

ORTON SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY 2026

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The school's parent/carer survey was released in March 2026 for parents & carers to complete at parents' evening on 5 March, and for some who wished to complete the survey elsewhere, in the fortnight after the parents' evening.

25 responses were received in total (23 for the previous survey, in March 2024). With 33 different families and 47 children on roll at the time of the survey being taken, this is the equivalent of a survey response being received for 75% (2024: 68%) of the families at the school.

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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).

It is worth noting that compared with the previous three surveys, the 2026 feedback has been extraordinarily positive.

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Some highlights of positive feedback

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

- Community
- Happiness of the children
- Friendly, approachable, welcoming and caring staff
- Opportunities in and outside of school

There are some further examples to follow, but this response to 'What do you think are the 3 best things about Orton CofE School?' was typical:

'I like how much the children absolutely love coming here, how approachable the teaching team are and I also appreciate how tailored the teaching is to the individual'.

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It's welcoming
Everyone's kind
My children enjoy coming

'Small enough to care, friendly approachable staff. A great start to their life in education'

How well they know the children
How much they care
How amazing the kids are

'The children always seem happy
Everyone is friendly and approachable'

[love] 'How everyone looks out for each other, the opportunities and how happy the children are'

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Areas for development

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

11 of 25 respondents suggested that nothing came to mind.

There were 12 suggestions for improvement, but unlike in previous years it has not been possible to discern any trends or common responses here.

In the interests of completeness and balance, here follows the full list ...

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Area for development:

12 individual responses ...

Two on communication to parents

Two on pupil numbers, both stating that these would seem to be outside the school's influence

'Listen to the child'

'Equal opportunities for sporting events'

'I don't feel x has always been pushed to achieve with his reading and writing'

'Food choices'

'Concerns are often dismissed or argued with rather than being discussed and dealt with appropriately'

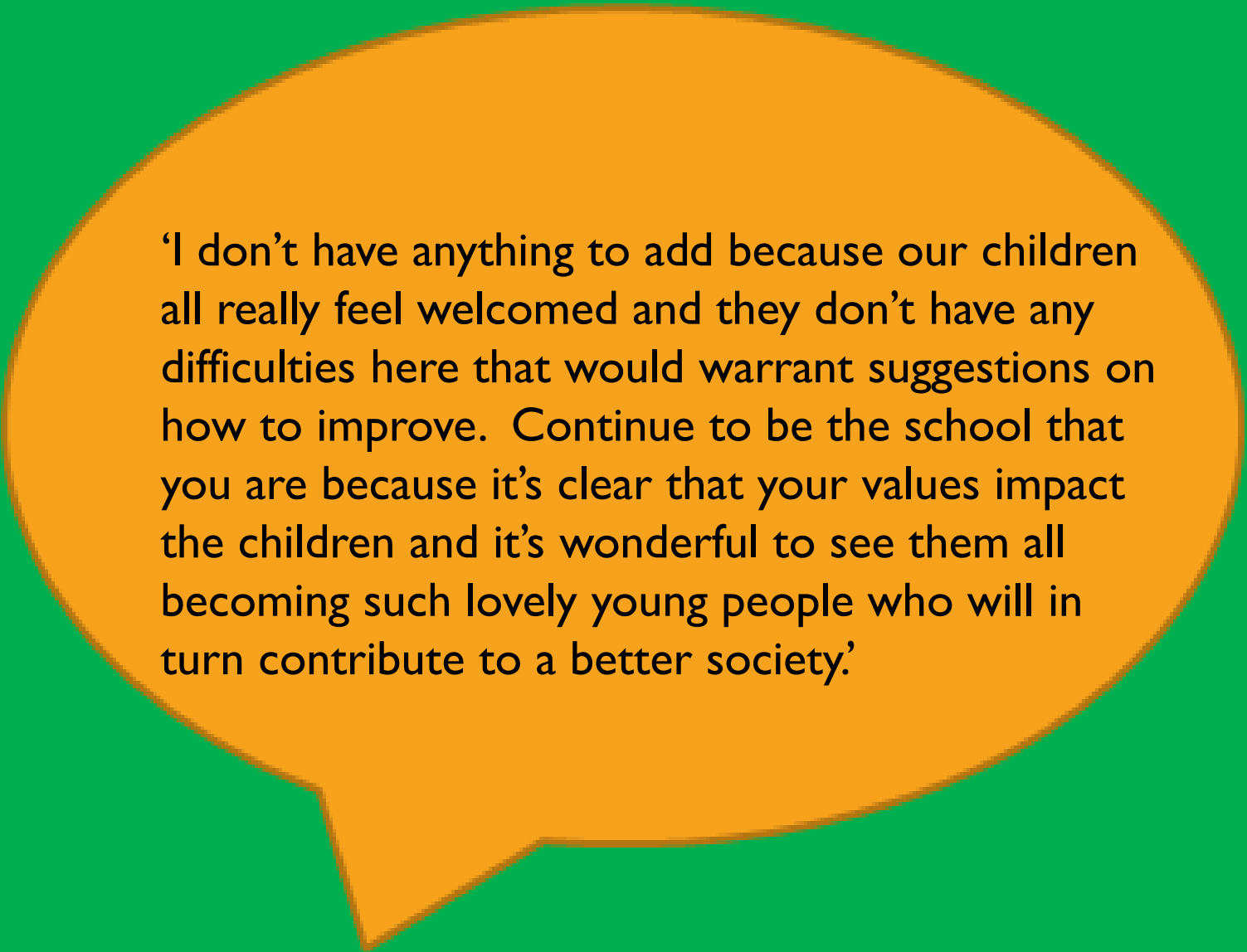
'There is clear favouritism in regards to families demonstrated'

'Although sport is important maybe more time should be spent in the classroom learning'

'Funding for equipment will always be an issue for small schools'

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'I don't have anything to add because our children all really feel welcomed and they don't have any difficulties here that would warrant suggestions on how to improve. Continue to be the school that you are because it's clear that your values impact the children and it's wonderful to see them all becoming such lovely young people who will in turn contribute to a better society.'

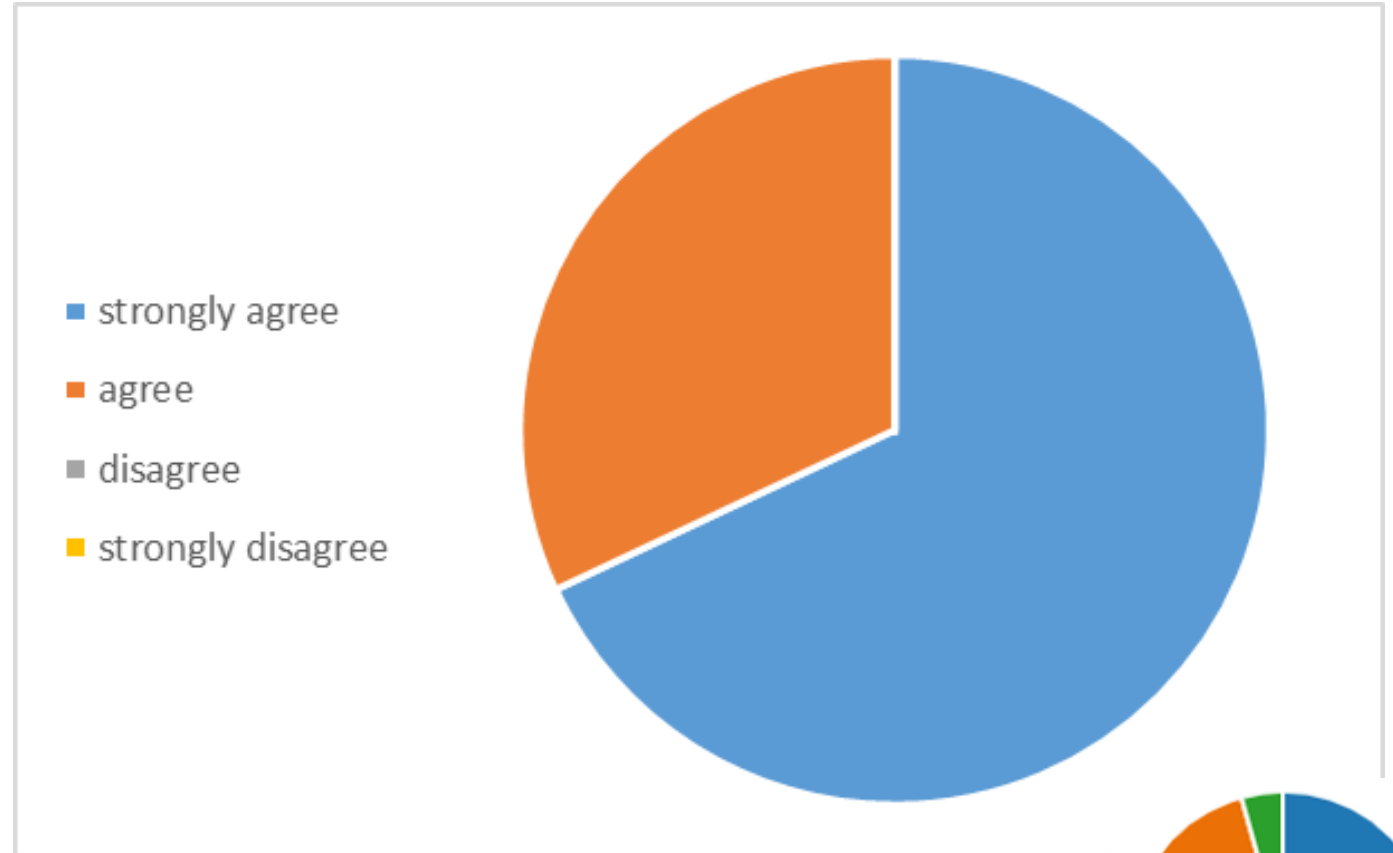
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Qu. 2*

My child is happy at this school



A similar profile to the 2024 results



** question 1 was simply 'would you like to leave your name?' so that the school could respond to any concerns raised. 19 of 25 respondents chose to leave their name.*

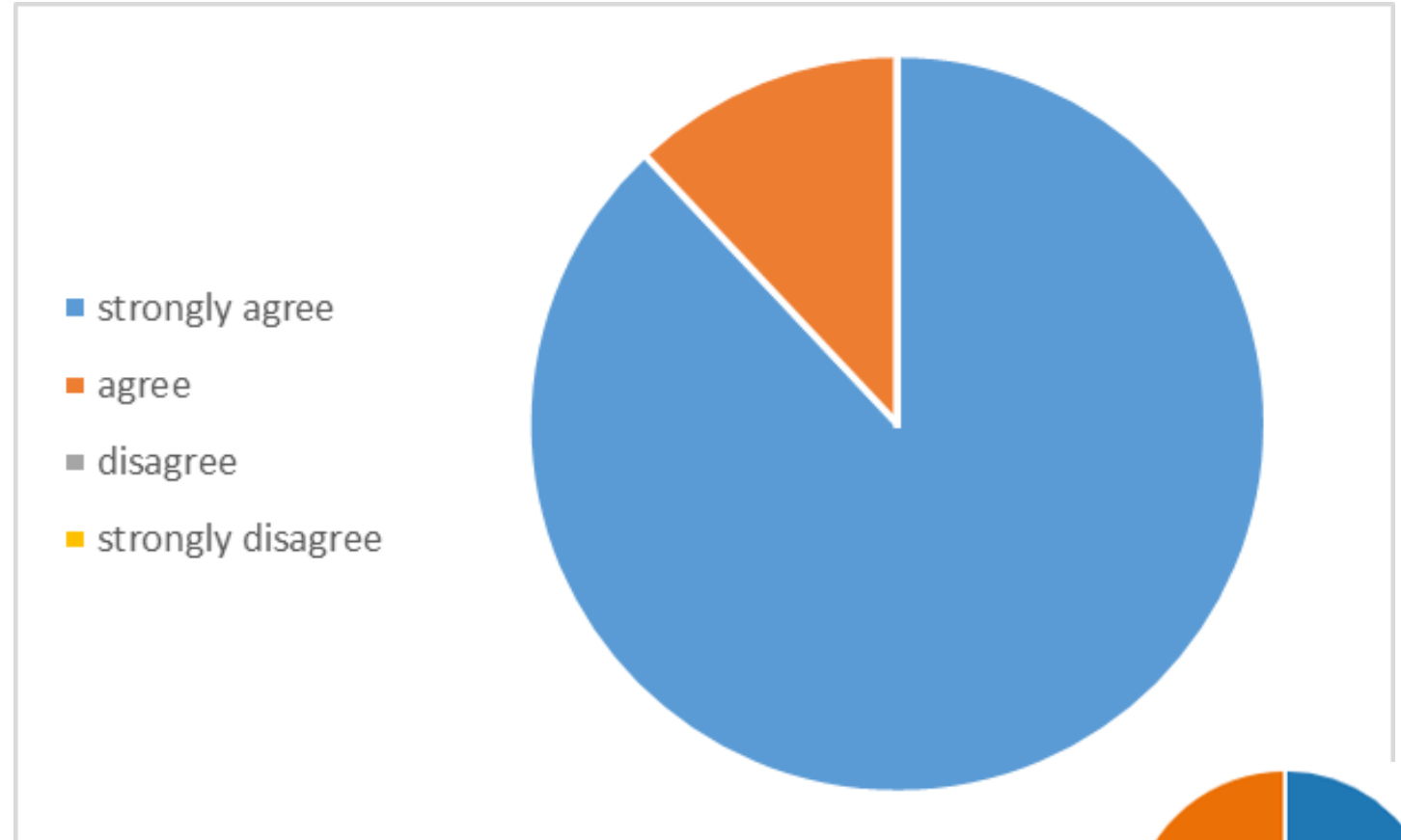
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Qu. 3

