

ORTON SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY 2024

ANALYSIS AS AT
6 MARCH 2024

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The school's parent/carer survey was published in February 2024 for parents & carers to complete at parents' evening on 27 February.

23 responses were received in total, with 18 submitted during parents' evening, 4 the following day and one four days after the parents' meeting. With 34 different families and 51 children on roll at the time of the survey being taken, this represents a survey response being received for 68% of the families at the school.

Two reminders were given for further surveys, by email and newsletter, and the survey was held open for a week after the parents' evening, but the number of responses was lower than in 2022 (30), and higher than in 2020 (14 – at the onset of the pandemic).

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Overall satisfaction – highly positive

Every respondent said their child was well looked after, and felt safe, at the school.

Almost all respondents strongly agreed, or agreed, with virtually all the statements (all the statements posited ‘approving’ statements about the school).

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Some highlights of positive feedback

'caring and helpful staff
that always go above
and beyond'

The school 'takes pride in
knowing each child, this
means that x gets the
support she needs to grow
to the best version of
herself.'

'There seems to be an
expectation that the children
are kind and polite to
everyone regardless of which
year they are, this spreads
until it is normal behaviour.'

'Honestly I am always
SO impressed with the
school. I can't think of
anything to improve!'

'parents and the
wider community are
included and it's easy
to become involved.'

'Great opportunities for
a small school'

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Some highlights of positive feedback

Of the 43 comments left under 'the 3 best things about Orton CofE School', the main emphasis was on:

- Community
- Friendly/caring/supportive staff
- Welcoming
- Opportunities in and outside of school

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Some areas for development

In qu. 34, parents were asked 'What do you think are the 3 key areas for improvement at Orton CofE School?'

16 suggestions for improvement were made, with only three recurring themes ...

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Area for development: school lunches

6 suggestions mentioned school meals...

2 on how children are encouraged to eat

2 on choices available and suggesting greater changes to the menu

1 on 'dinner manners and behaviour at lunchtime'

1 on 'having the choice of packed lunch over dinner'

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Area for development: Class 4 classroom

3 suggestions mentioned the Cube ...

‘Improvements to the cube. It’s not a school thing but it’s a shame in our country we have to make do!’

‘the cube’

‘New class four building attached to main school’

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Area for development:
communication about learning

3 suggestions mentioned communication about learning ...

‘More information concerning what the children are learning i.e. what their topic is each term?’

‘I don’t always feel that I know much about what is being learnt day to day so I can carry on at home.’

‘parents no longer know who is teaching when!!!’

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Parents/carers reporting a less positive experience

Two parents/carers provided virtually all the 'disagree' statements. We can't expect a unanimity of positive responses, nor should we want it.

We ask parents/carers to leave a name if they wish*, and all but three respondents left one. Those not leaving a name gave the 'disagree' responses; this desire for anonymity in these circumstances is surely natural. How do we encourage more dialogue with those who report less positive experiences? If this feasible?

** 'please let us know your name: this is so that we can respond to comments if there is something we can follow up on. Please do not feel that you have to'*

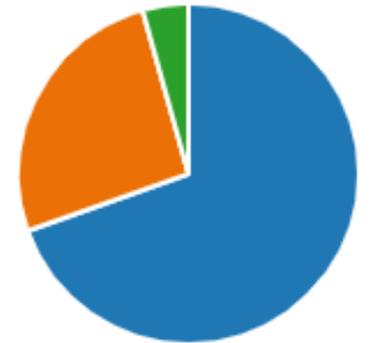
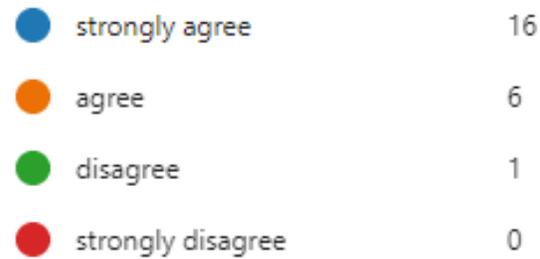
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Qu. 2

