



St Barnabas

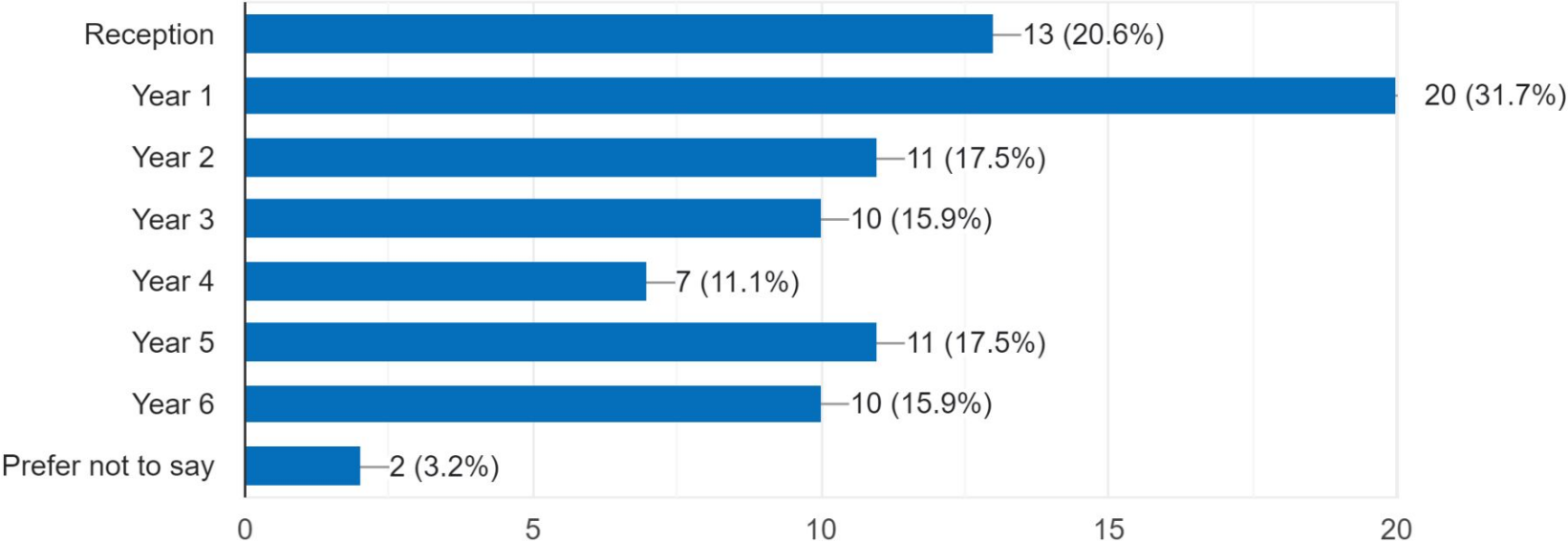
Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

St Barnabas Parent Survey Results January 2023

I have a child/ children in the following year group/s

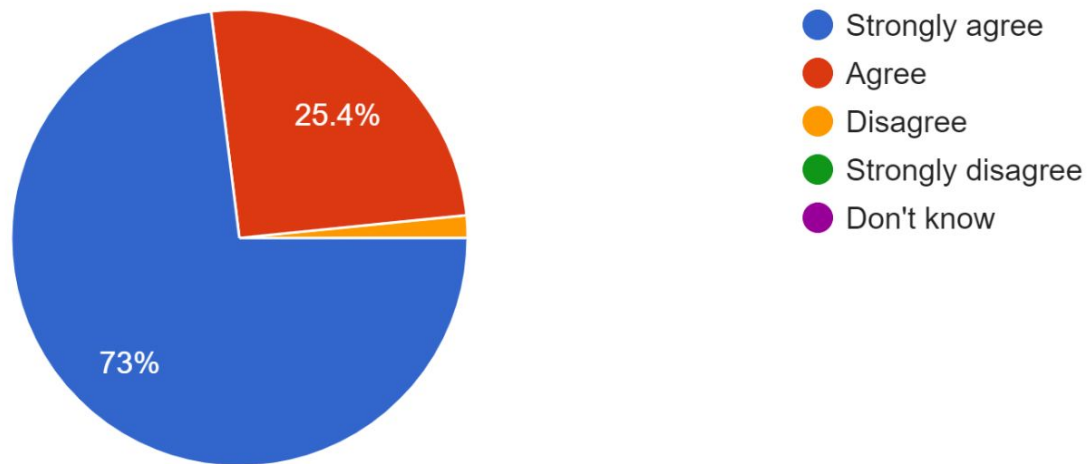
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Leadership

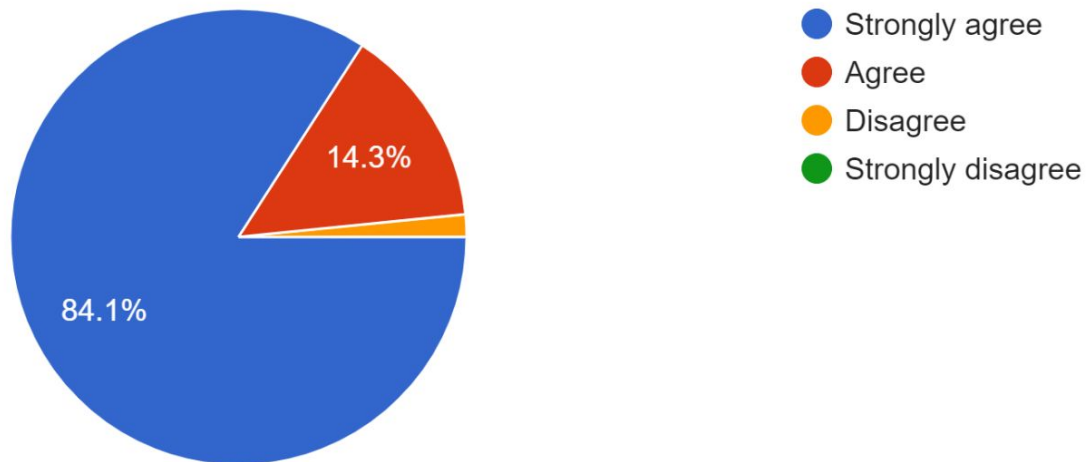
The school is led and managed well

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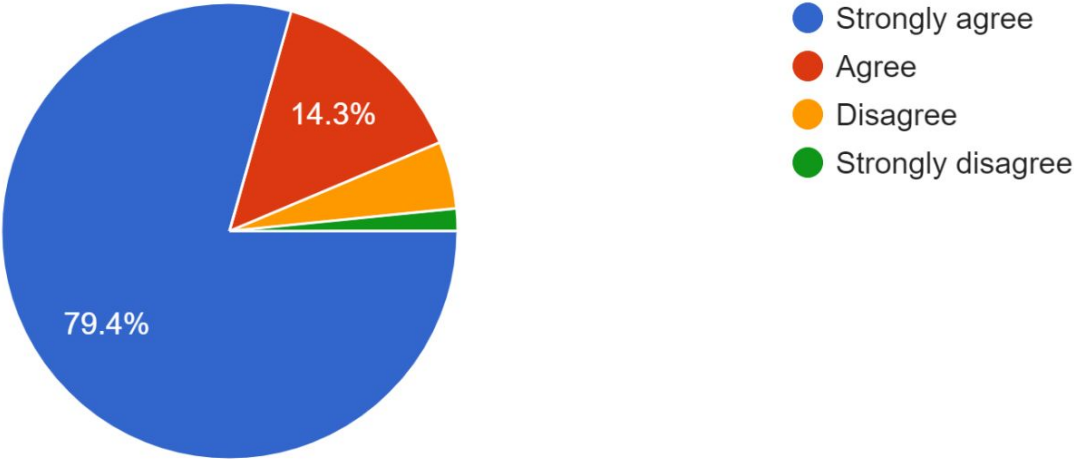
The Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher are accessible to me

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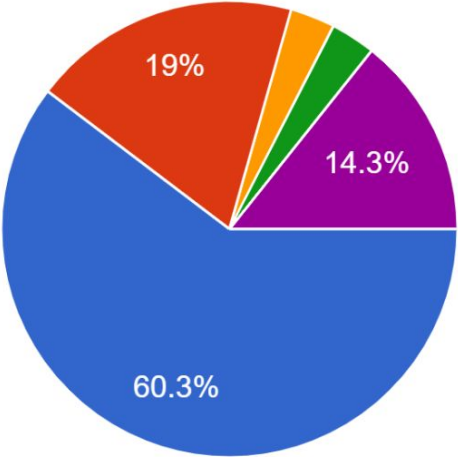
I would feel comfortable if I needed to approach the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher with a question, comment or concern

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The school deals well with any concerns I have