My child feels safe at this school



A similar profile to the 2024 results,
but even more emphatic



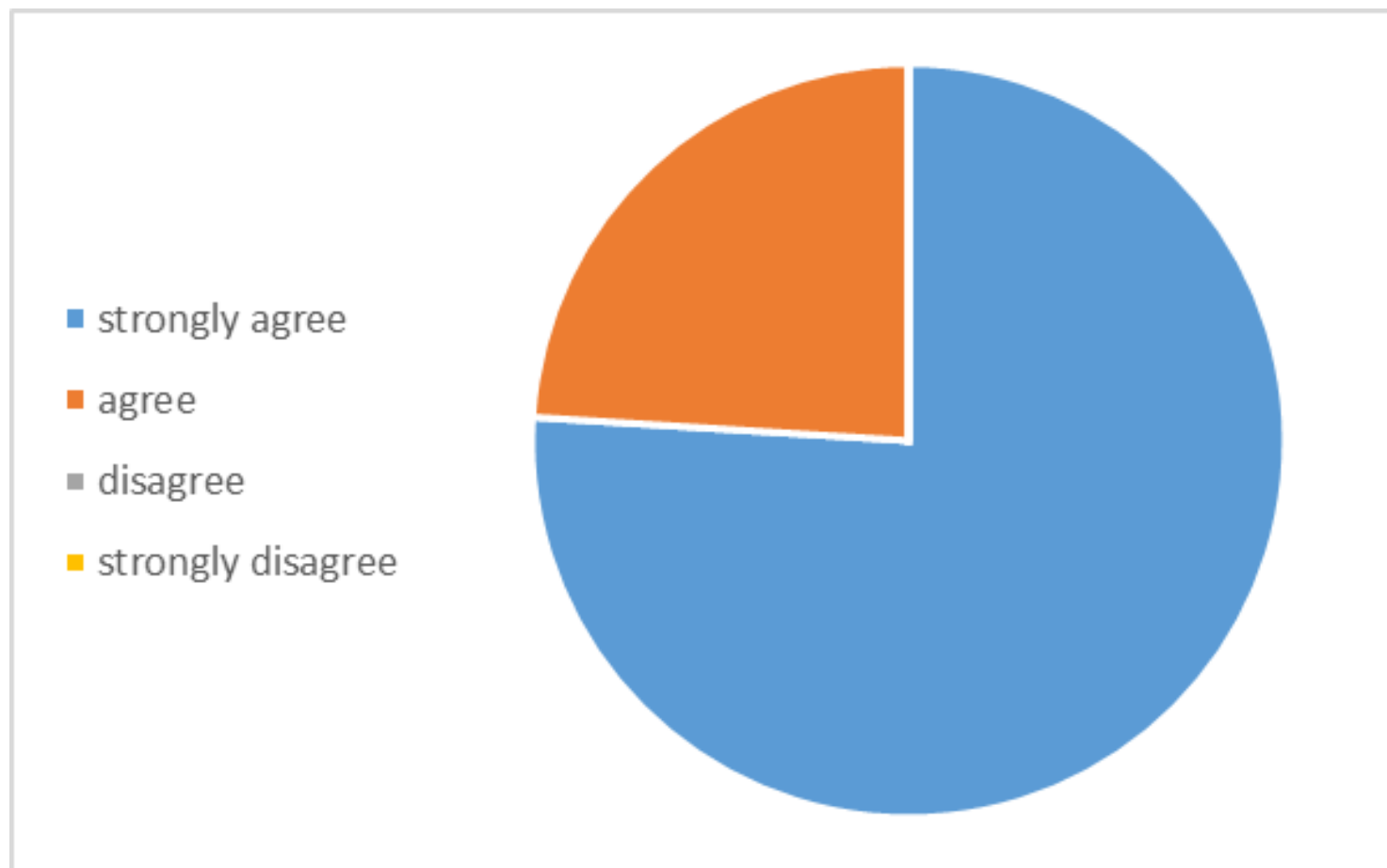
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Qu. 4, a new question for 2026:

My child feels like they belong at the school and can thrive here



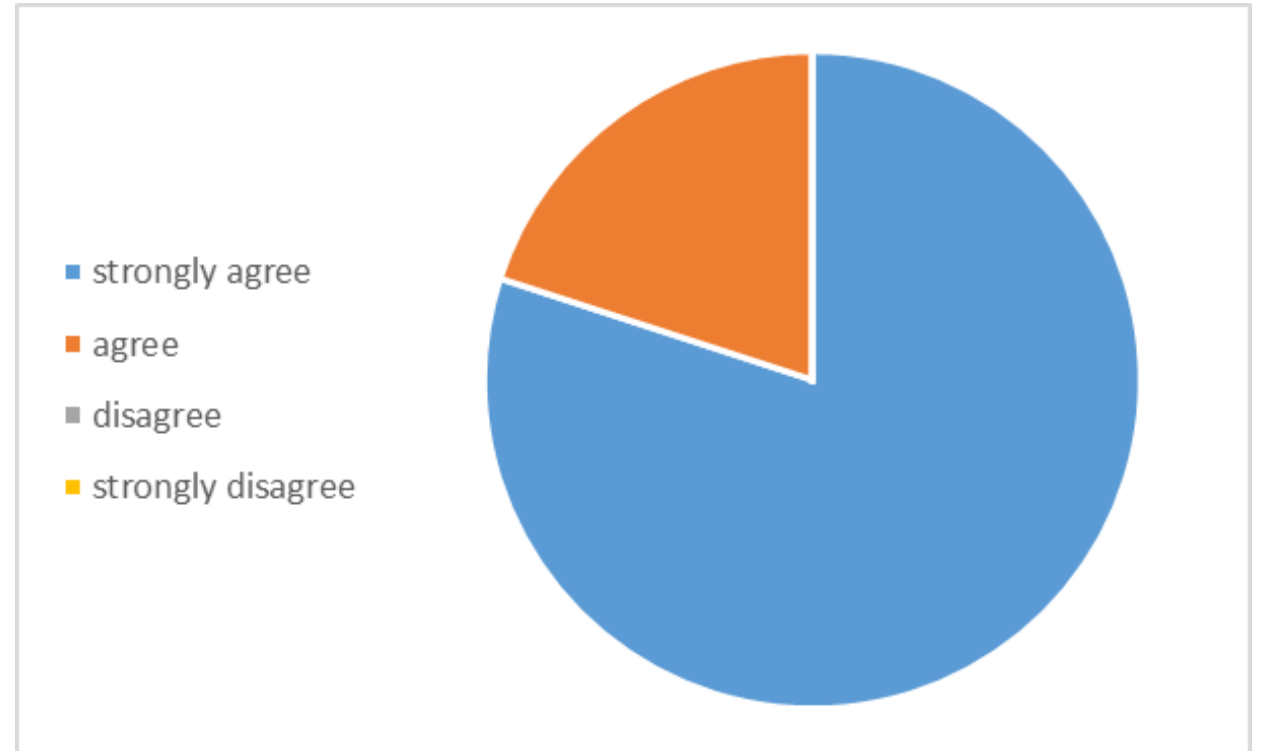
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Qu. 5

My child is well looked after at this school



A similar profile to the 2024 results



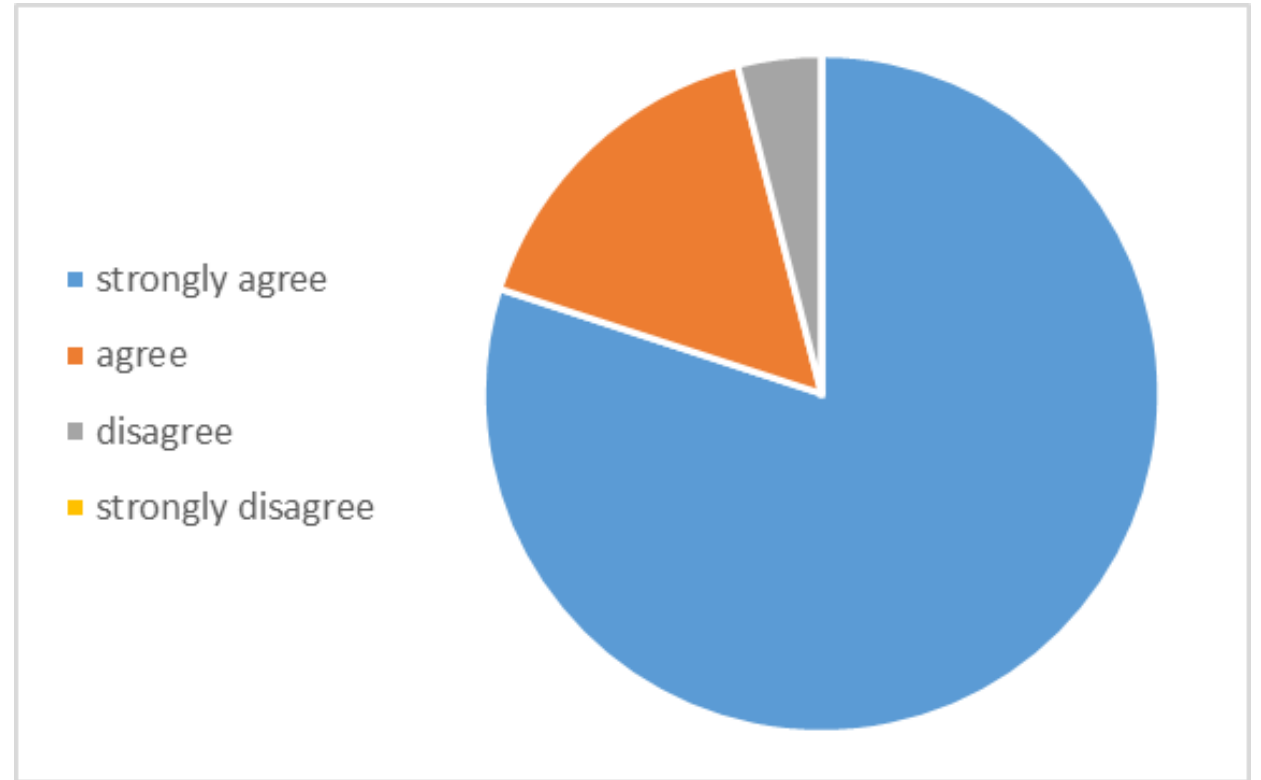
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Qu. 6

My child makes good progress at this school



More emphatic agreement,
and less disagreement, than in 2024



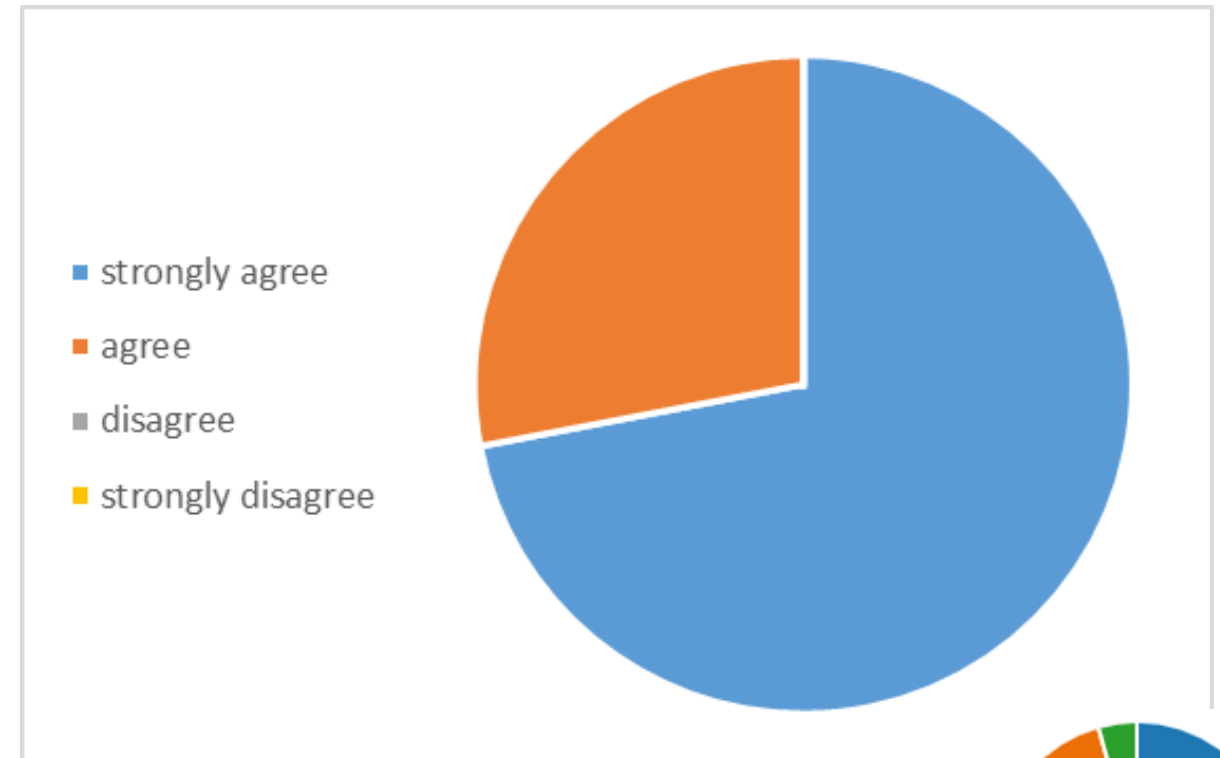
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Qu. 7

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



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and less disagreement, than in 2024



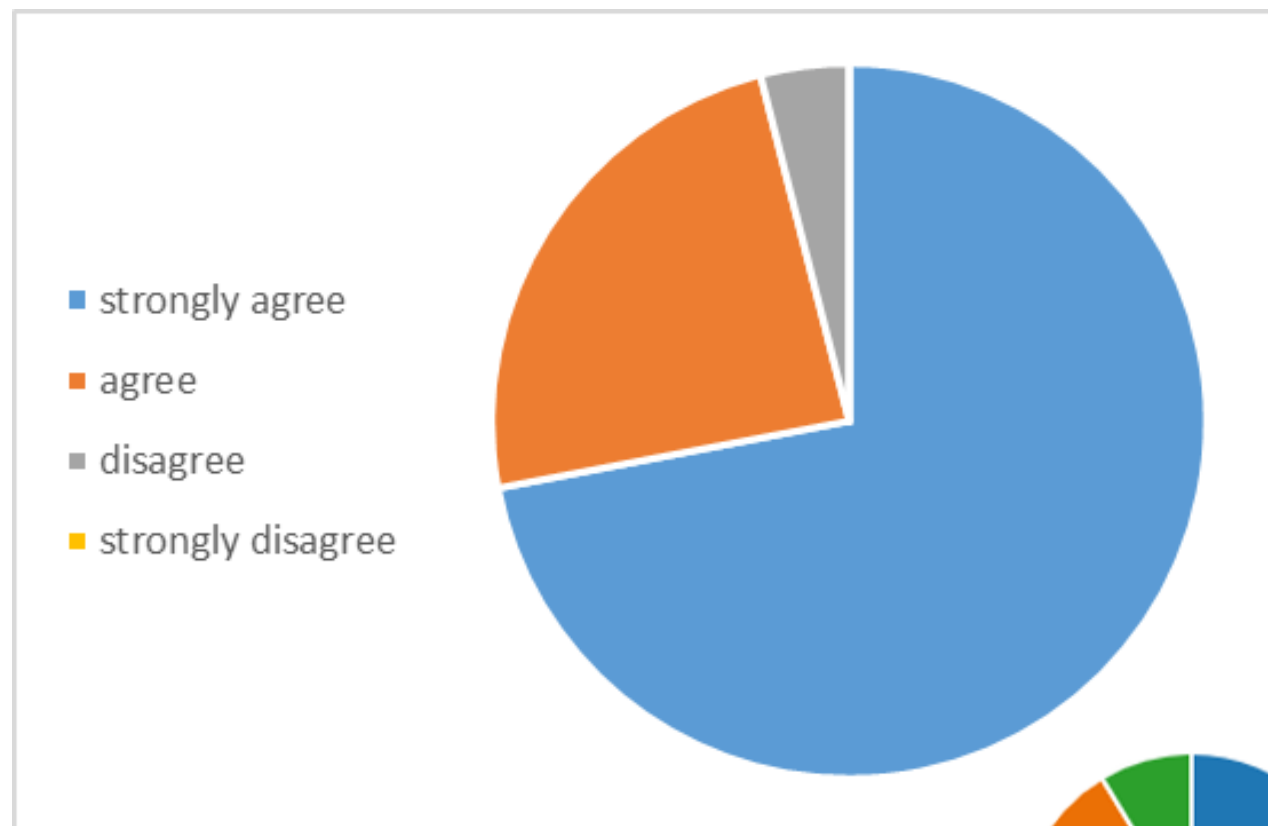
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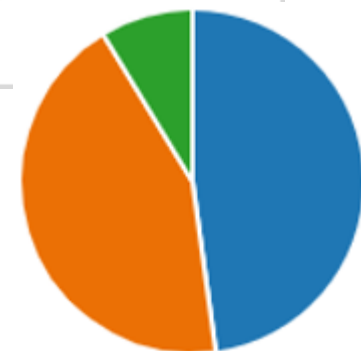
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Qu. 8