My child is happy at this school



A similar profile to the 2022 results,
with one parent disagreeing



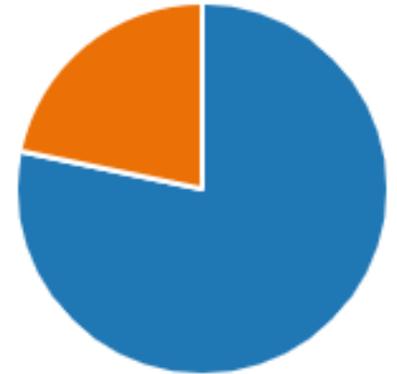
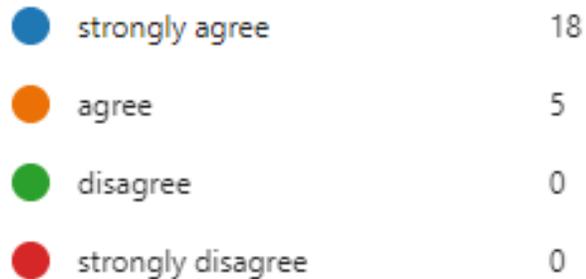
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Qu. 3

My child feels safe at this school



A similar profile to the 2022 results



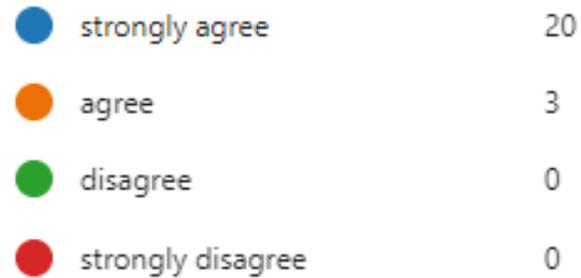
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Qu. 4

My child is well looked after at this school



A very similar profile to the 2022 results



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Qu. 5

My child makes good progress at this school

 strongly agree	14
 agree	7
 disagree	2
 strongly disagree	0



2 (9% of) parents disagreeing
changes this profile a little from 2022



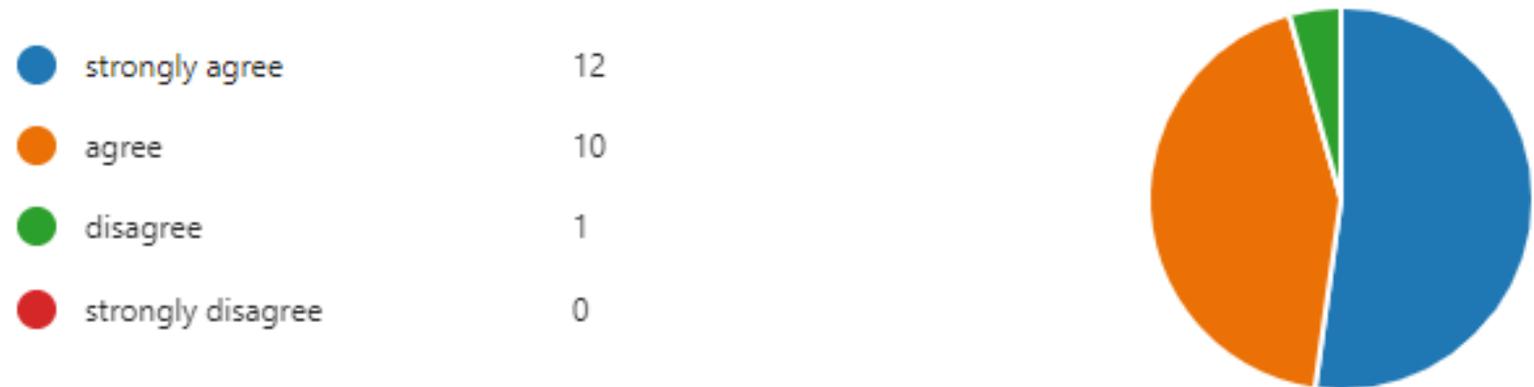
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Qu. 6