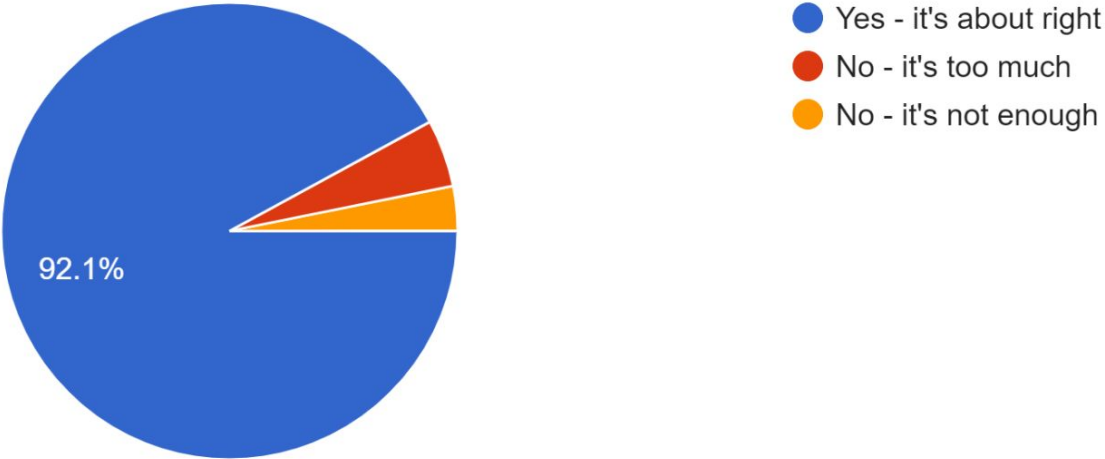
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- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I haven't had any concerns to report

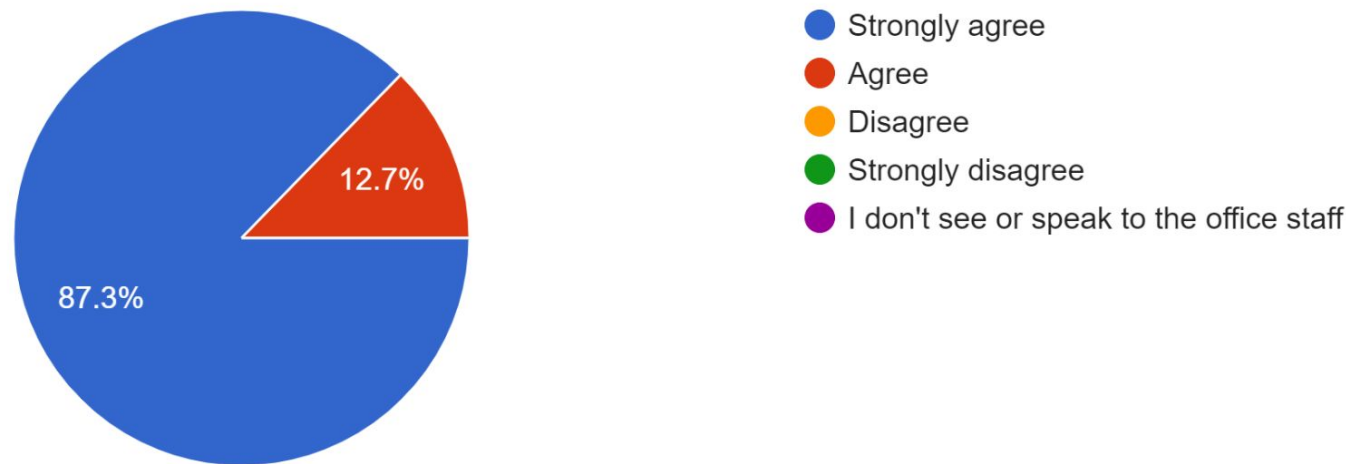
Communication in the form of newsletters, letters, tweets, class dojo and the school website is appropriate

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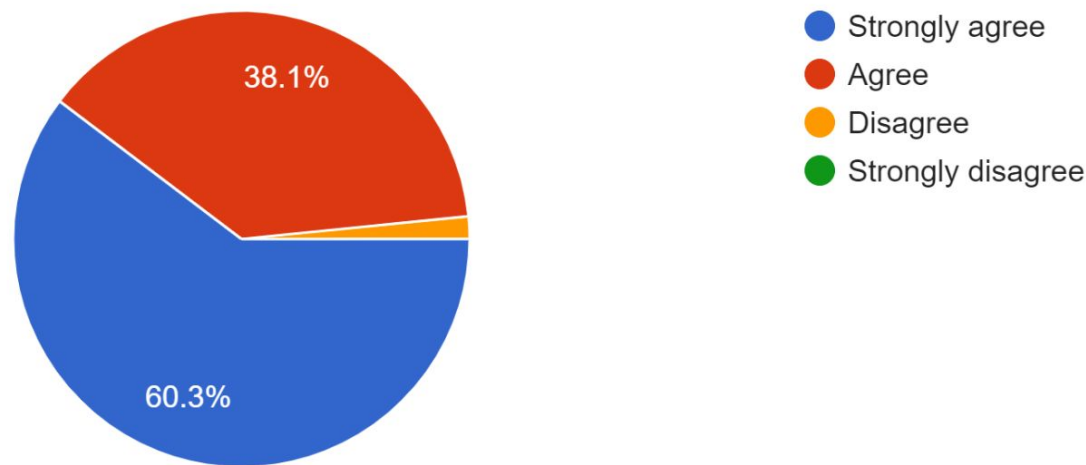
The office staff are welcoming and supportive

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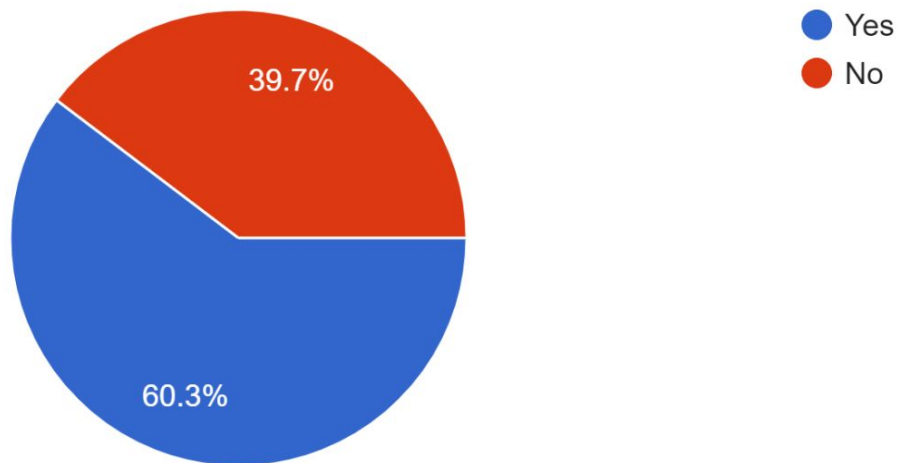
I am encouraged to play an active part in the life of the school

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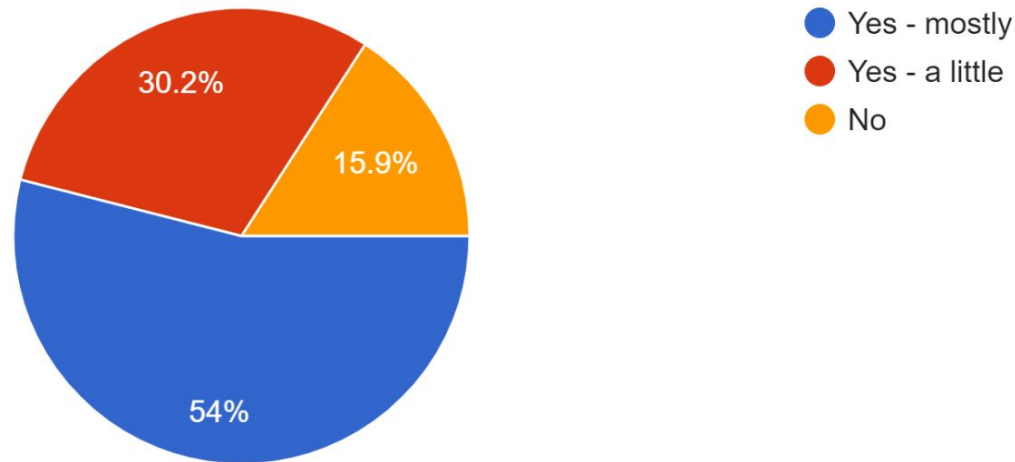
I know the name of at least one school governor

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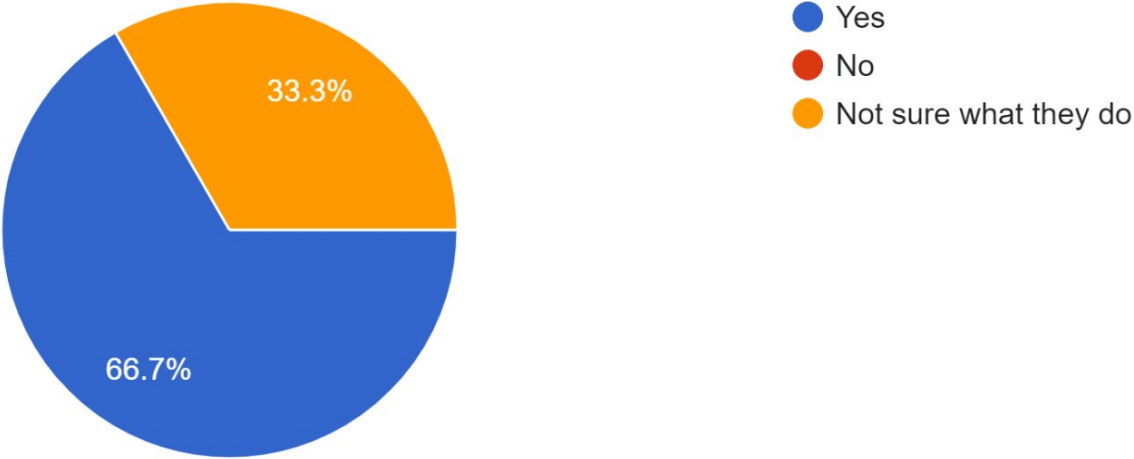
I understand the role of governors in school

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Governors support the leadership and management of the school

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Have you any general comments regarding leadership?