The school helps each child achieve their potential



More emphatic agreement than in 2024



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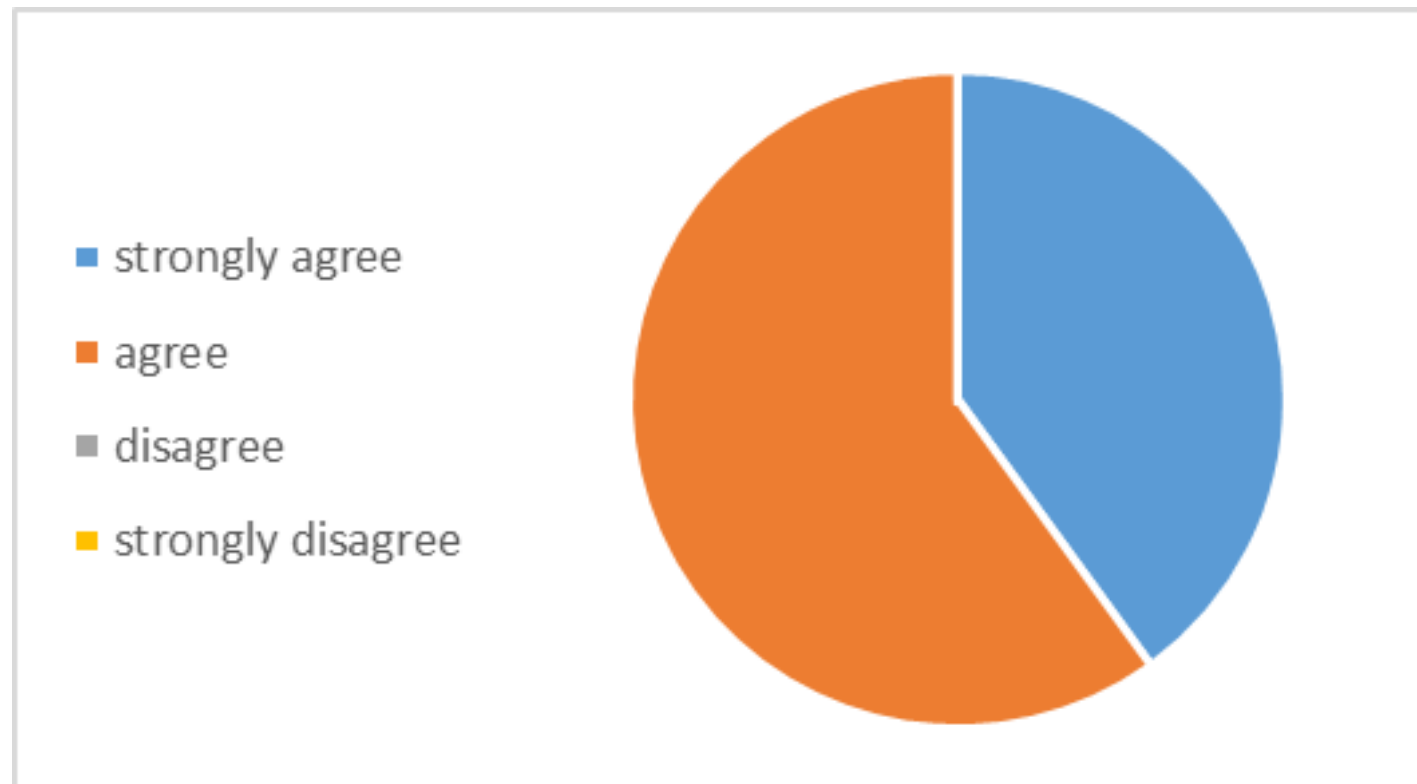
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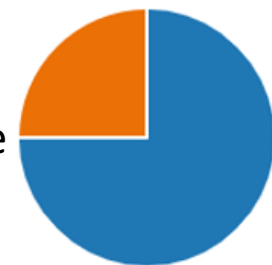
Qus. 9 & 10

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

This shows the view of the 5 respondents who said they had a child with SEND



Positive responses again, though slightly less emphatically positive



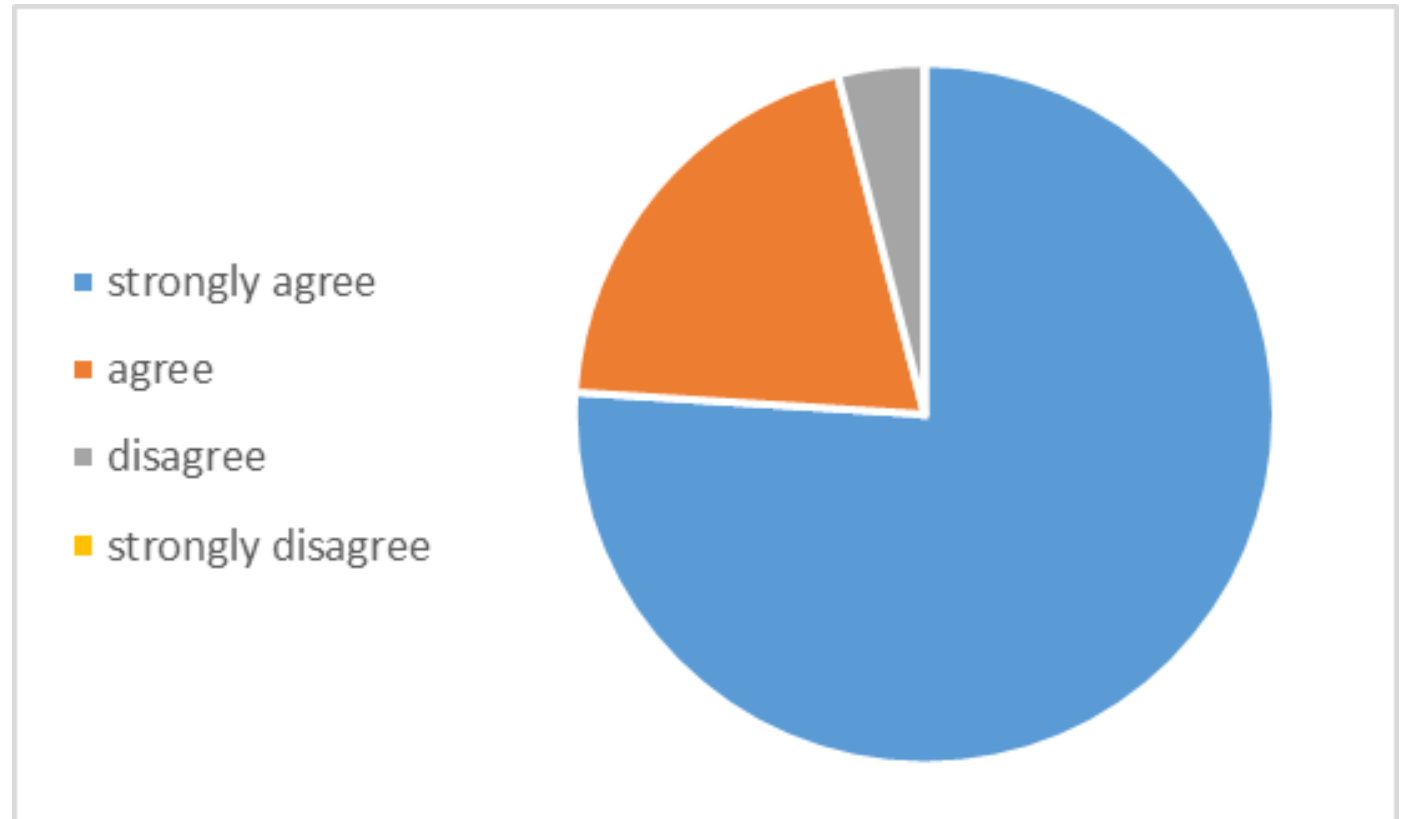
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Qu. 11

My child is taught well at this school



More emphatic agreement,
and less disagreement, than in 2024



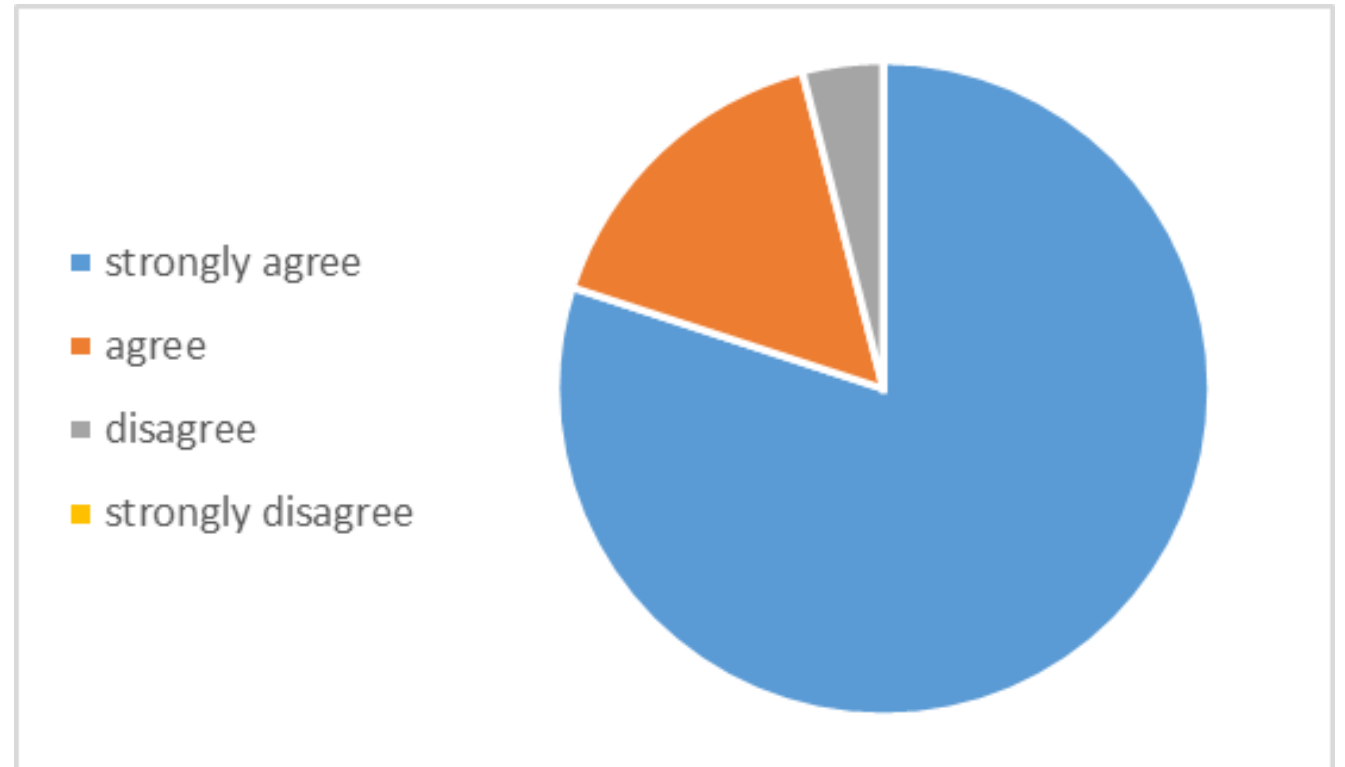
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Qu. 12

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



Even more positive than the 2024 results



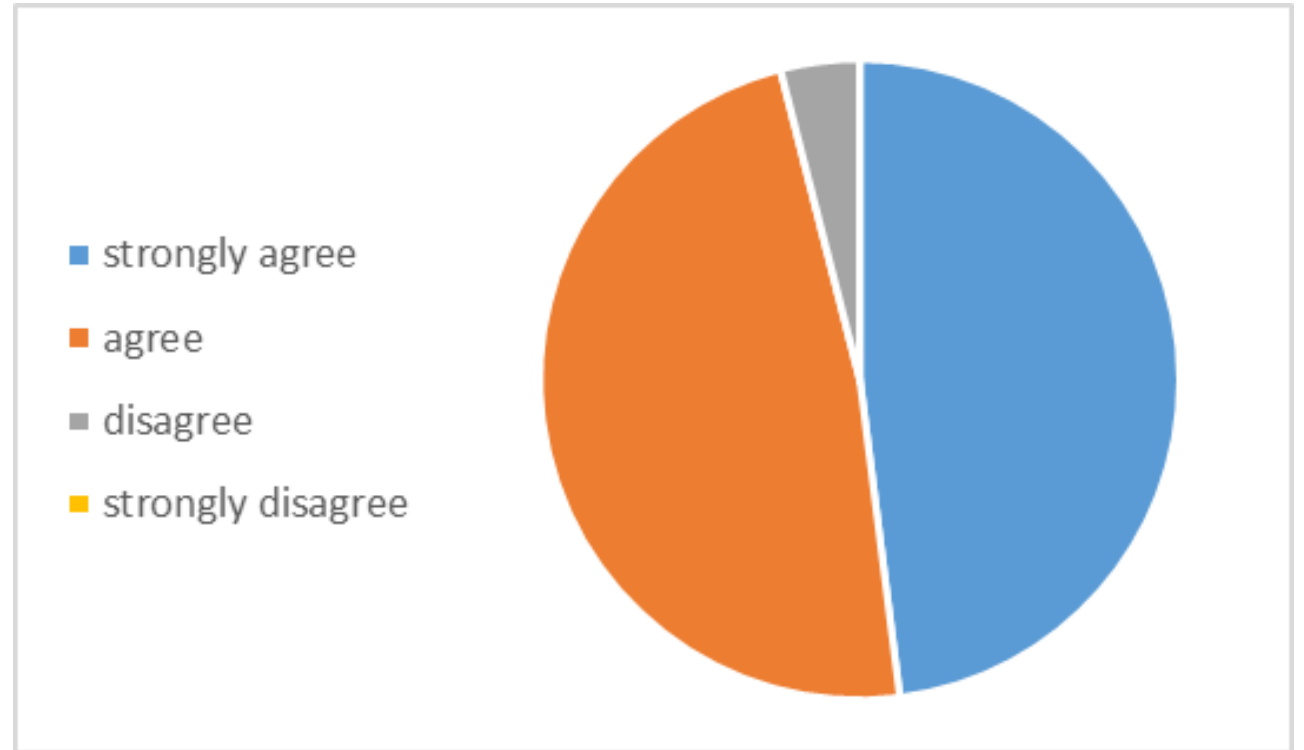
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Qu. 13

