

Castle Hill School Parents' Evening October 2023

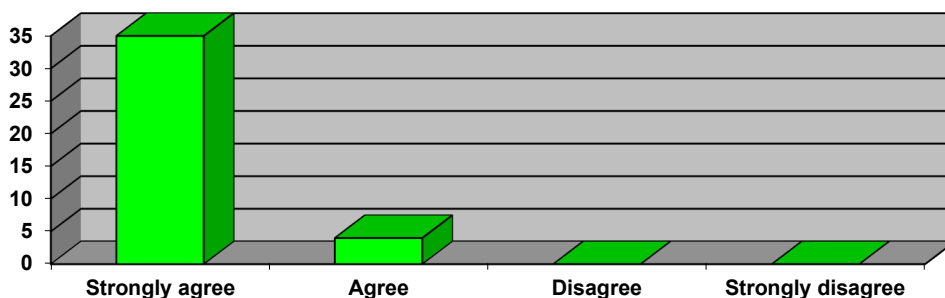
Parents and carers were invited to attend Parents' Evening either face-to-face, or through Teams or phone call. Following Parents' Evening, 19 parents/carers completed a paper copy of the questionnaire, and 26 completed an online form. There were 3 duplicates. There were 42 replies in total (33% of the pupils on roll)

As well as teachers and other class leads, members of the Senior Leadership Team, the Safeguarding Lead (Ali Ley) and the Communications Teacher (Jayne Askew), were available for advice and support.

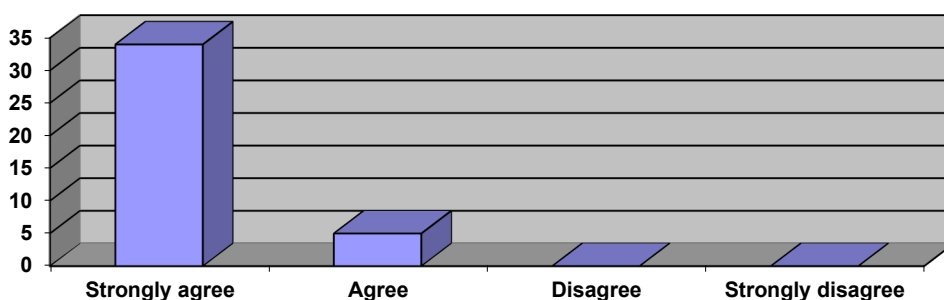
Representatives from Post-19 settings were also in attendance in the hall throughout the evening.

Results of Questionnaire following Parents' Evening (42 Respondents):

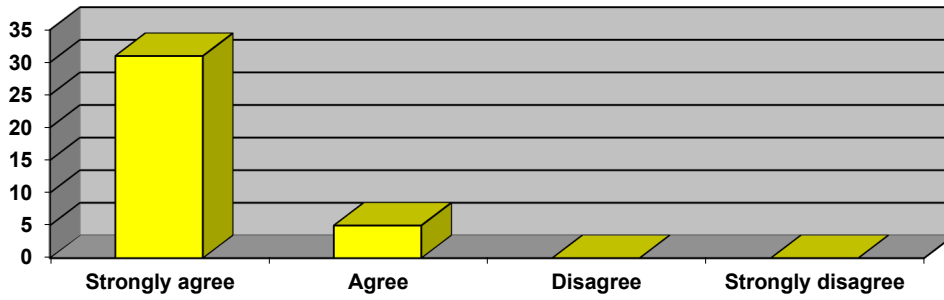
1. My child benefits from being at school.



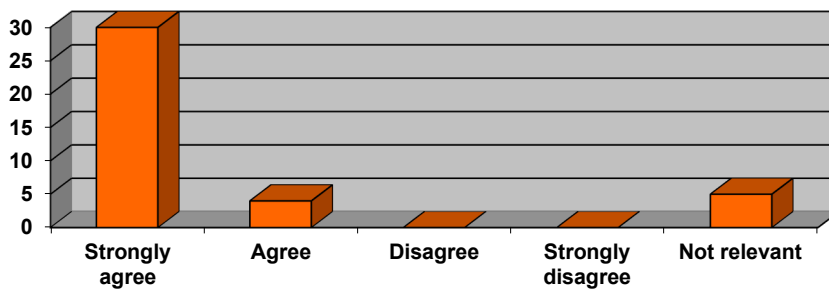
2. I am happy with the learning my child accesses.