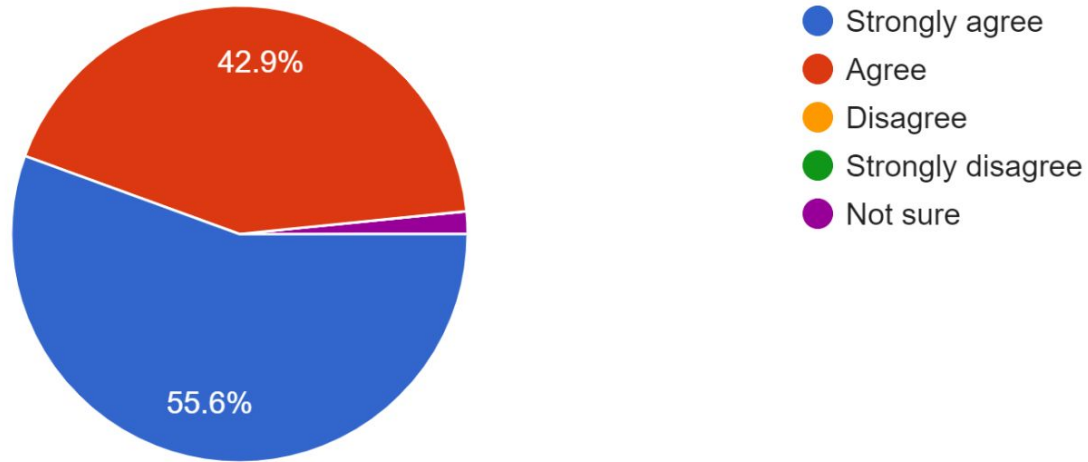
- A truly amazing leadership! I have had nothing but the best support from the head teacher on numerous occasions.
- School is run very well, fantastic school!
- I feel the leadership team is strong, consistent and approachable
- I am very happy with the leadership of the school. All of the SLT are very present and accessible
- The school is well structured and managed, personally I feel the school and work ethic is unified amongst the leaders and teachers. I feel very lucky to have my children attend St Barnabas
- Mrs Ham is very approachable and I always get the impression she is listening. She takes her role and responsibilities seriously yet still maintains a smile.
- Mrs Ham and all staff members of St Barney's are fantastic.
- I can't fault it. Mrs Ham and the team are amazing and super supportive!

- Leadership in the school is strong.
- The school offers a warm and welcoming environment and this ensures that children thrive in both academia and in extra-curricular activities too.
- Leadership team are very strong and provide excellent leadership across the school. They are also very visible, they know the families and parents and are therefore able to support children and their families in the best way possible. I have not needed to raise any concerns about my child but if the need arose I am confident they would be dealt with effectively and with care.
- I think in general, the school is fantastic and on the most part, couldn't complain!
- An outstanding leadership team, I feel our son is well cared for and his educational and emotional needs are well met
- Leadership is exemplary at the school, firm but fair and the interests of the children are put at the forefront of everything, at all times. I am so appreciative to know my children are being supported by the team of amazing teachers!
- We feel leadership is strong compared other schools
- Open, friendly and trusted
- Nice to always see Mrs Ham or Mrs Wilkinson at the gates in the morning.

Safeguarding

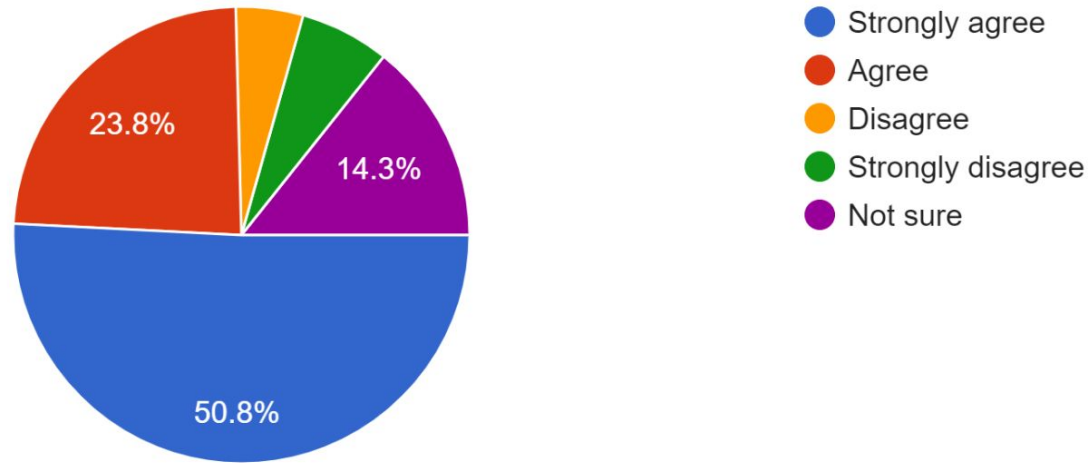
The majority of children behave well

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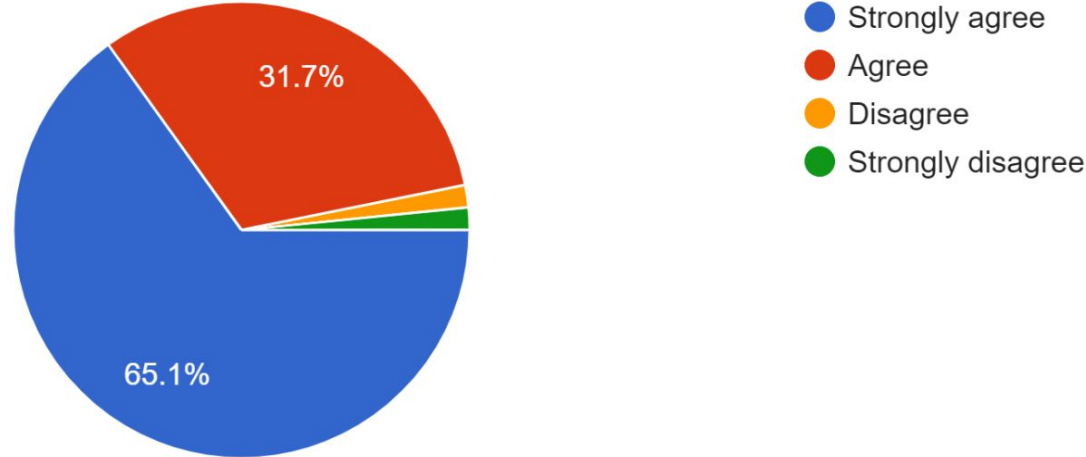
Where behaviour is unacceptable, school staff deal with it effectively and behaviour management is consistent

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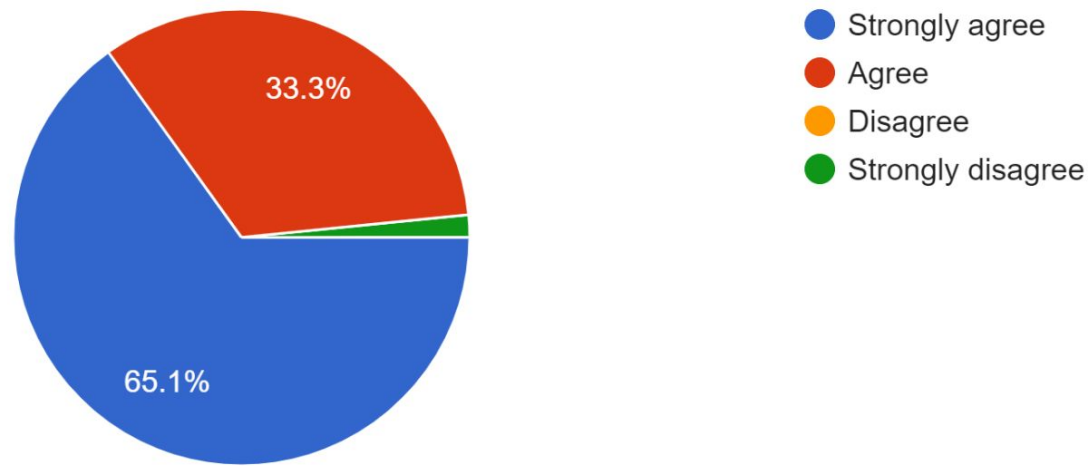
My child feels safe at school