The school communicates with me effectively about the things I need to know*



More emphatic agreement, and less disagreement, than in 2024. *nb. there was a slight change in wording from 2024, when we asked 'the school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress'



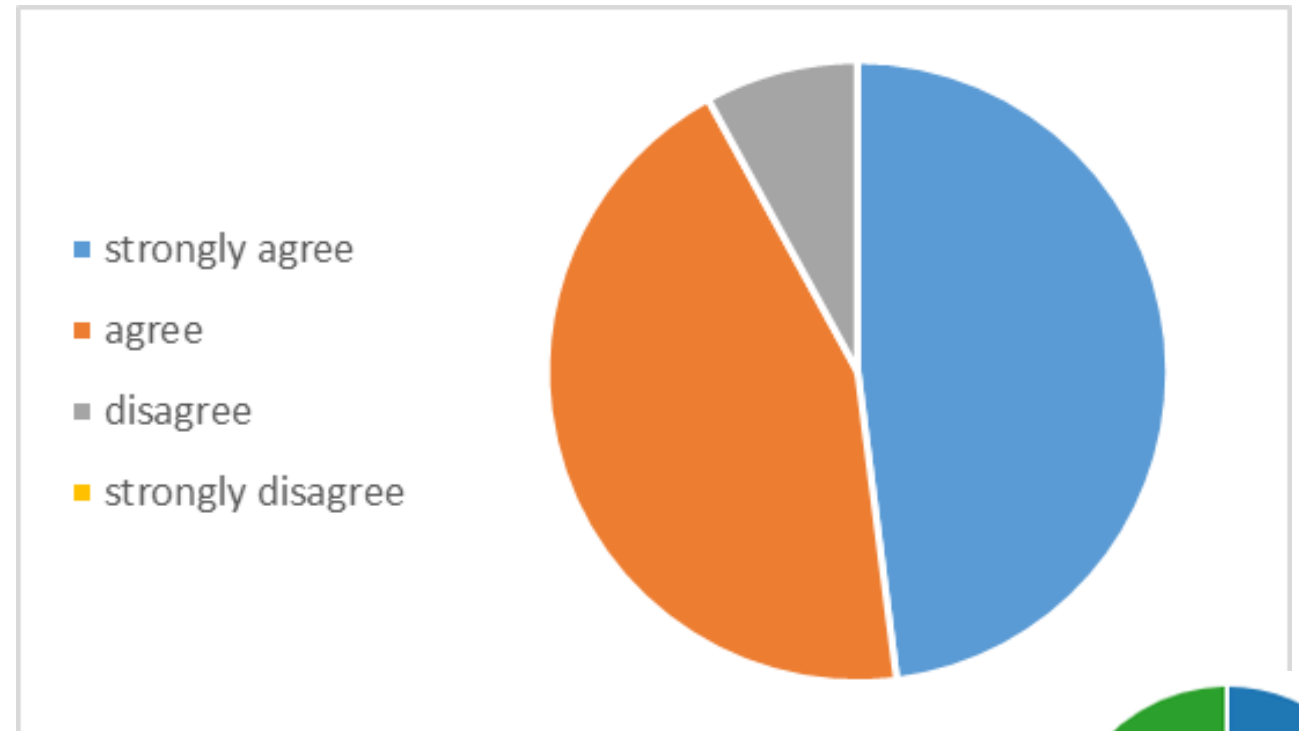
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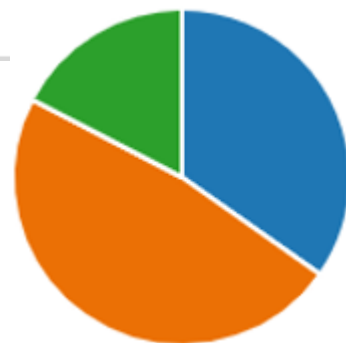
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Qu. 14

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



More emphatic agreement,
and less disagreement, than in 2024



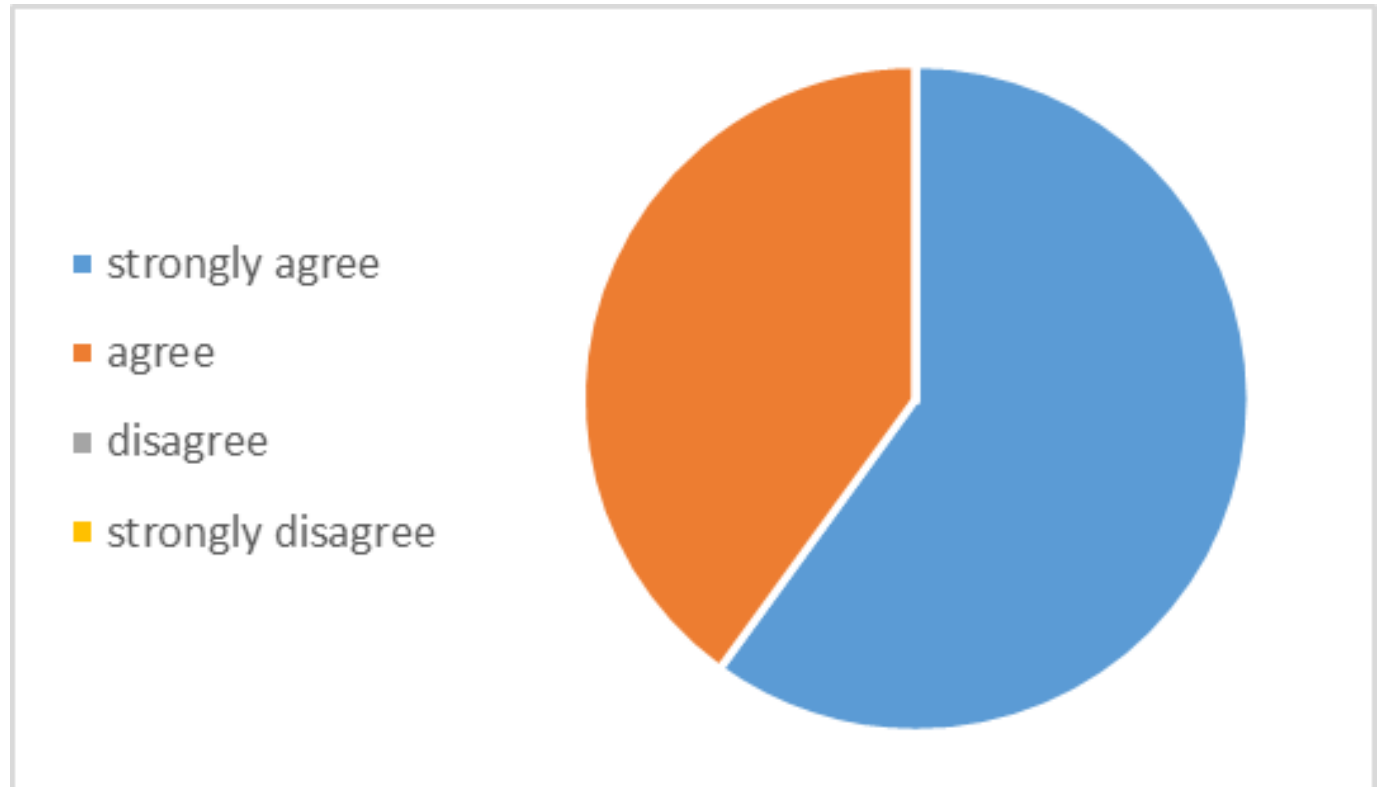
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Qu. 15

The school supports the spiritual development of my child



An increasingly emphatic response, compared to 2024



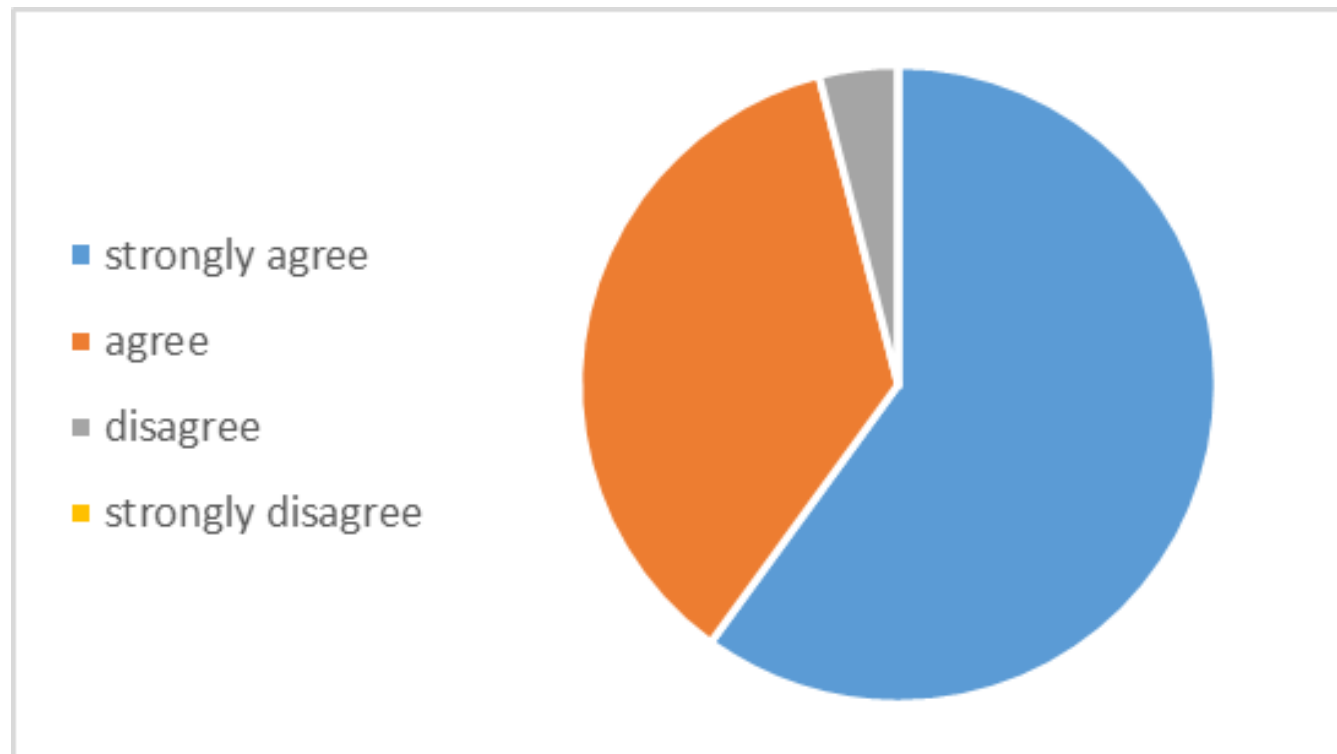
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Qu. 16

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



A similar profile to the 2024 results



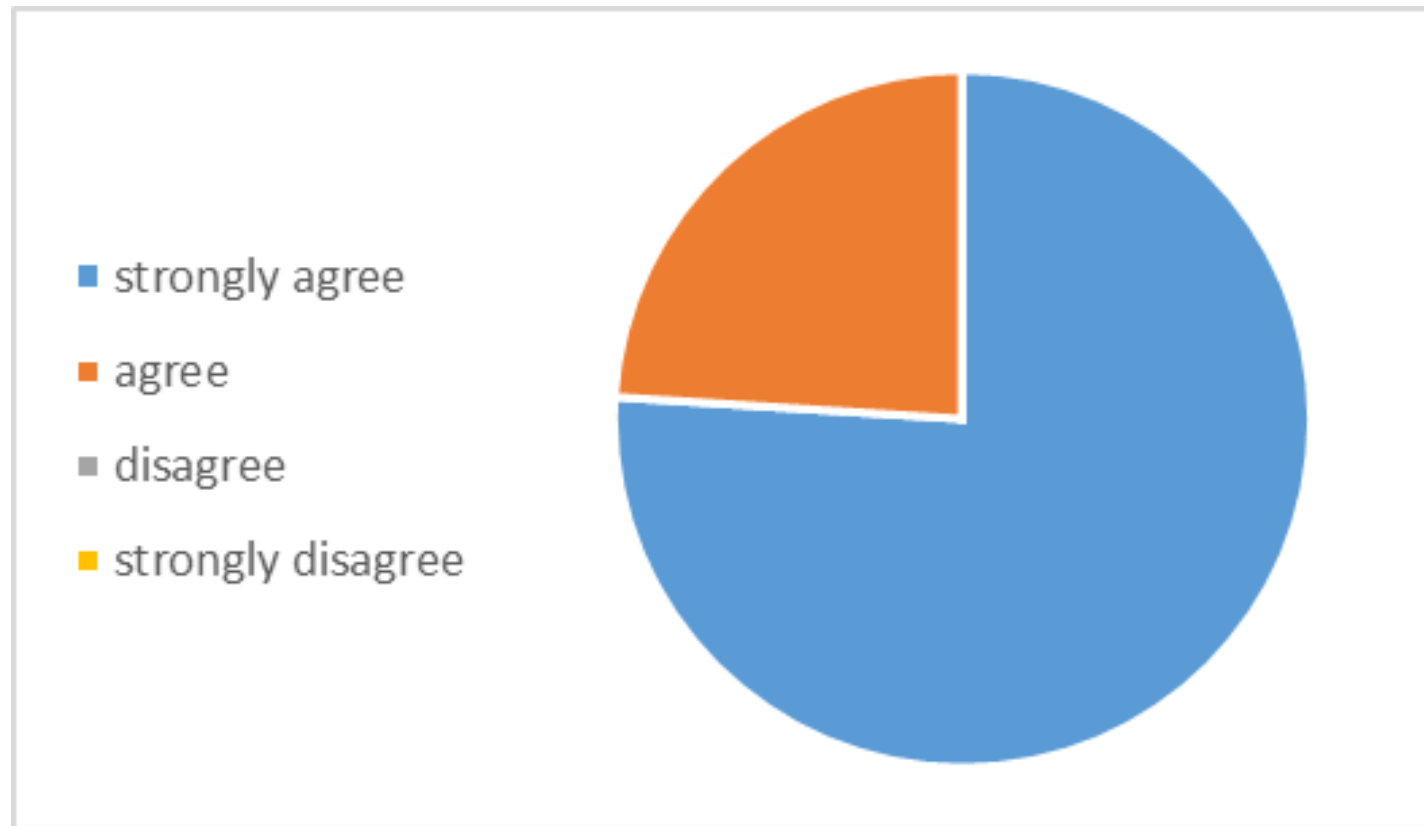
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Qu. 17