The school is accessible and includes each individual child in all activities



A similar profile to the 2022 results



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Qu. 7

The school helps each child achieve their potential

 strongly agree	11
 agree	10
 disagree	2
 strongly disagree	0



2 (9% of) parents disagreeing changes this profile a little from 2022, but the overall impression is clearly positive



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Qu. 8

My child is taught well at this school

 strongly agree	14
 agree	7
 disagree	2
 strongly disagree	0



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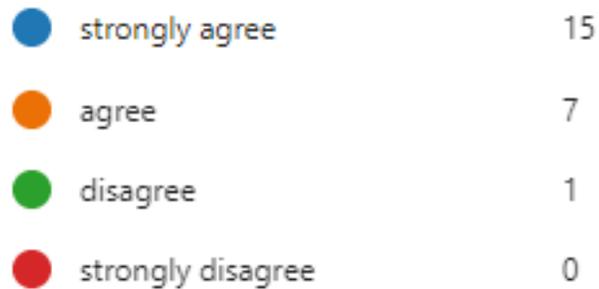
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Qu. 9

My child is expected to work hard and
achieve his or her best



A similar profile to the 2022 results



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Qu. 10

The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress

 strongly agree	11
 agree	9
 disagree	3
 strongly disagree	0



Whilst the overall impression is clearly positive as in 2022, there is some dissatisfaction here from a minority (13%) of those sampled



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Qu. 11

The school helps me understand what my child is learning and how to support my child's learning

 strongly agree	8
 agree	11
 disagree	4
 strongly disagree	0



A suggestion here that there is a communication thread for a minority of dissatisfied parents?



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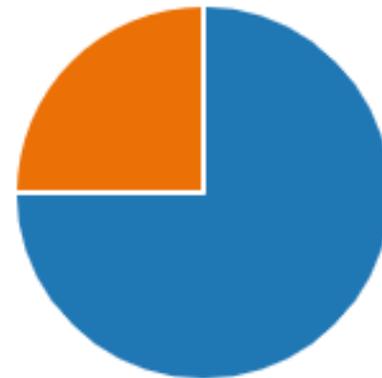
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Qu. 13

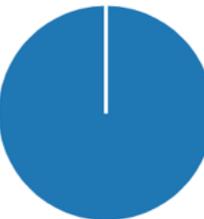
My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed

	strongly agree	3
	agree	1
	disagree	0
	strongly disagree	0



Very positive findings for children with SEND, again on a very small sample size (4 in 2024, 3 2022, 2 in 2020)

nb. qu.12 simply asked 'does your child have SEND?'



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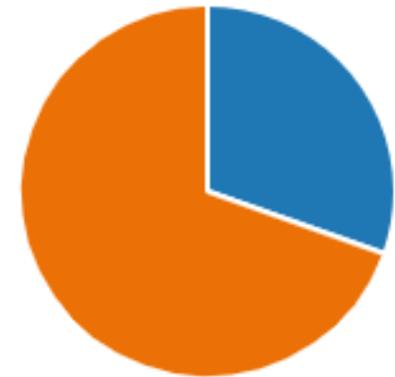
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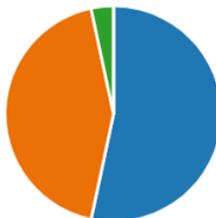
Qu. 14

The school supports the spiritual development of my child

 strongly agree	7
 agree	16
 disagree	0
 strongly disagree	0



An emphatic response, as in 2022



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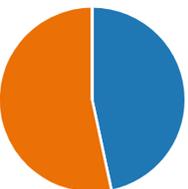
Qu. 15

I feel confident that I can support my child's learning at home

	strongly agree	10
	agree	12
	disagree	1
	strongly disagree	0



A similar profile to the 2022 results



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Qu. 16

The school rewards and encourages good behaviour

 strongly agree	15
 agree	6
 disagree	2
 strongly disagree	0



A similar profile to the 2022 results, with two who disagree



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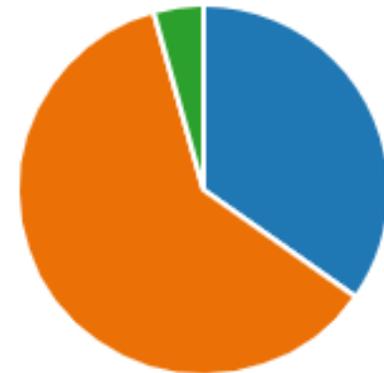
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Qu. 17