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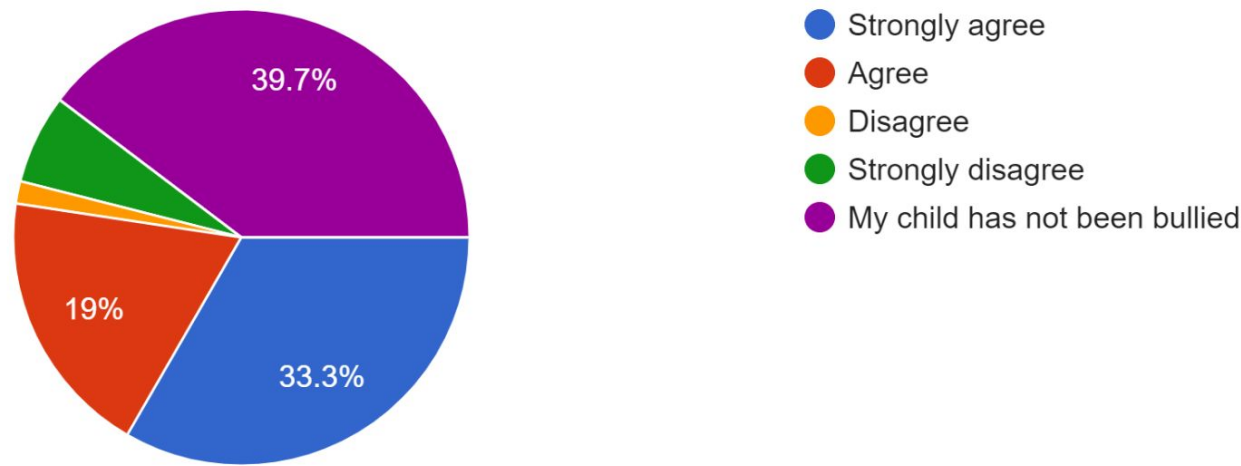
As is appropriate to their age, I am confident that my child knows who they can talk to for help and how to keep safe

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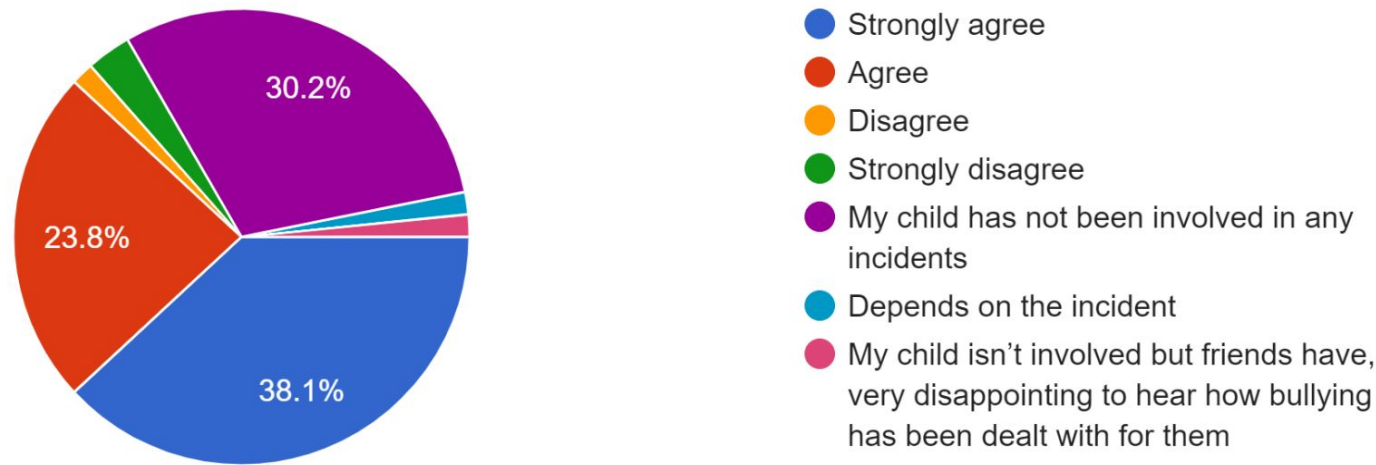
School deals with bullying (repetitively and intentionally hurt/ called names and such as) effectively

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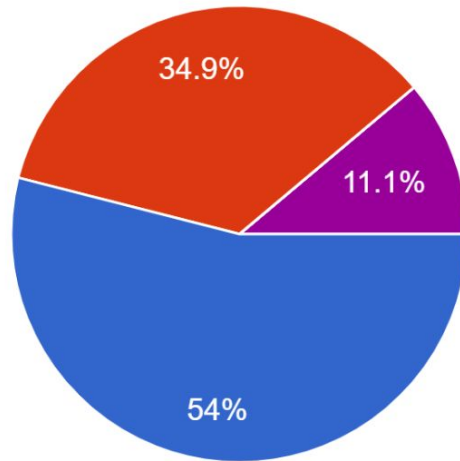
School deals with any incidents quickly and effectively

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The school teaches online safety well

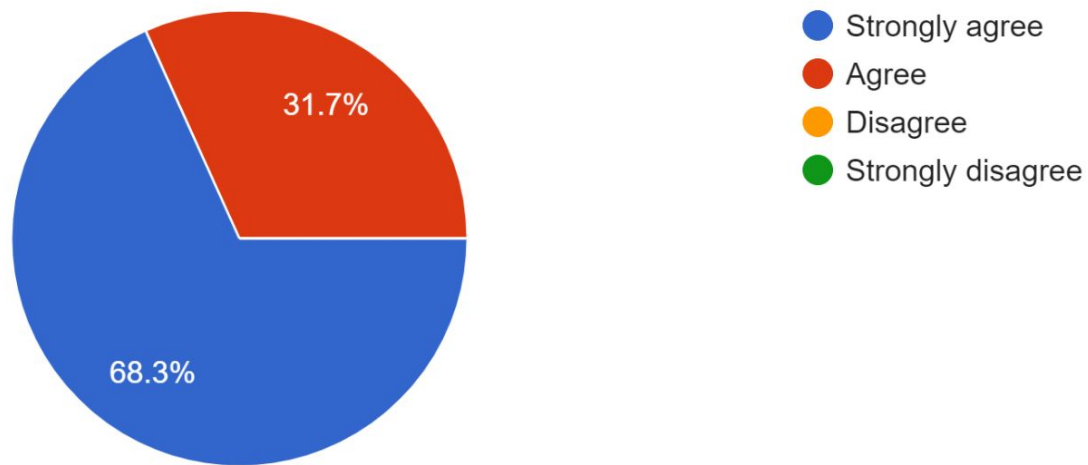
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- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure

The school teaches my child how to lead a healthy and active lifestyle and how to keep physically and mentally healthy

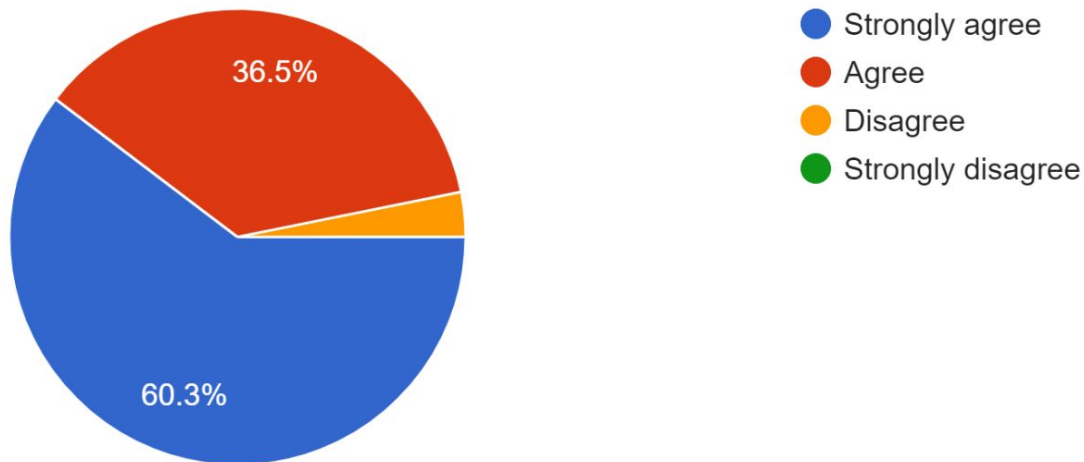
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Children's Experiences and Progress