The school rewards and encourages good behaviour



Positive movement on the 2024 results



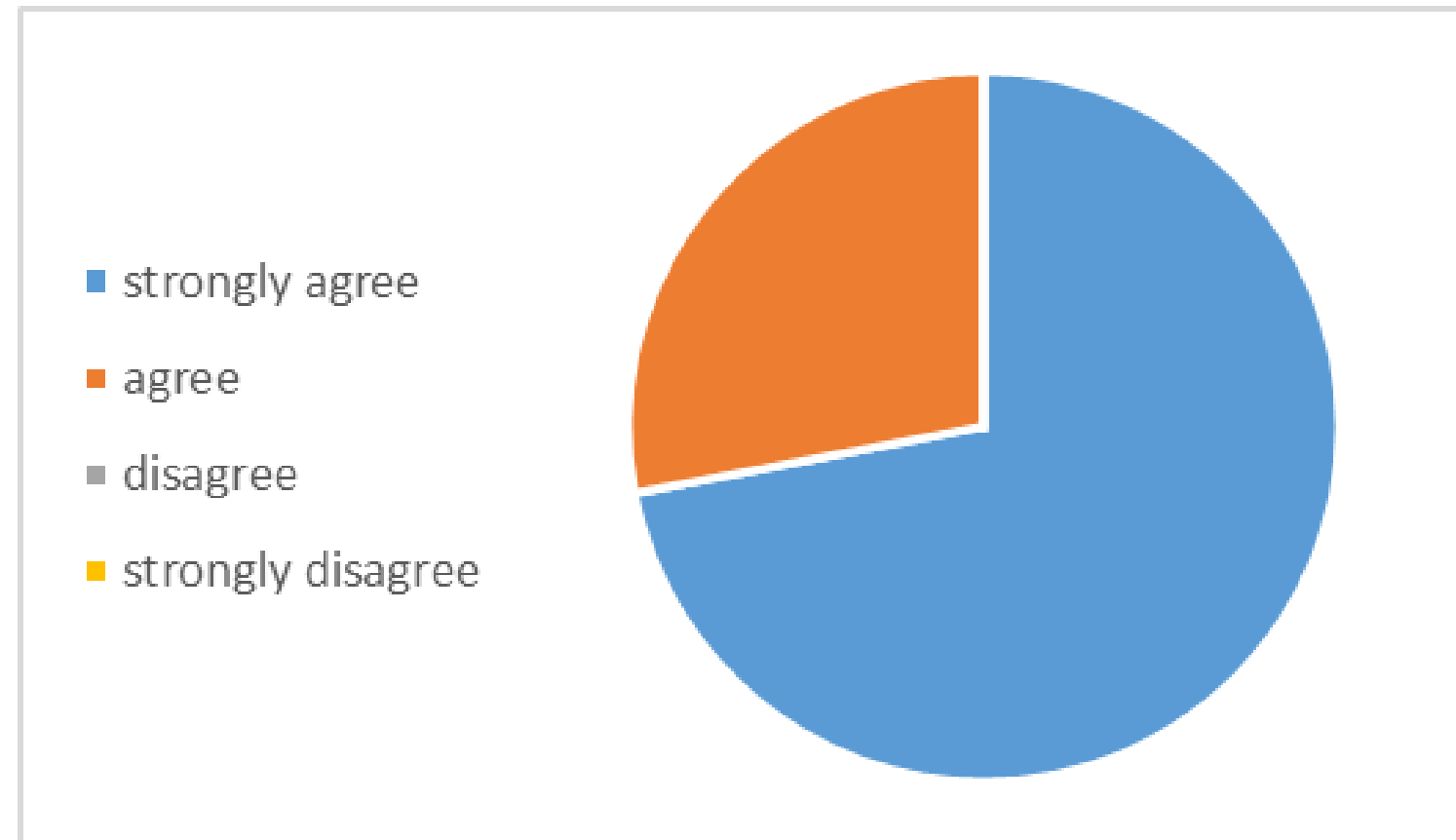
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Qu. 18, a new question for our survey:

The school promotes a culture where every pupil can achieve and feel respected



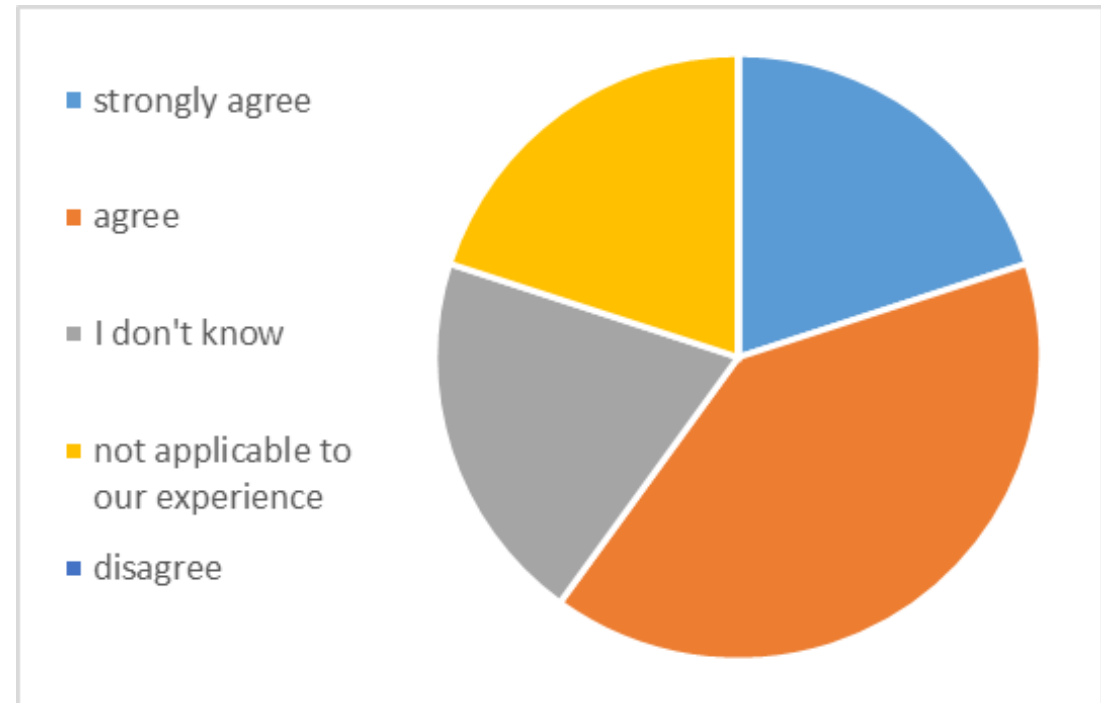
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Qu. 19

The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour



We gave different answer options to this question in 2026. In 2024, the three options chosen had been strongly agree (blue), agree (orange) and disagree (green).

In 2026, we wanted to explore how commonly unacceptable behaviour lay outside some parents' experience. Importantly, there were no negative responses to this question in the 2026 survey.



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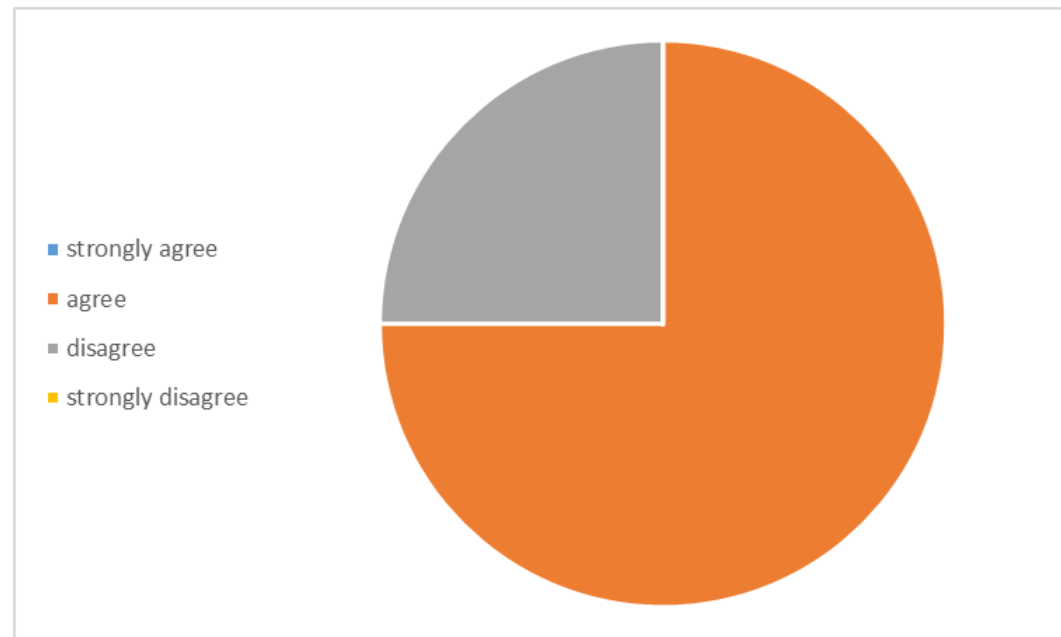
Qu. 20

The school deals effectively with bullying

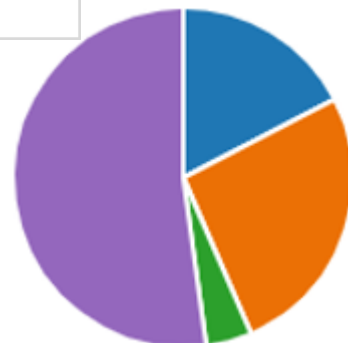
We asked this differently in 2026, asking first 'Has your child/Have any of your children been bullied at this school?'

4 respondents said yes, and 21 said no.

Those respondents saying yes were then asked the follow-up question 'When the bullying took place, the school dealt with it effectively'



There is some similarity here to the 2024 results, in which this purple majority showed those who felt that bullying lay outside their experience. Discounting those shows a similar proportion of satisfaction & dissatisfaction.



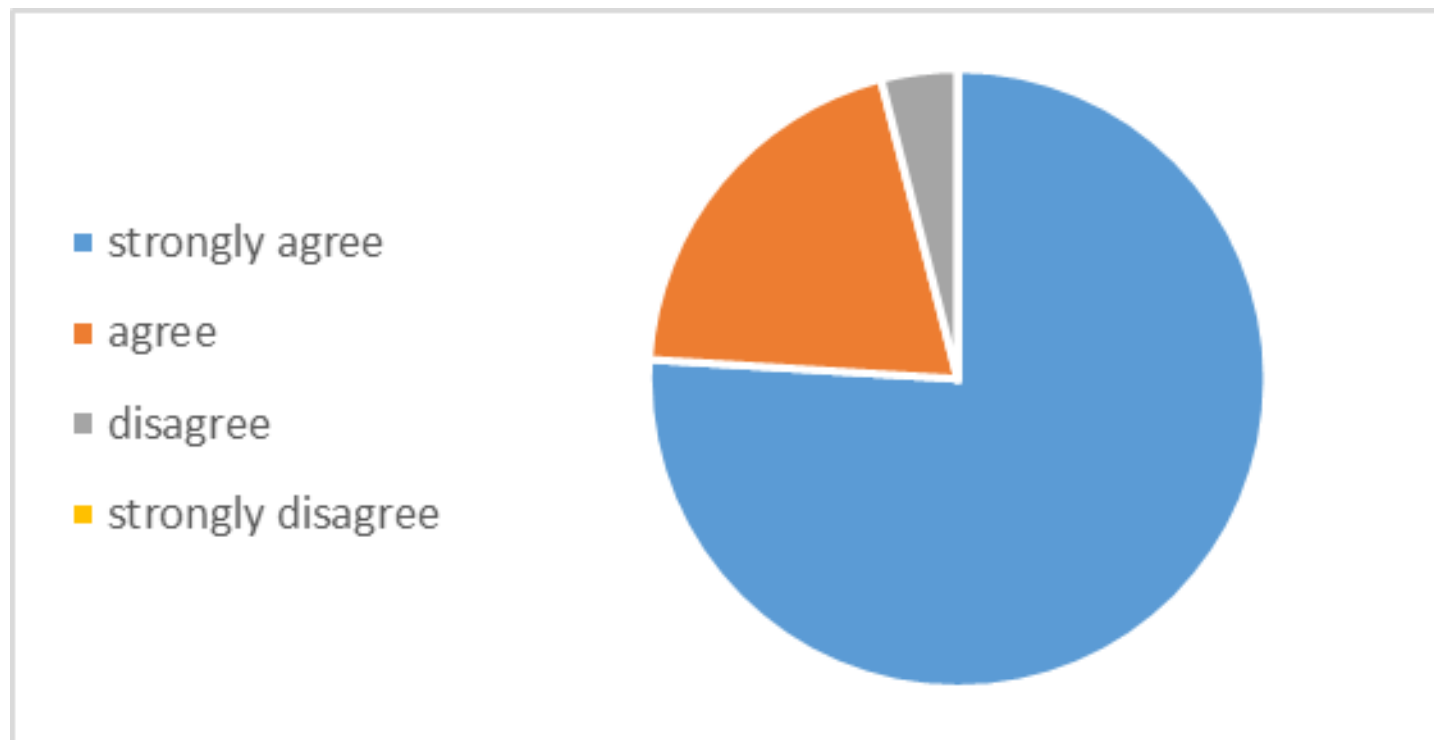
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Qu. 21

