged to show good behaviour in school (100%)
- Q7. My child is encouraged at school to be healthy (99%)
- Q9. My child has made good progress over this year (95%)
- Q10. The school has high expectations for my child to work hard and do their best (99%)
- Q16. The new regular newsletters keep me informed about events in school (99%)
- Q20. The school has a clear Christian ethos (95%)
- Q21. The school environment is clean and welcoming (97%)

My favourite selection of positive comments from parents:



Thrilled with the progress my son has made at the school – thank you so much



Teacher knows the strengths and weaknesses of my child very well



Really like the new school website. I've seen quite a few but ours is the best of them!



We are so lucky, because we know we have sent our children to the best school

Only two responses had less than 80% agreement

Q15. The school offers a good range of after school clubs and activities (67%)

The provision of before and after school clubs was the question answered least positively. Currently there are 14 clubs available, which I think is a tremendous achievement for a small village school – I am confident there can not be many, if any, schools of a similar size offering more. We are always looking out for other possibilities, especially before school, however these providers are harder to find particularly as they require larger numbers to make them economically viable. If you are aware of a provider that you would like us to consider, just let us know.

Q19. There are sufficient opportunities for parents to be involved within the school (79%)

We have a variety of parent helpers in school, for whom we are very grateful. They help to raise standards of learning, and provide a close community home school link. Sharing assemblies, which we hold almost every week, are very rare in other schools, and we love seeing an average of 70 parents each week celebrating their children's achievements. Class museums, Christmas shows, school clubs and school trips are just a few of the opportunities for parents to be involved. Drop me a line if you have another good idea...

Summary

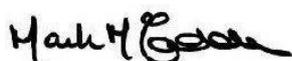
There were also 40 individual comments made. Many were very positive; and some had concerns which have already been or are in the process of being addressed. The important thing to note is that the school takes seriously all the feedback it gets, and we use it to endeavor to make our school even better for your children.

Finally, the advantage of offering an anonymous response is that you will perhaps feel more comfortable about giving us feedback that will help the school to improve. Conversely though, it does mean we are unable to get back to you and discuss any issue that you may have raised.

So please consider this letter another friendly reminder that I welcome all constructive feedback and am happy to meet with you if you ever have any concern. Teachers too are very happy to meet with you, but after school please, not before. Alternatively ring or send an email to the office and the teacher can then reply to you when convenient.

Thanks again for all your support.

Kind regards



Mark McCadden
HEADTEACHER