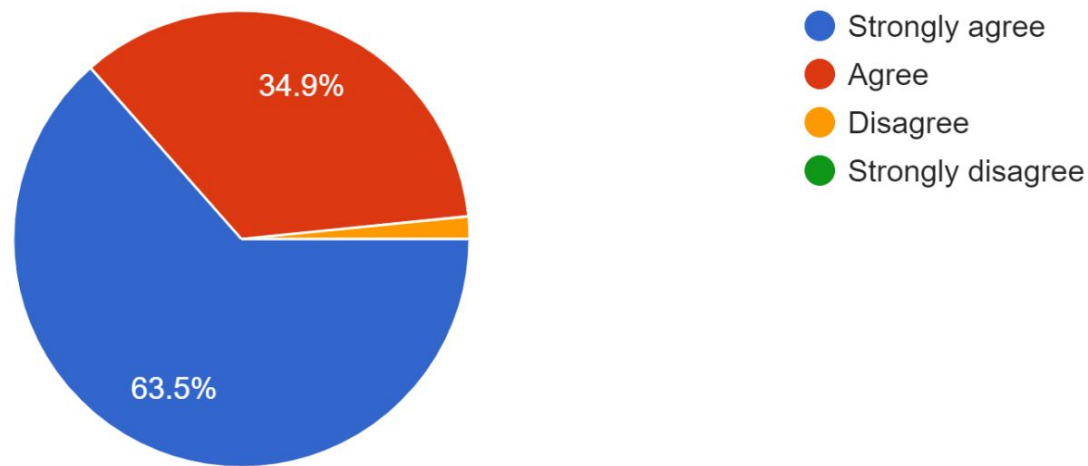
My child enjoys coming to school most of the time

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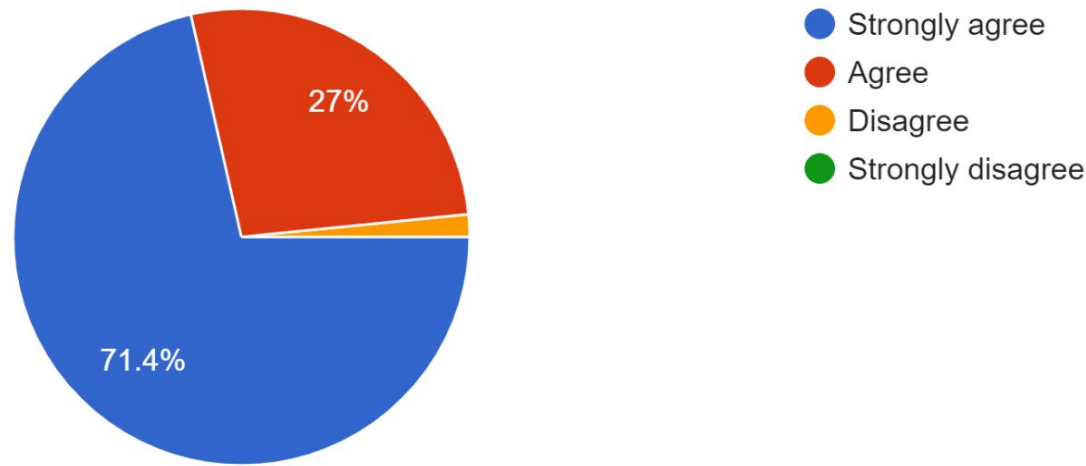
My child has a positive attitude to achieving and learning

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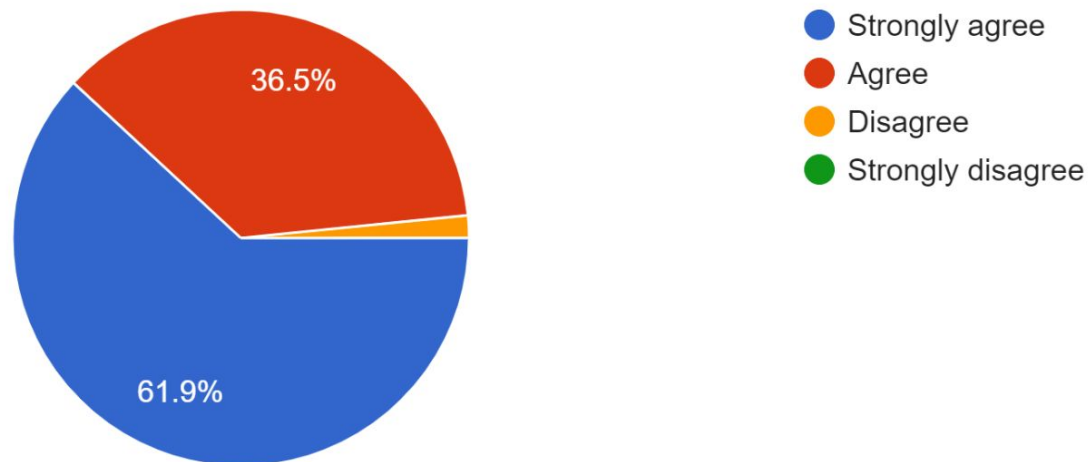
My child is taught well and teachers have high expectations

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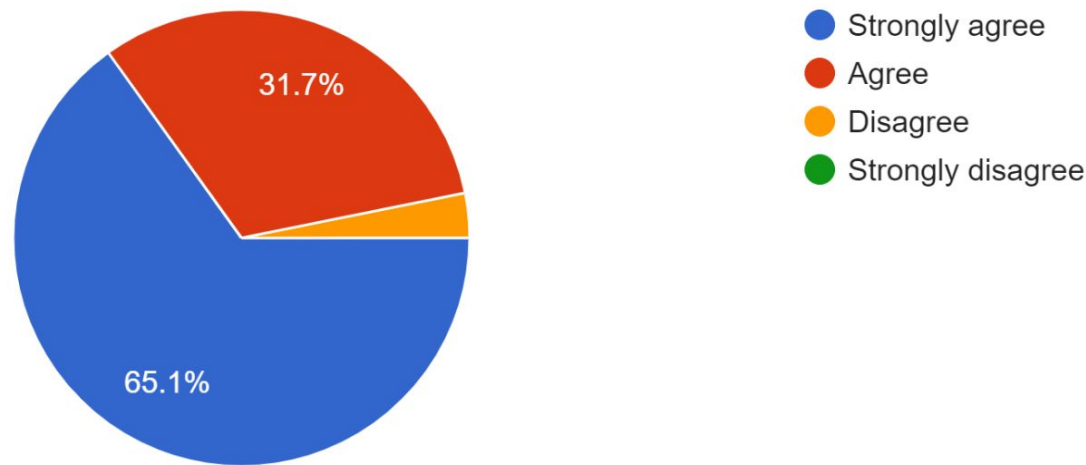
I am kept well informed about what my child is or will be learning throughout the year

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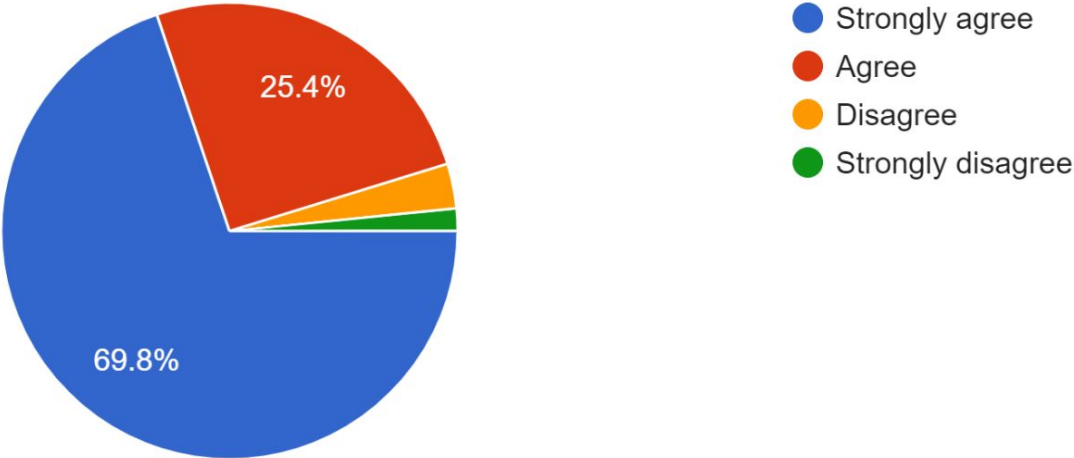
I am pleased with my child's progress this year