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



Similarly positive, and a considerably more emphatic, response to those in 2024



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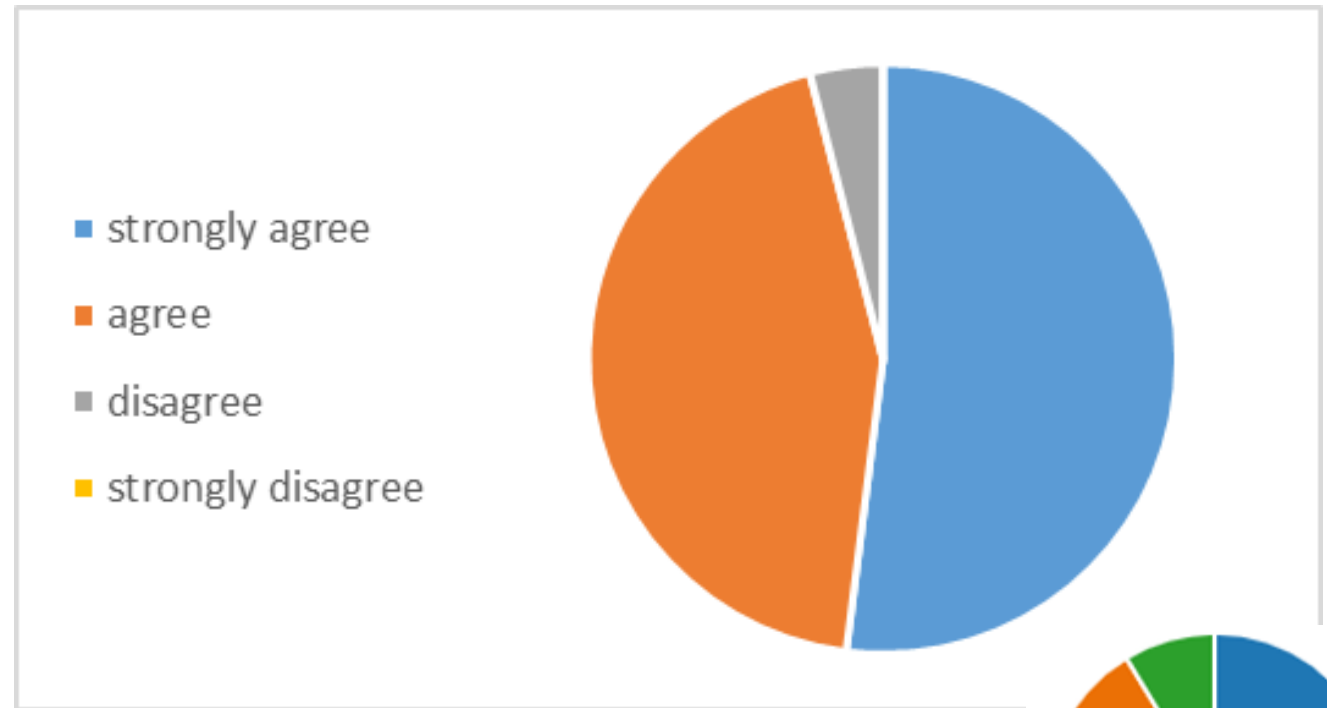
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Qu. 22

When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly

Slight change in wording from 2024: 'the school responds well to any concerns I raise'



A very similar profile to the 2024 results



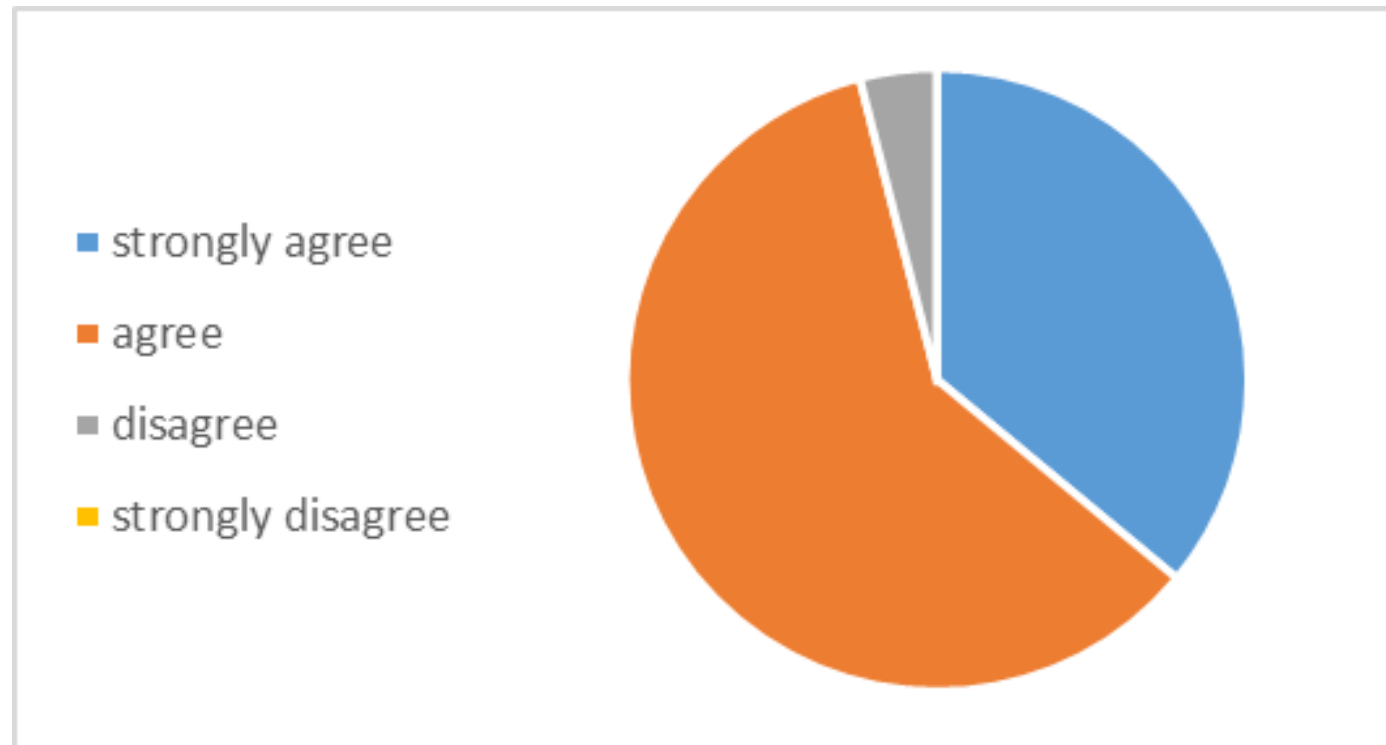
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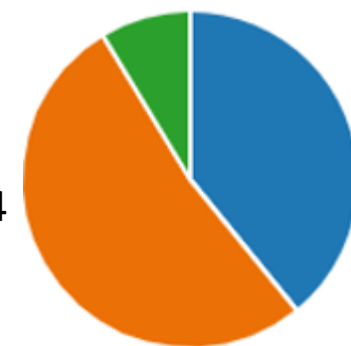
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Qu. 23

The school takes my suggestions and ideas into account



Very similar responses to those in 2024



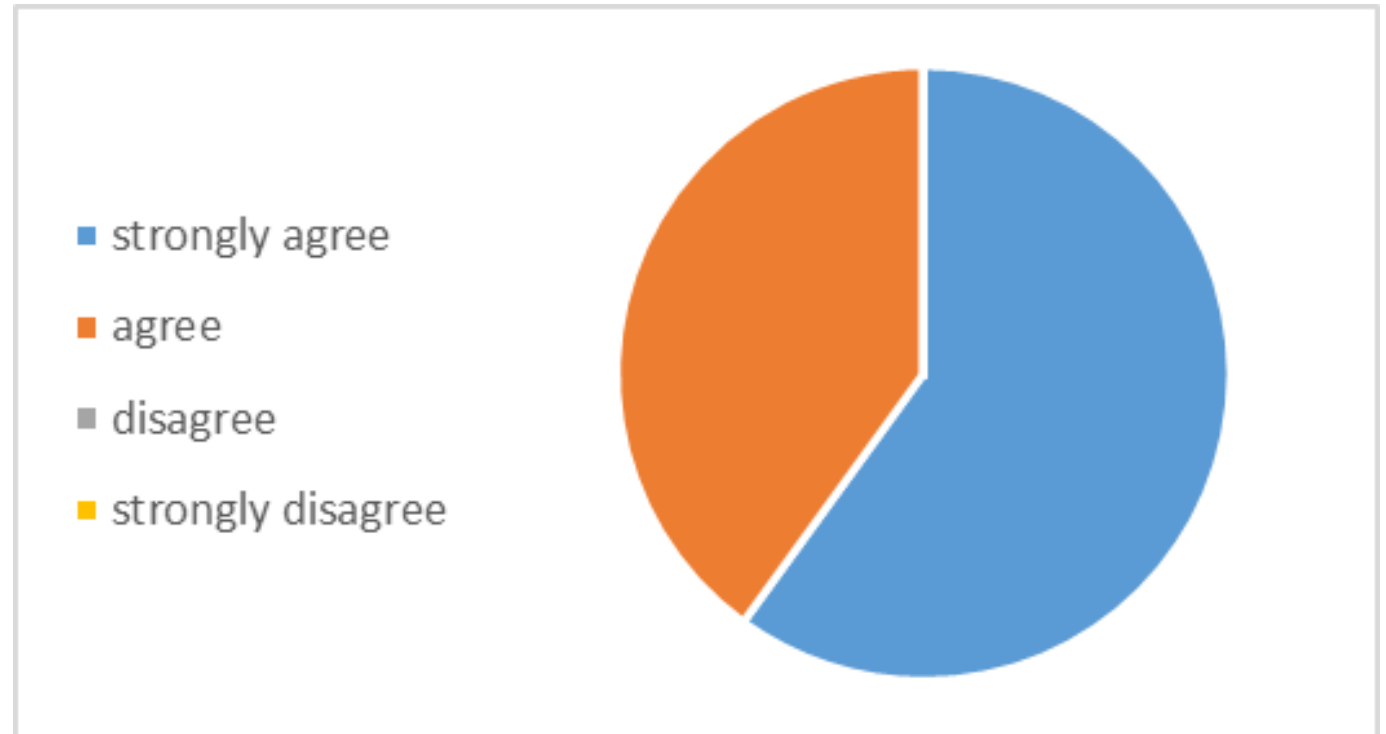
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Qu. 24

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



An even more positive set of responses than in 2024



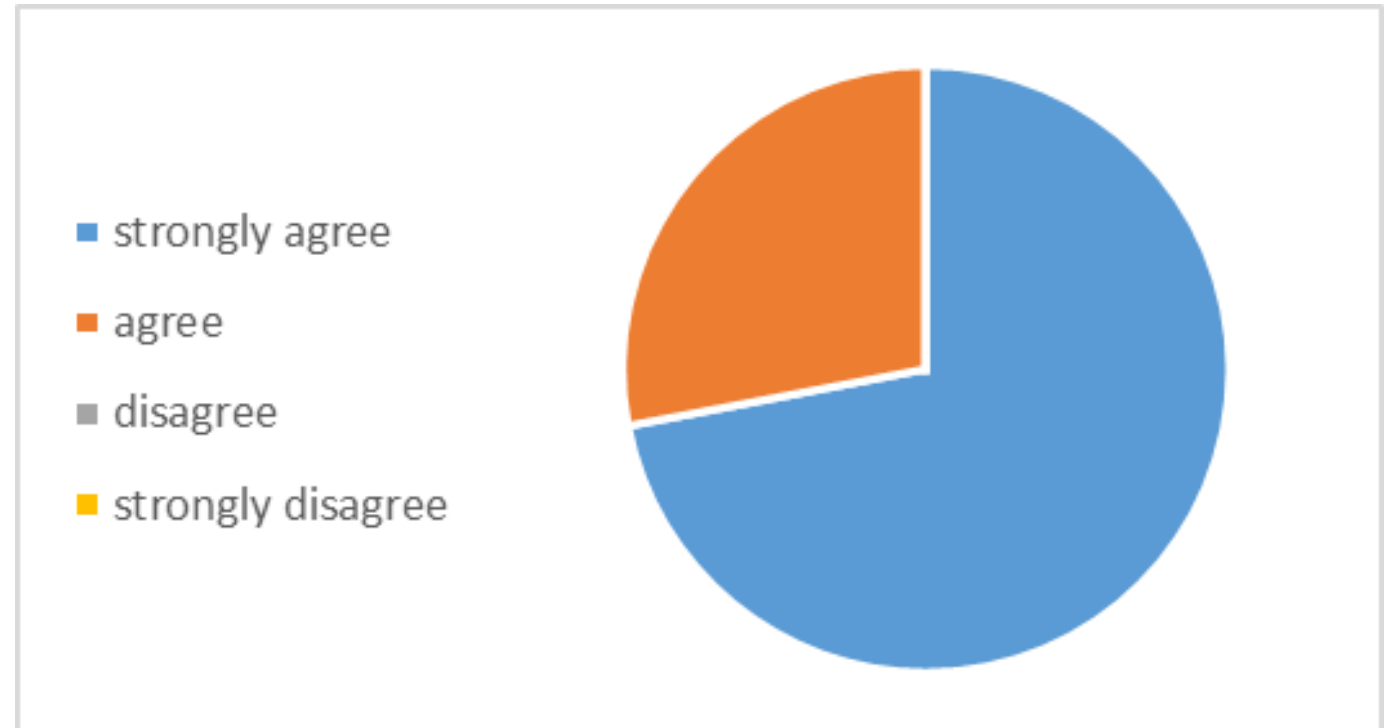
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Qu. 25