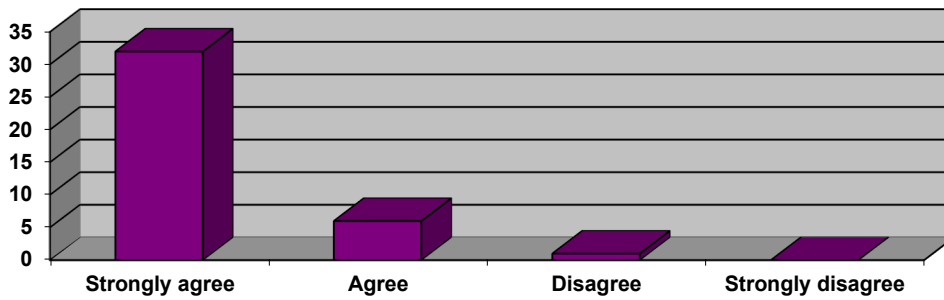
3. School's support last year helped my child transition into their new class.



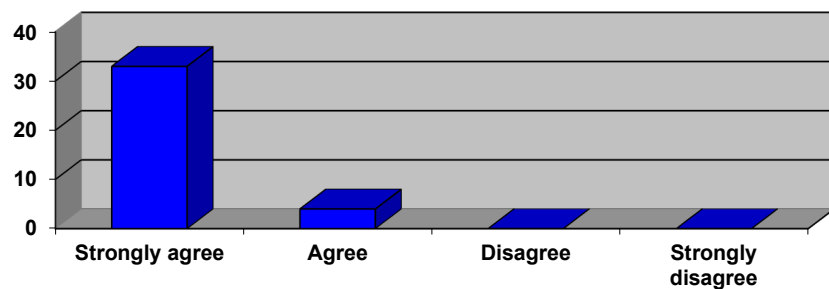
4. Any concerns or issues I have raised so far have been acted upon.



5. I am happy with communication between home and school.



6. I have found Parents' Evening useful.



Based on feedback received last year, the following sessions were made available to parents and carers who requested them. We plan to run similar information sessions this year.

- Makaton starter

- Sensory regulation and positive behaviour
- Early Communication and introduction to Speech and Language Therapy
- Lifting and Handling 1-1 sessions with Manual Handling Advisor

Based on the replies received, other information sessions identified as being useful by parents and carers are:

- Dental care; HandyPac; Promoting a full night's sleep; Using Grid Player and other technologies to facilitate communication; and Supporting eating and feeding.

We will consider these suggestions as we plan our programme of Information sessions.

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for how we can improve further?

Replies:

- "I am very happy with how things are run at Castle Hill School in order to meet our children's needs. Well done!"
- "I am very happy with everything"
- "As always, a massive thank you to everyone who works and cares for my son. You're all brilliant!"
- "I feel so lucky to have found a school that meets all my son's needs and that he is so happy"
- "Parents' Evening was really good and well timed"
- "It was very useful having the online option as well as face to face"
- "Apart from After School Club, put on a film night or disco night where the children can get together more after school, and parents can attend and interact with other parents"
- "Has After School Club been considered (for a fee) to offer further enrichment opportunities and to also give parents a longer workday?"
- "I feel the safeguarding against parents knowing the names of the other children in class, makes interaction with our non-verbal child difficult. Our child understands more than he can communicate therefore when we mention names of peers and teachers he responds well. For us to know this would promote our conversations"

Parents wishing to talk further:

None

ACTIONS FOLLOWING PARENTS' EVENING OCTOBER 2023

- Further contact has been made with the parent who identified that communication with school has been an issue. An enriched input has been applied.
- In response to the parent who raised the issue of the sharing of peer names, we do give the names verbally during the transition to new classes for any parents and carers who request them. We are happy to continue to do this, as we recognise the value of families being able to chat with their child about their day in school.
- CAMHS are providing a series of 'bitesize' sessions for parents and carers, to provide support for them in managing their child's behaviour at home. These sessions are beginning in November.
- A sleep clinic has been planned for January 2024.