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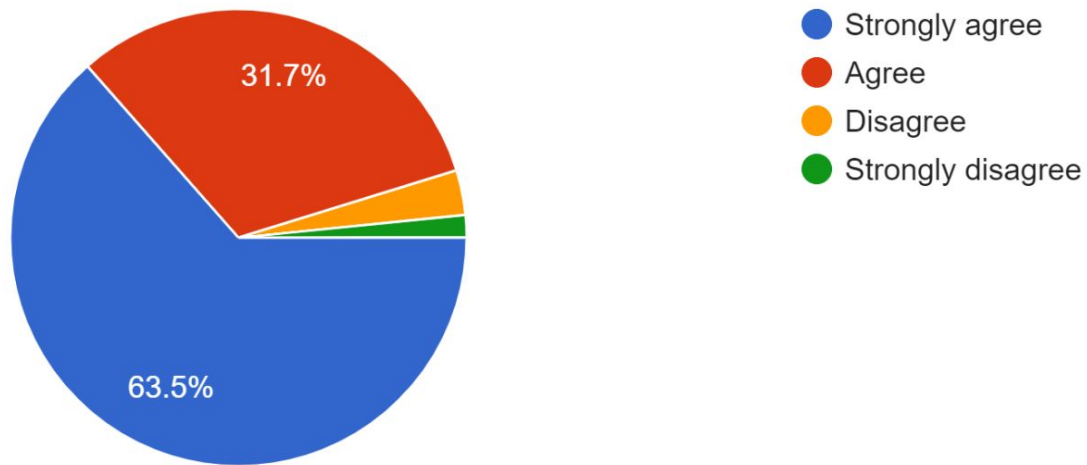
My child's mental health and wellbeing is a given a high priority by the school

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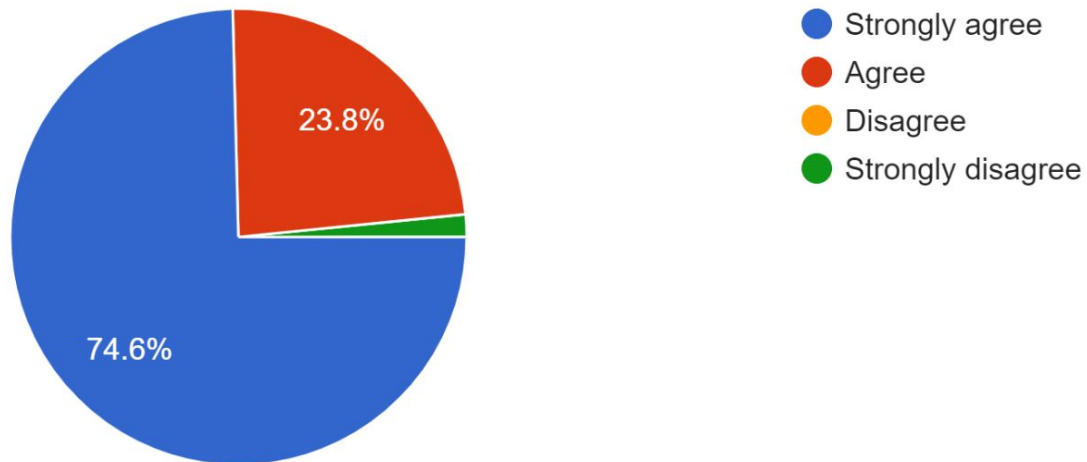
The school meets my child's needs

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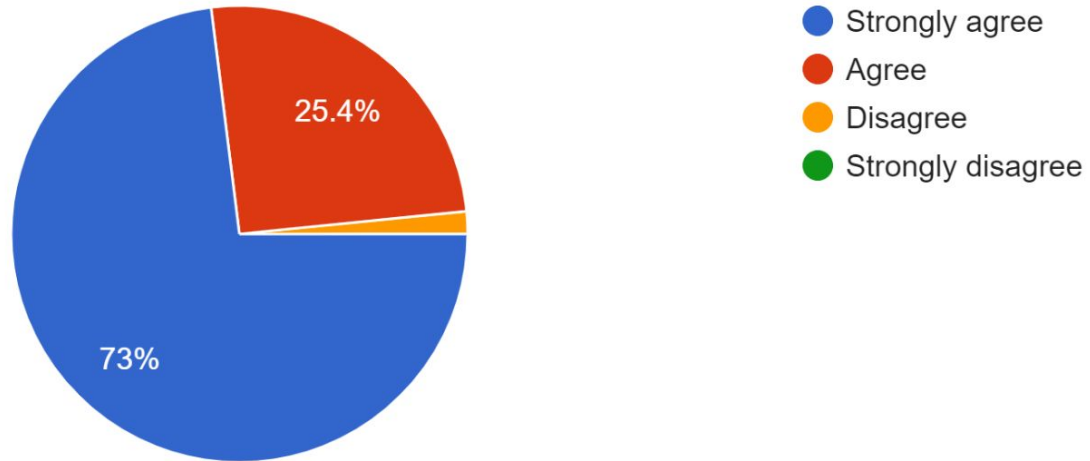
The school supports my child to develop resilience, confidence and independence

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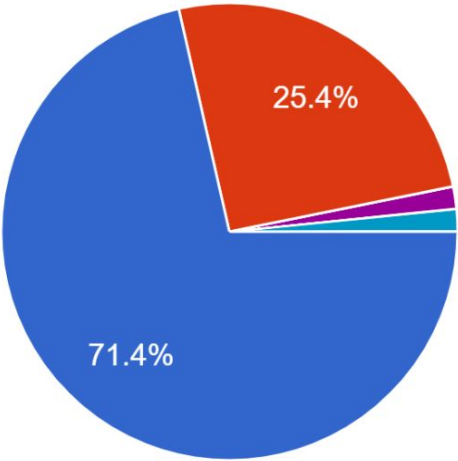
The school curriculum engages my child in learning

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My child experiences a wide variety of learning opportunities

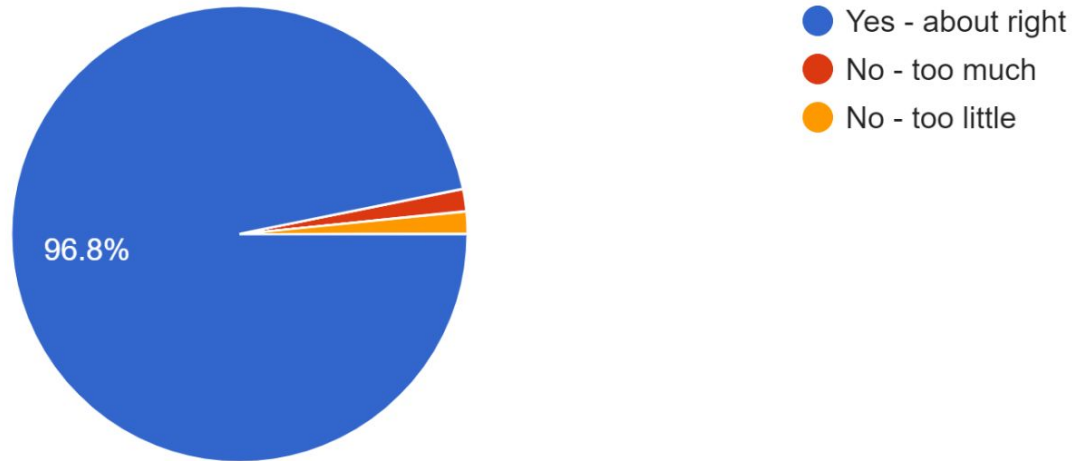
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- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I'm not sure
- I think some of the children would benefit from another learning difficulties TA. Or assess for learning difficulties. It's not clear who would check for learning difficulties.