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



More emphatic than in 2024



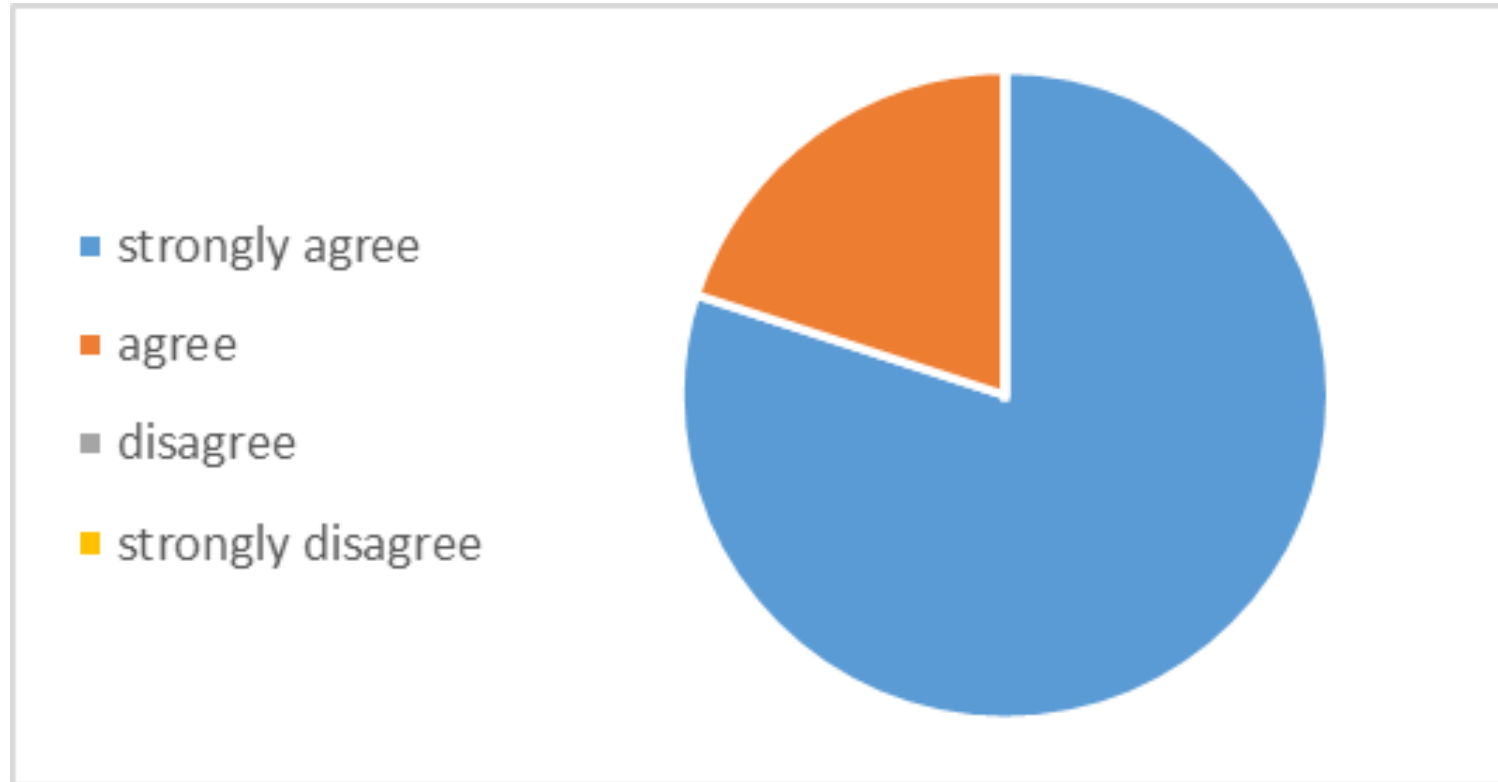
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Qu. 26

After School Clubs provide a good resource and range of activities



Even more positive than the responses in 2024



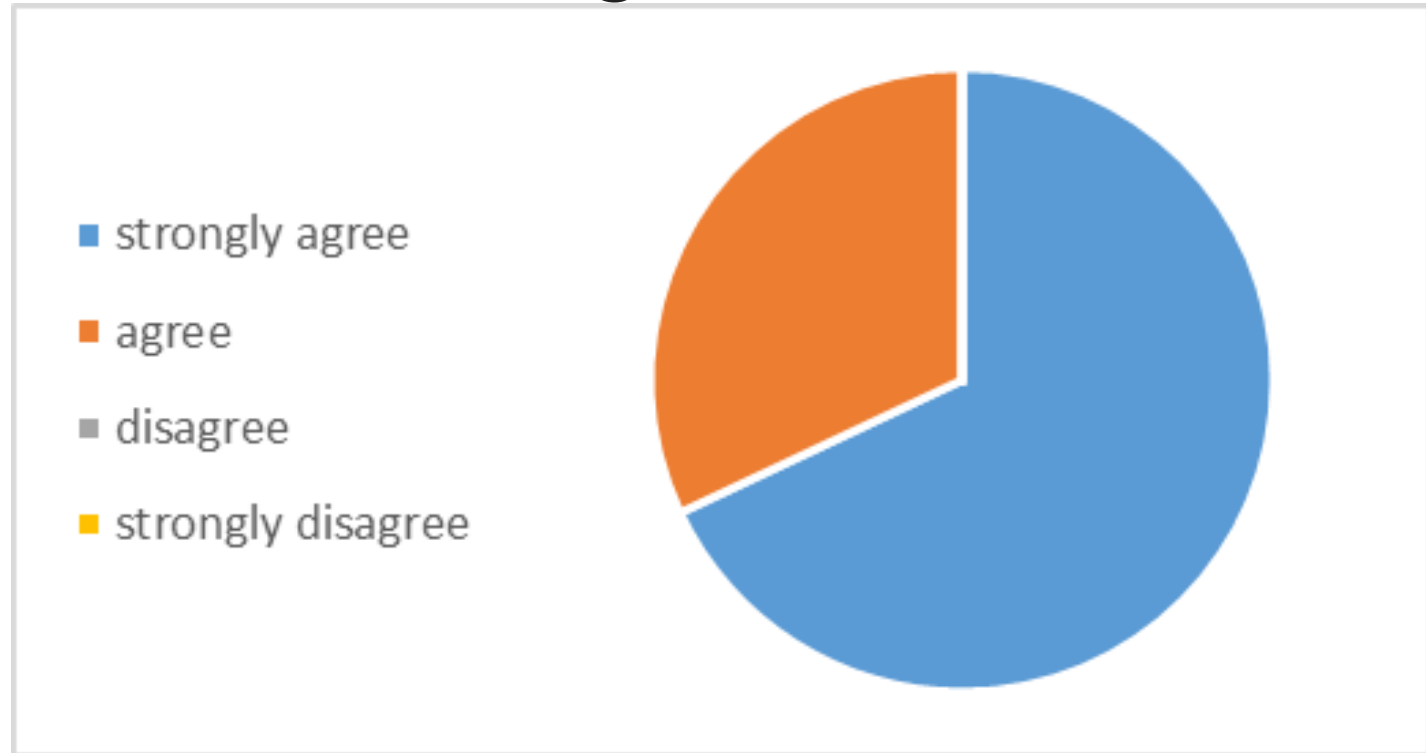
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Qu. 27

Music on offer provides a good resource and range of activities



More emphatic than the responses in 2024



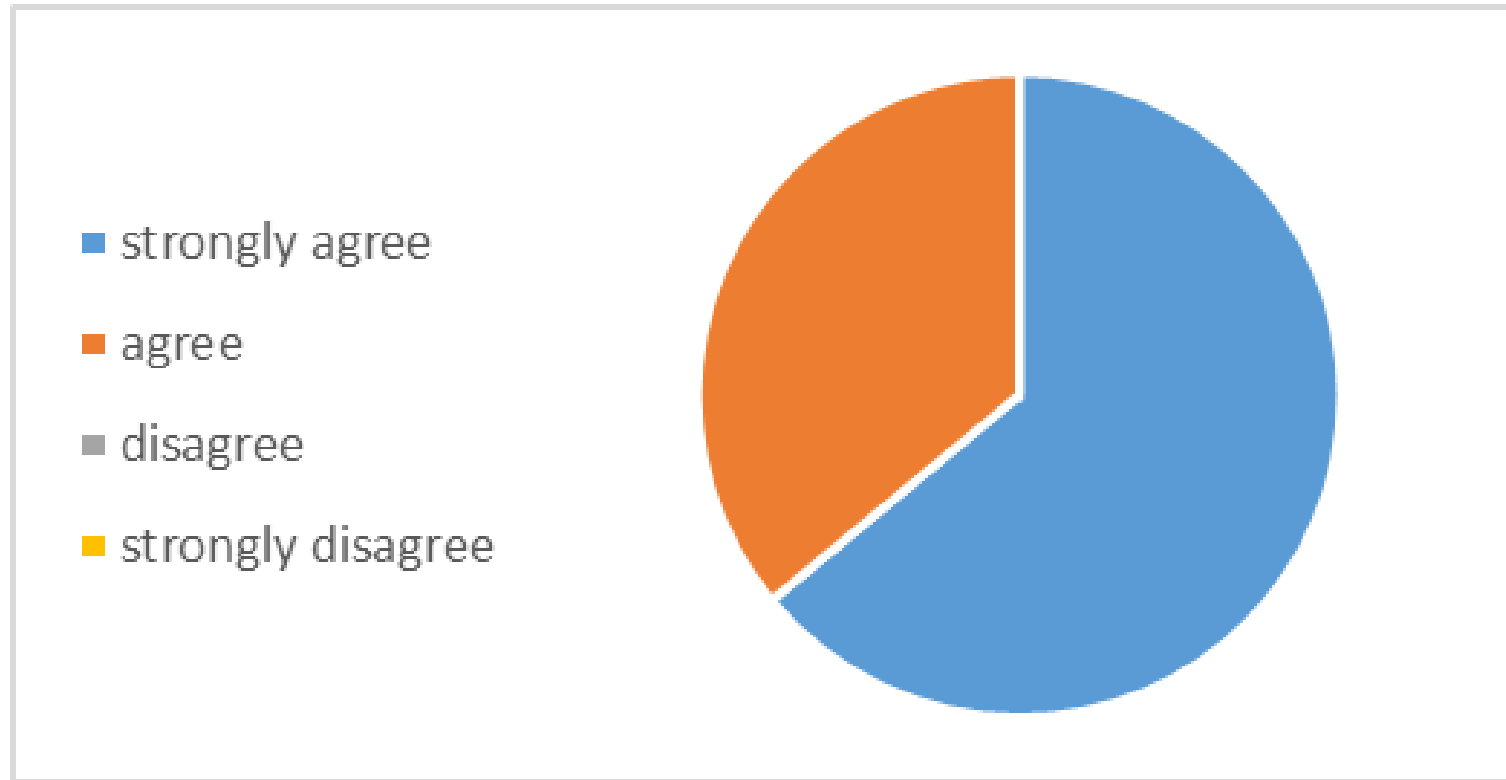
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Qu. 28

Sport on offer provides a good resource and range of activities



A more emphatic set of responses to those in 2024



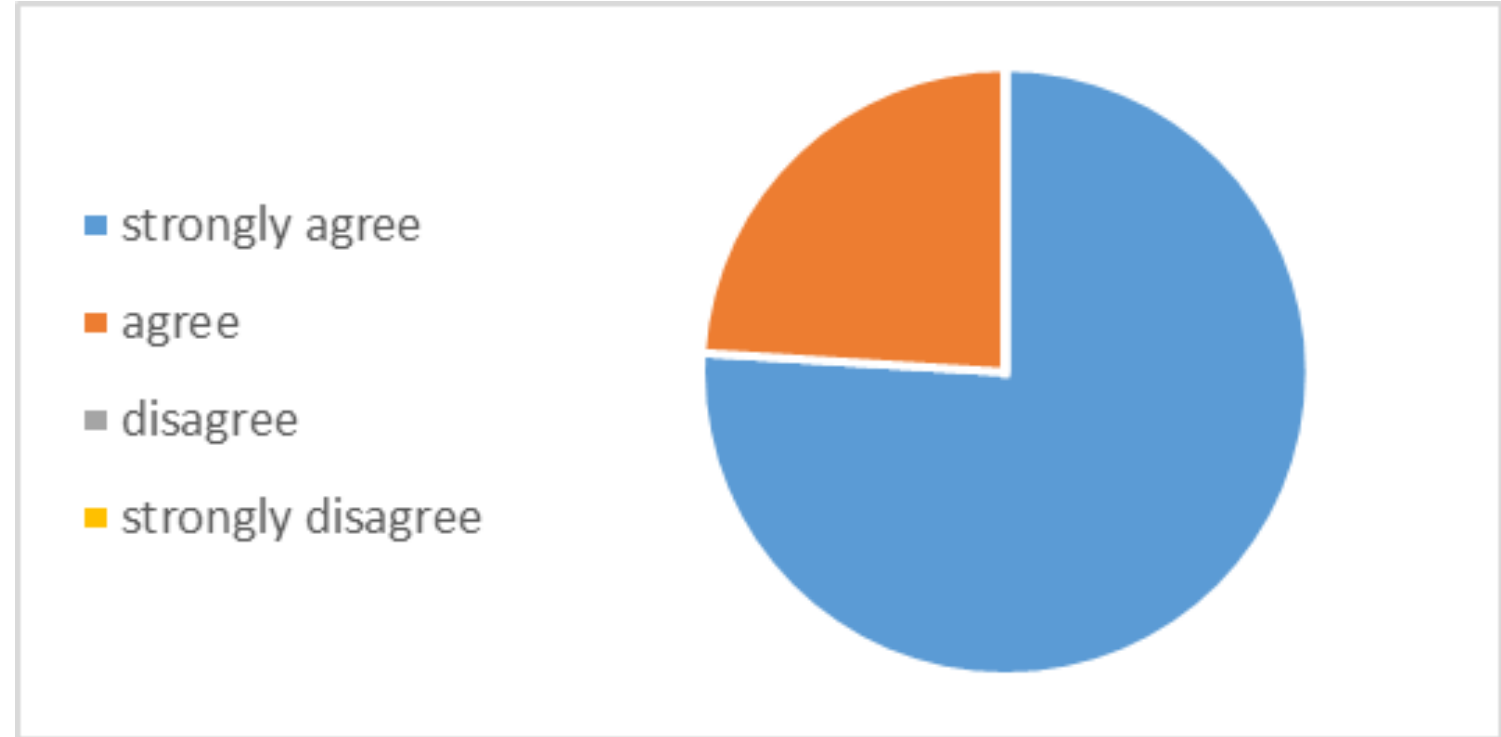
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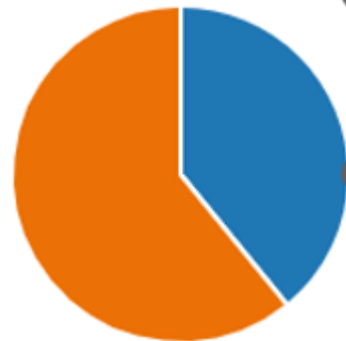
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Qu. 29