The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour

 strongly agree	8
 agree	14
 disagree	1
 strongly disagree	0



An even more positive profile than that in 2022



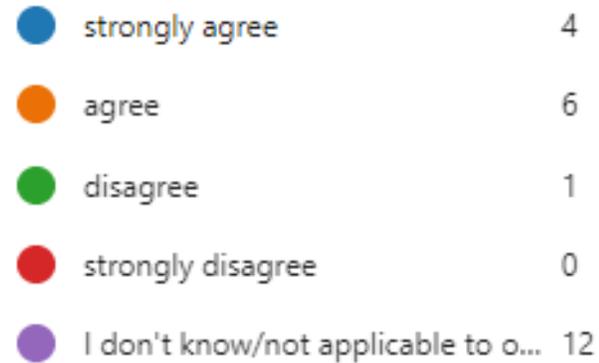
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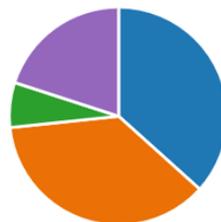
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Qu. 18

The school deals effectively with bullying



Less first-/second-hand experience
of perceived bullying than in 2022



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Qu. 19

The school is well led and managed by the staff and governing body

 strongly agree	12
 agree	9
 disagree	2
 strongly disagree	0



2 (9% of) parents disagreeing changes this profile a little from 2022, but the overall impression is clearly positive



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Qu. 20

The school responds well to any concerns I raise

 strongly agree	13
 agree	8
 disagree	2
 strongly disagree	0



Slightly less strongly-put disagreement than in 2022;
overall very positive.



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Qu. 21

The school takes my suggestions and ideas into account

	strongly agree	9
	agree	12
	disagree	2
	strongly disagree	0



Near-identical responses to those in 2022



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Qu. 22

I feel that I have a clear understanding of the school's vision

 strongly agree	10
 agree	11
 disagree	2
 strongly disagree	0



Overall positive understanding; marginally less positive than in 2022 when the vision formulation & communication were more fresh in people's minds?



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Qu. 23

The school communicates effectively with me about its vision

 strongly agree	5
 agree	17
 disagree	1
 strongly disagree	0



Overall positive understanding, less positive than in 2022 when the vision formulation & communication were more fresh in people's minds?



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Qu. 24

The school is well resourced and provides a good range of activities

 strongly agree	13
 agree	10
 disagree	0
 strongly disagree	0



Near-identical responses to those in 2022



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Qu. 25

After School Clubs provide a good resource and range of activities

● strongly agree	16
● agree	6
● disagree	1
● strongly disagree	0



A new question for 2024, this saw the highest proportion of 'strongly agree' responses

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Qu. 26

Music on offer provides a good resource and range of activities

● strongly agree	6
● agree	17
● disagree	0
● strongly disagree	0



A new question for 2024

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Qu. 27

Sport on offer provides a good resource and range of activities

● strongly agree	8
● agree	15
● disagree	0
● strongly disagree	0



A new question for 2024, with a very similar profile of responses to the Music question preceding it

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Qu. 28

The school provides a good range of subjects for my child to learn

 strongly agree	9
 agree	14
 disagree	0
 strongly disagree	0



A positive profile, as in 2022



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Qu. 29

The school is welcoming with opportunities for parents to get involved

 strongly agree	11
 agree	11
 disagree	1
 strongly disagree	0



A similar profile of responses to those in 2022



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Qu. 30

My child is encouraged to contribute positively to the wider community

 strongly agree	9
 agree	14
 disagree	0
 strongly disagree	0



A similarly positive profile of responses to those in 2022



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Qu. 31

I would recommend Orton CofE School to another family

 strongly agree	17
 agree	5
 disagree	1
 strongly disagree	0



As in 2022, a highly positive response to a far-reaching concluding question