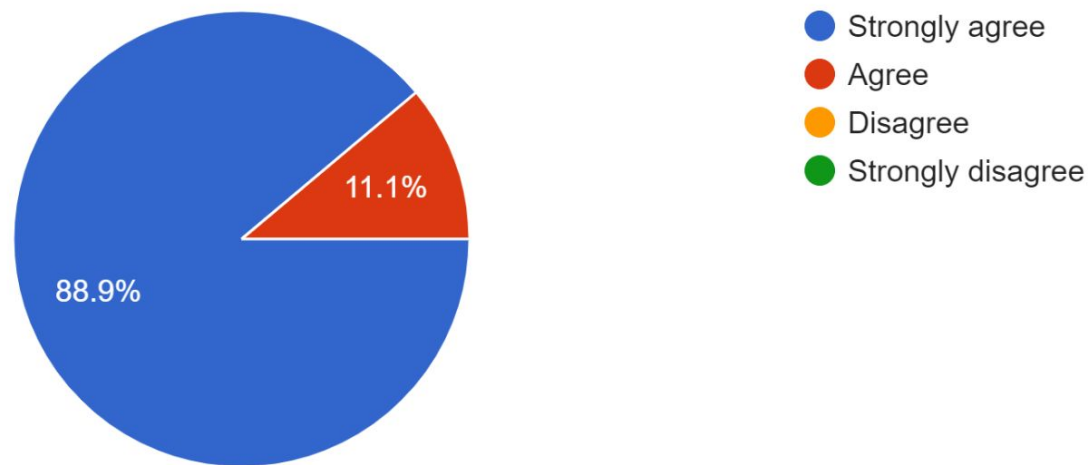
The level of homework is appropriate

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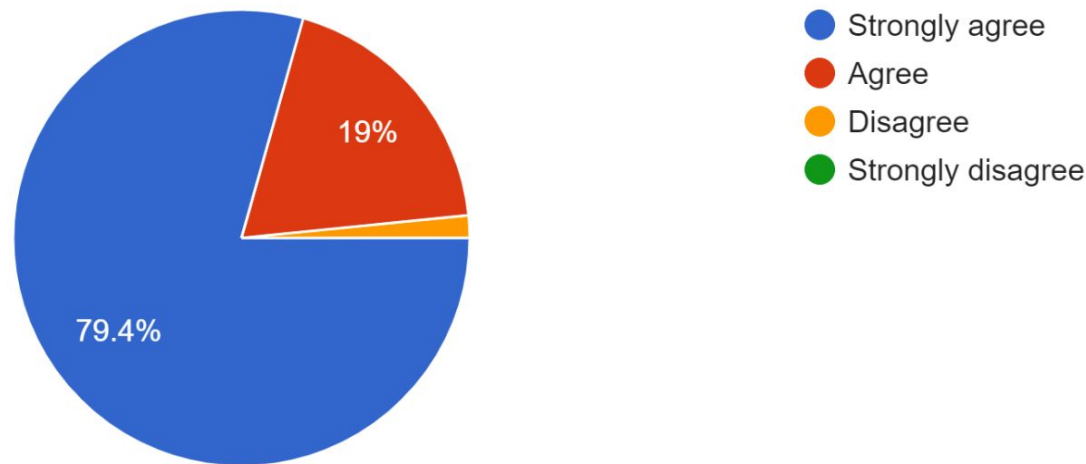
My child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality

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School encourages my child to be active, exercise and take part in sport

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How could we improve children's experiences and progress?

- More school trips to be available to children throughout the year.
- More access to outside and experiential learning in nature and a much broader RE curriculum. A little more understanding of reasons and compassion for occasional lateness in children with known issues
- Small groups of children with similar abilities to be taken out of the classroom to get regular input in core subjects to push them on. Not just for the lower ability group.
- Less homework for reception they don't need homework they're 4 or 5
- Maybe offer a wider variety of sports - golf, cricket, badminton etc and build stronger links with local sports clubs so that they can offer coaching and opportunities for them to attend events at the clubs
- No real further suggestions. Class teachers keep parents well informed on what is being taught and I am so pleased that school maintained a focus on a broad and balanced curriculum all through covid and covid recovery. I guess one area could be additional enrichment activities (budget allowing). I do think the children are exposed to all different cultures and people with different experiences which is great learning for them.
- Miss Wilkins is a fantastic addition to the school. My child absolutely raves about her! I hope she's a permanent fixture!
- No improvements required
- I would like more after school clubs on offer to year 3 please, there is a wide range of activities on offer but I would like to see more art/drama based for year 3.

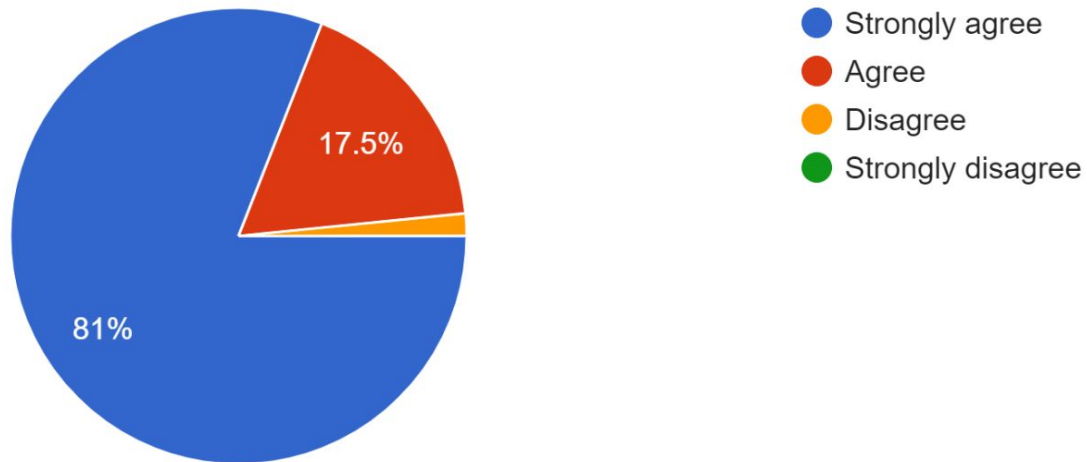
- Both of my children are thriving at school, more comfortable and confident all the time and this has a lot to do with the school values and support. Both children love going to school, and are encouraged to support and respect each other, and they bring that home which is lovely. The teachers always go the extra mile for both children, and additional support has been provided to my youngest who has a speech disorder. I love the school for making my children feel safe enough to learn, grow and test themselves continually.
- My child's needs are not met because the schools catering supplier cannot provide safe food for his needs.
- I feel the school does it's very best within the restrictions of the national curriculum and am pleased with my sons school experiences
- More one2one teaching
- My child isn't working to an expected level so I would appreciate more updates on how he is getting on and what we can do to help him at home
- Additional trips to coincide with the topics
- My child has progressed since joining the school
- Maybe take them on education visits to different places although I appreciate that can be difficult in terms of cost if transport is needed.
- More structured homework to extend and develop their learning (or help them catch up when behind)

- When my child was in year 4, they did a basic level of sex education. We were told that the children would be learning about puberty in the Curriculum sheet that was sent out for the term, but not that this would go into sex education. I think it would help parents if this was made clearer so that they can be prepared for any questions that may arise.
- Understandably cost can be an issue for some, but more out of school experiences i.e trips would further curriculum engagement and experience
- My child says he doesn't like school but I know this is just his big brothers influence (even though he loved school when he came). I know he is engaged as he talks about work but he hasn't found the joy of learning yet. I do not feel this is schools fault.
- Assess children with SEND concerns rather than suggest families pay for assessment
- Extra work that challenges more when they complete the normal curriculum tasks quickly.
- More one-to-one support for children struggling. Mr bloomfield does a great job at giving 1 to 1 support through the class but he has to split his time between tables. Extra TA could support those struggling all the time.
- Maybe more trips
- All good... excellent in every aspect
- More frequent parents evening in reception so we can gauge their adjustments and learnings in school

Ethos

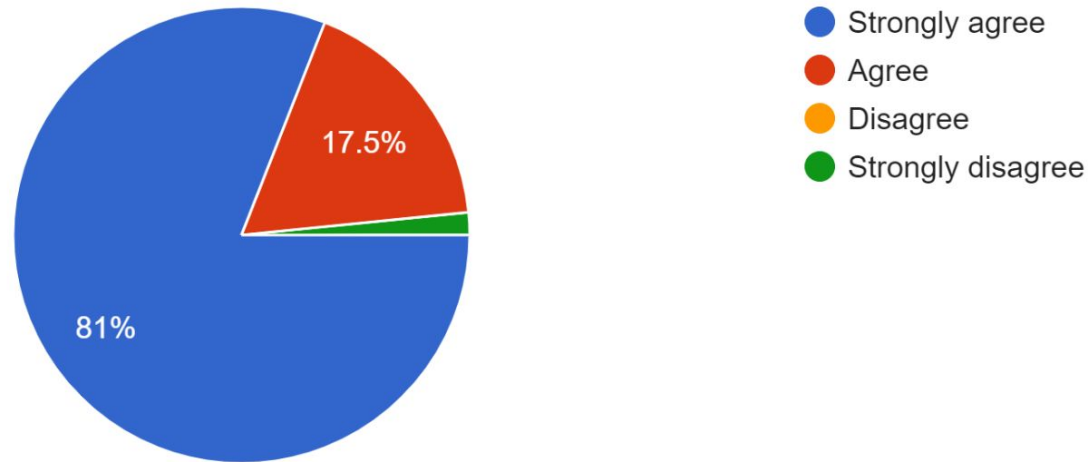
The school reflects the ethos and practices of a Christian school well

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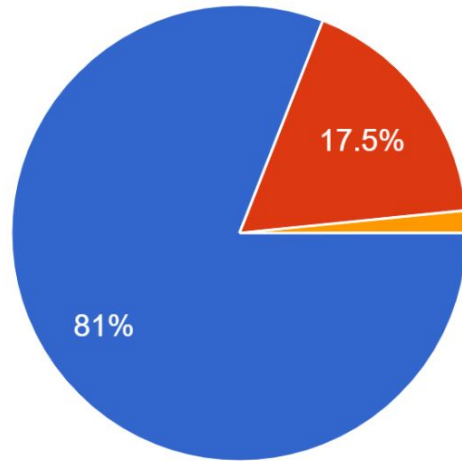
The school has a positive, respectful culture in which my child is well cared for

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The school is welcoming to all

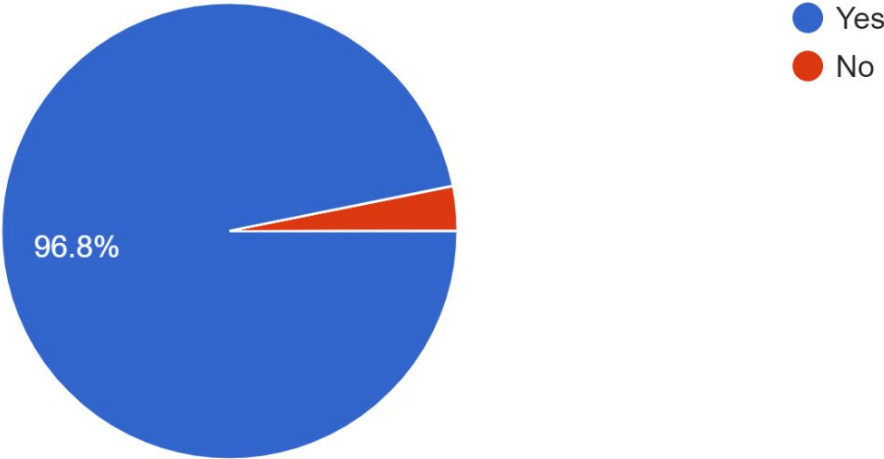
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- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

I would recommend sending a child to St Barnabas

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How could we improve our Ethos?