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



Even more emphatic than the responses here in 2024



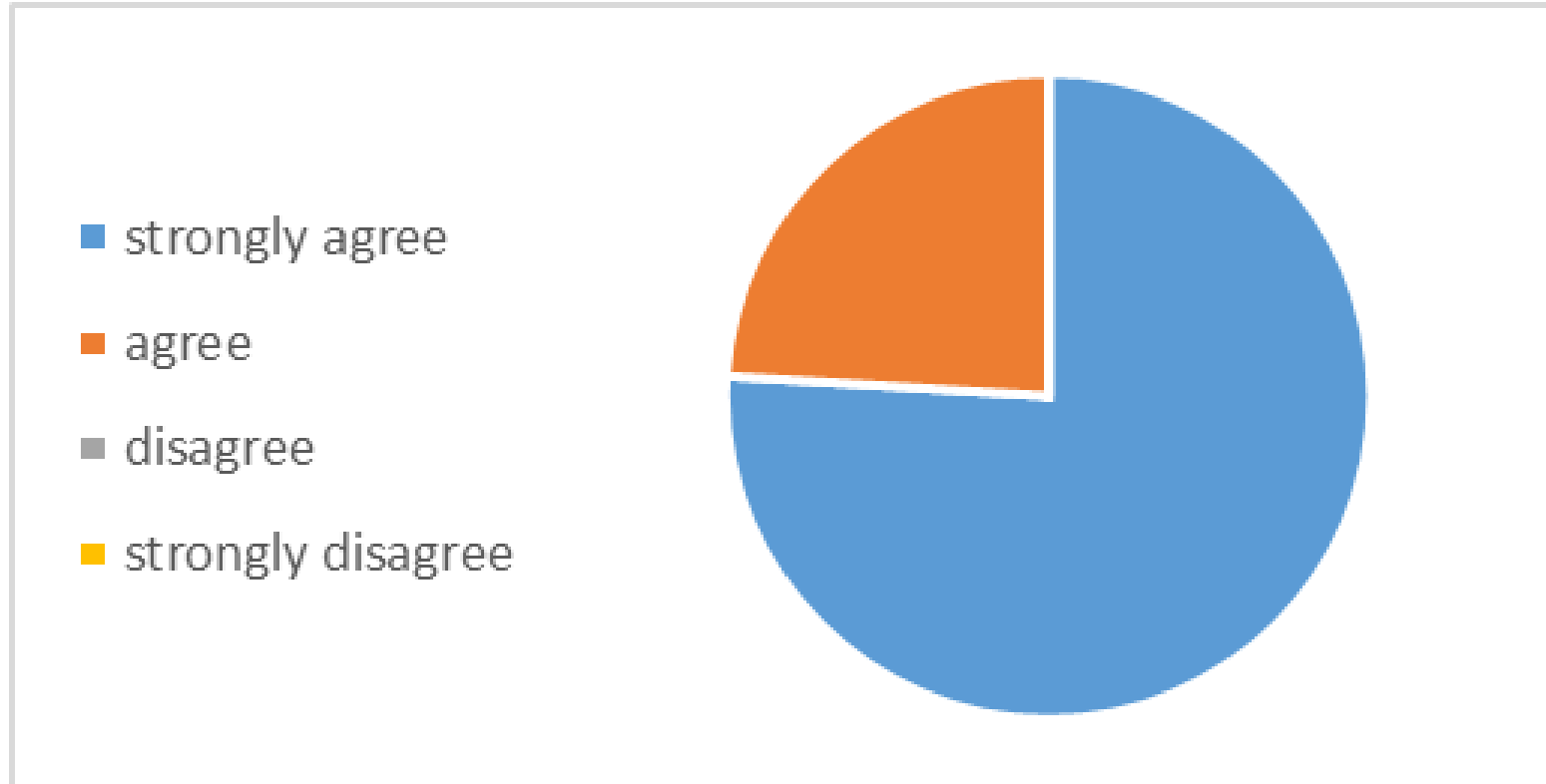
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Qu. 30

The school is welcoming with opportunities for parents to get involved



More positive than the responses in 2024



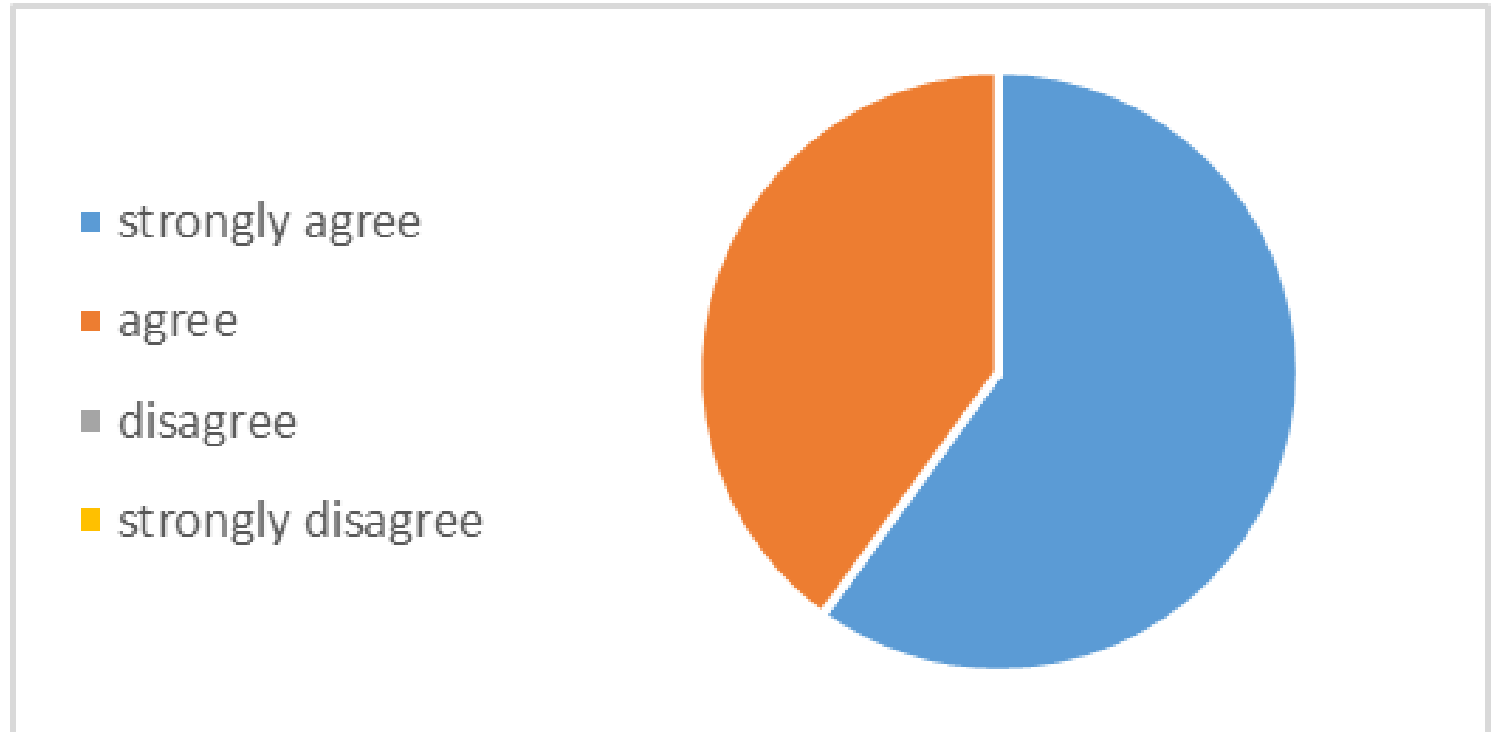
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Qu. 31

My child is encouraged to contribute positively to the wider community



An even more positive profile of responses compared with those in 2024



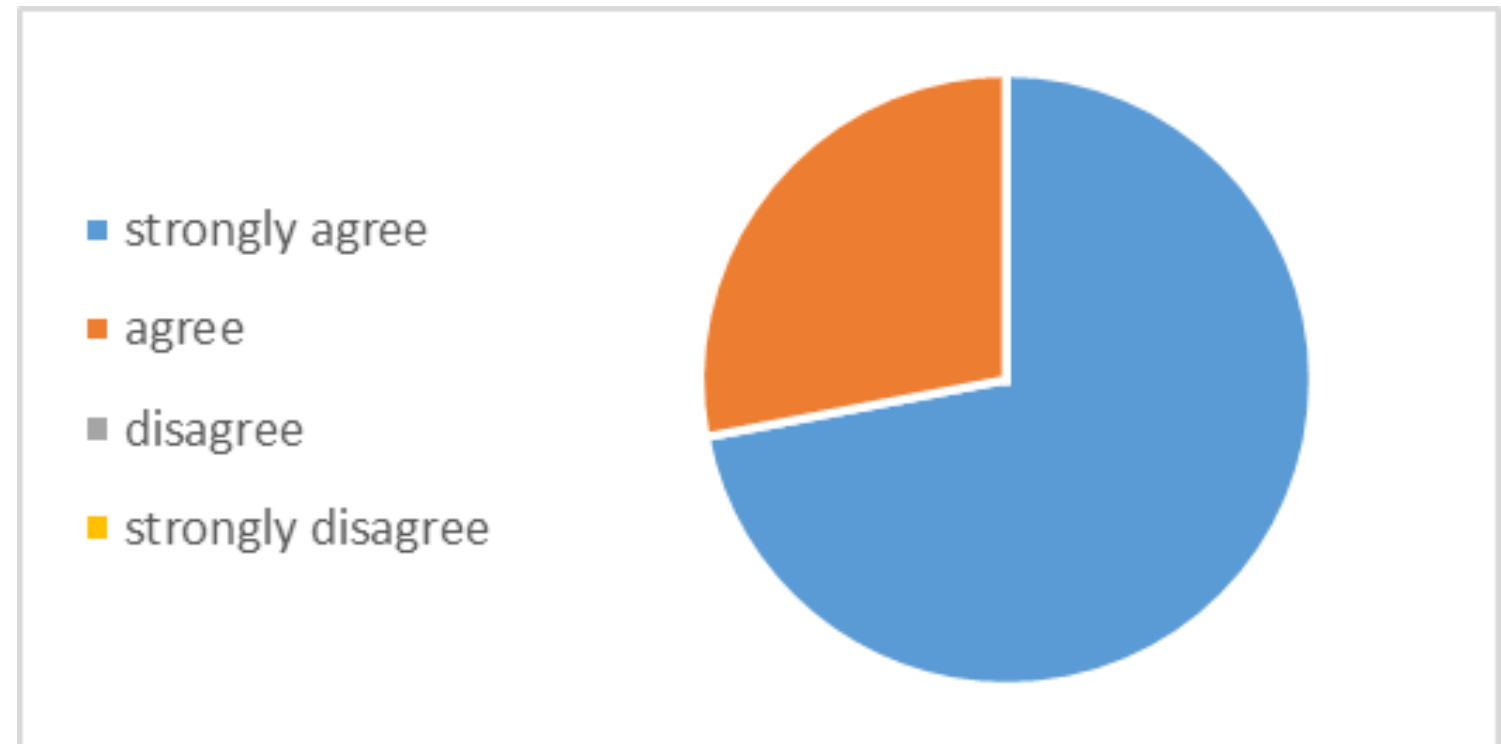
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Qu. 32, a new question for 2026:

When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart



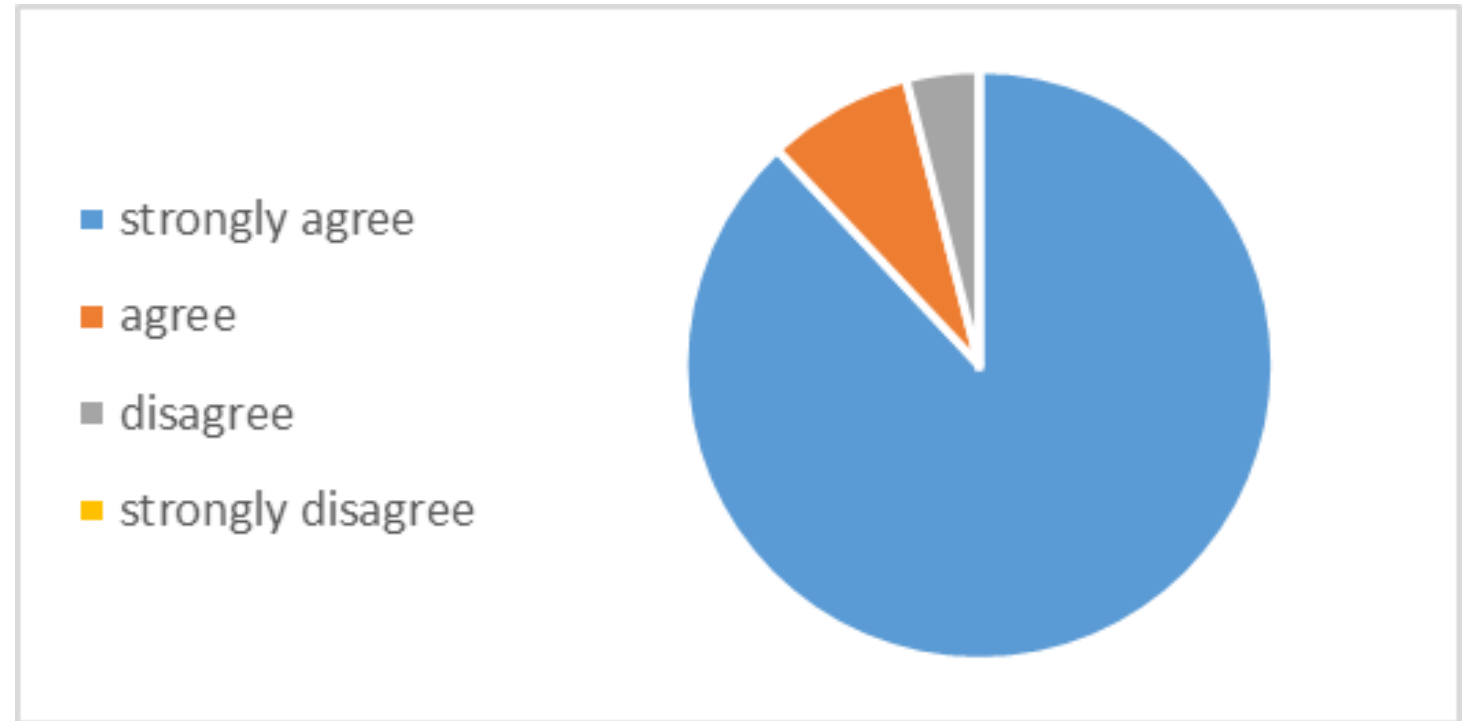
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Qu. 33

I would recommend Orton CofE School to another family



As in 2024, a highly positive response to a far-reaching concluding question