- No improvement required
- I think it's perfect as it is
- The values of the school shine through and it is such a warm and welcoming environment to visit.
- I appreciate it's an academy and therefore the emphasis on Christianity is skewed but it is excessive in today's society. Children being told stories from the Bible are hard fact is problematic, and the very cursory exploration of other belief systems is inadequate. Exercises such as a mock baptism are very uncomfortable when not balanced by examples of other ceremonies from other spheres. The values are all well and good but I feel there is much too much RE altogether, and much of that time would be better spent developing other skills and interests.
- I can't fault it in the slightest, the morals of the school reflect my own and the school is second to none!
- Saint Barnabas has a strong ethos and fosters it well.
- I like how Christian values are taught rather than bible reading
- I don't think that you could
- I think you've got it just right
- No suggestions
- I chose this school for its ethos. Christian values are the beating heart of St Barnabas. I know my child is better because of the ethos.
- Inclusivity for working families.
- I don't think improvement is needed, just to continue providing the level of education and support that is already provided.

How could we improve the school?

- Just to continue to strive for improvement wherever possible
- Keep doing what you're doing!
- By working with CIDARI to employ a caterer who can be trusted to provide food safely.
- I receive information about the curriculum and what they are learning etc which is great and I love looking at these but personally I would like more info around my child's social skills, how they integrate with their classmates, behaviour and any areas they need to focus on so I can work on these at home with my child
- Not an improvement but suggestion that whole class pictures are taken as well as individual pictures
- Deal with bullying, and problematic kids sooner.
- Accessibility for prams/wheelchairs. The suggestion of being asked to wait at the bottom of the steps with a newborn baby in a pram and to rely on waiting for a teacher to remember to come out of the classroom and look round the corner to see me at the bottom of the steps is not acceptable. I appreciate the thought behind the suggestions but people who require accessibility to drop off/pick up their children should not feel discriminated or be made to feel difficult or a burden. I am aware that funding is the issue for this but can the council not help contribute to a removable ramp on the steps to help make the school inclusive and accessible?
- No improvements necessary
- Sort the drains out, outside yr2 and reception. Look at a ramp for pram access to Yr 1 classroom door

- As said previously, I would appreciate more updates regarding my child's progress
- Maybe additional trips would help to enhance some topics
- I think it is a great school.
- Dealing with bullying and unruly children.
- I would like to see a more reward and recognition. Celebration worship seems to recognise outside achievements but not progress or academic based reward which I think the children need. They need a "well done" and for this to be recognised with their families outside of school. This used to be the case several years ago and I think it should be reintroduced. I think this could also help with wider parental engagement.
- Before or after school club
- I'm quite happy with it. Out of school events like the discos and summer fair were great - more things like this as the kids enjoyed them
- Get more support in class for some students to help with attention, listening and understanding. Some children learn at a much slower rate so one to one support could improve development. Discuss with parents more about any problems in class or with learning or who to go to if you worry about your child's progression or falling behind not being able to keep up with the curriculum.
- Sports club in half terms... sports school like Ashleigh
- No suggestions- has always been excellent since 2012 to the current date
- Teacher being more involved with parents and being on the door more to give us updates
- Less dojo - it goes off all the time to the point I switched off notifications. This maybe dojo settings however.
- More afterschool clubs
- Breakfast club etc

What do you think the school's greatest strengths are?

- Such a lovely welcoming school where all staff go above & beyond
- Fairness, inclusion, strong values, child and parent inclusion, empathy, performance, encouragement, engagement... the list could go on! We feel lucky and thankful to have got our children in the school ❤️
- Mrs Ham as the head leading with a strong Christian vision.
- Using class dojo to share updates and pictures with parents.
- The school is very friendly and welcoming. I really like how the head/deputy greet the children in a morning and are around after school.
- Caring environment where children feel safe and therefore thrive
- The opportunities they offer children
- Providing the children with a wide variety of learning opportunities to produce well rounded individuals in a loving environment.
- Fantastic teachers. Great communication. Approachable
- Children are loved and cared for, the environment is welcoming and warm, teachers have high expectations for children and behaviour is very good. The ethos and leadership of the school are particular strengths.
- The Head or Deputy being present every morning - unheard of in other schools! This is fantastic!!
- The genuine love and affection shown to all children by all staff. A really welcoming school and one that I am delighted my other children will be joining in the future

- All the staff at St Barnabas are very approachable, they all have a child centred approach and the wider curriculum and opportunities the students have on offer are very good.
- The children
- Providing a welcoming environment, strong communication and the wide range of opportunities the children can engage in. Children are engaged happy and seem to love school.
- The staff are genuinely fantastic and certain members of staff are truly above and beyond in what they do. The school just needs to show they're dealing with issues but also deal with them when they say they are. There would be a lot more trust from parents if they did.
- All staff are welcoming & encouraging. And help the children learn in a fun way.
- Great leadership, warmth and family values
- Good use of technology
- School fundraising projects and ideas
- A sense of friendliness and good attitude to learning
- The teaching staff especially the Head and the loving, nurturing environment
- My child enjoys coming to school
- Approachable staff
- Sensitive to your child's needs
- Communication

- Very welcoming school and my children love it
- I just wanted to say what a great addition to the school I think Miss Wilkins is. I really hope she is there long term. My child has come on leaps and bounds and absolutely loves Miss Wilkins. She comes home buzzing most days with a story or something Miss Wilkins has said/done that has made her laugh!
- Everything
- The leadership in the school provides a lovely ethos, which runs through the school. Its friendly, warm, and caring atmosphere in which the children are happy, safe and can thrive.
- Active learning
- Communication, sports and sporting achievements, academic achievement and striving for success, mental well-being.
- Leadership and fun culture but strict when needed
- Knowledgeable staff that all appear to work together as one. Supportive and inclusive of all with a good open door policy
- Welcoming and supportive of all talents and abilities
- Headteacher Mrs ham, always there to greet the kids morning and afternoon. Develops positive attitude to learning in children, engaging students in multiple areas ie sport, art, ect. Teachers are fantastic but could be even better with more support assistants. Great events for fundraising. Great lunches. Office staff are wonderful.

- I am impressed with the way all the staff treat the children.
- It's commitment to each child's wellbeing and making their school experience a positive one.
- All the staff are approachable and kind, always happy to answer messages or have a chat. Having the head/deputy head so visible at the school gates every day is really good too.
- Welcoming and caring family approach
- I feel all staff genuinely care about the children. A very caring, happy and safe learning environment.
- Academic achievement, wellbeing and extracurricular.
- St Barnabas is a very warm, welcoming school. Each child is nurtured and parents are really welcomed to be a part of the school family.
- Staff availability, management team being easily accessible and visible.
- Makes my child feels happy to be at school
- Strong leadership, caring and approachable staff from site staff, office, kitchen staff to teachers. Broad curriculum that provides all children opportunities to excel and showcase strengths.
- The school staff are a great team and this shows in their united front to teach and protect the children.
- Picking out children's individual talents and allowing them to be part of groups in and out of school to excel in these areas

- I think it's a brilliant school with fantastic leadership and staff. My children are happy at school. I think it's great that parents can be involved in the school for the rhyme time & worship.
- We have been well supported with some recent issues which I've really appreciated.
- Leadership. High expectations. Approachable. My child is valued and cared for.
- Academic progress - My child is doing really well and actively encouraged to read.
- Their values and their recognition of every child - the teachers seem to know the name of every child in school which helps them feel like individuals and helps them grow in confidence.
- Approachable Staff and make sure all children are happy
- Excellent in every way possible!!
- The family feel it has, along with the strong and positive leadership.
- Communication and good relationships with children and their parents.
- Excellent teachers
- Empathetic and comforting if children are upset
- Good at involving parents/carers in their child's school experience
- Providing fun experiences as well as taking learning seriously, great balance.
- Very welcoming and caring
- Communication.