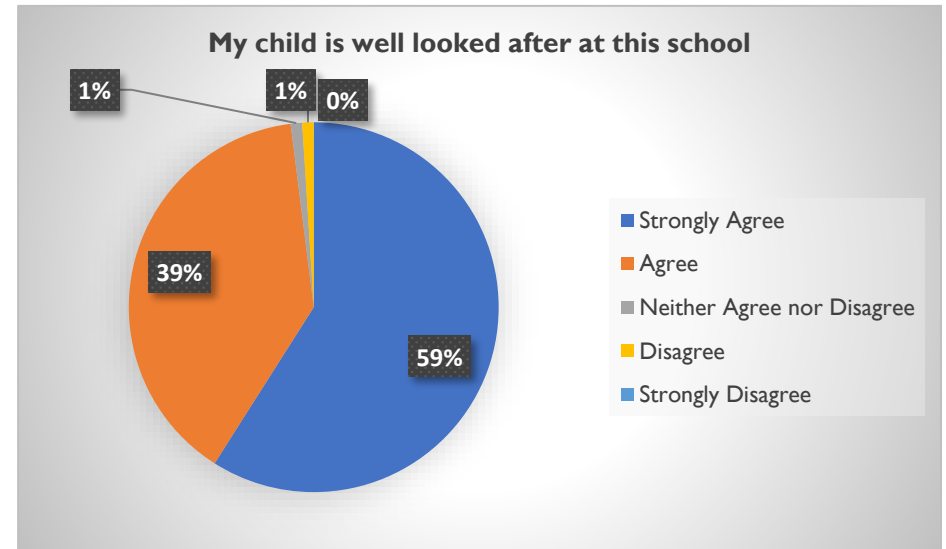
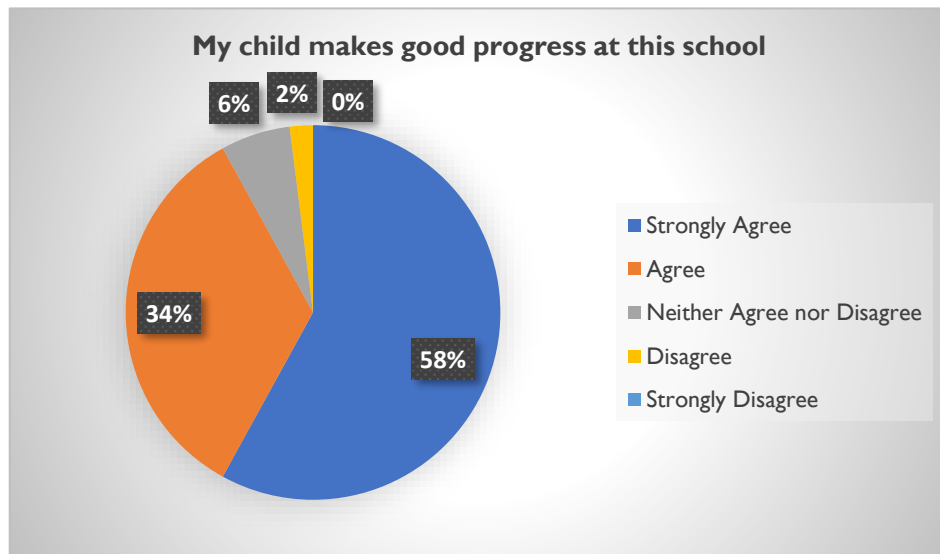
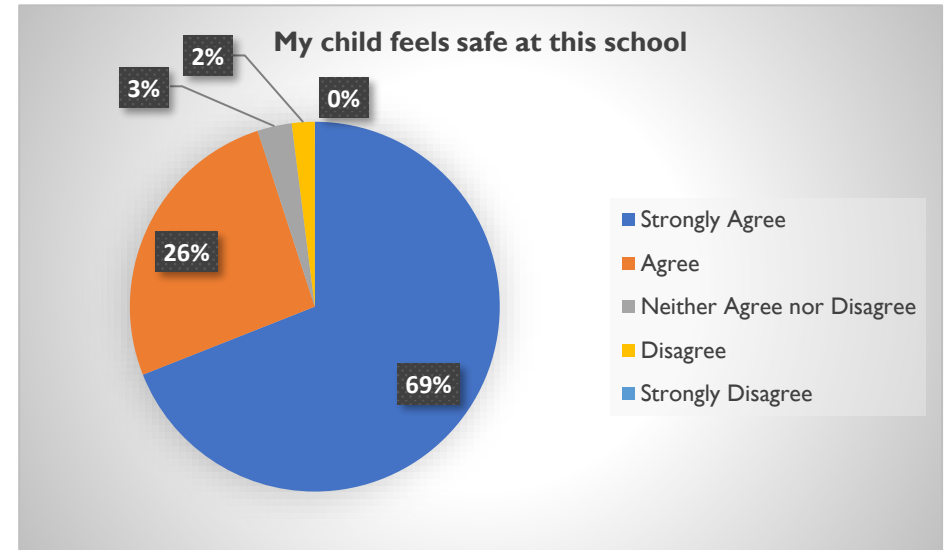
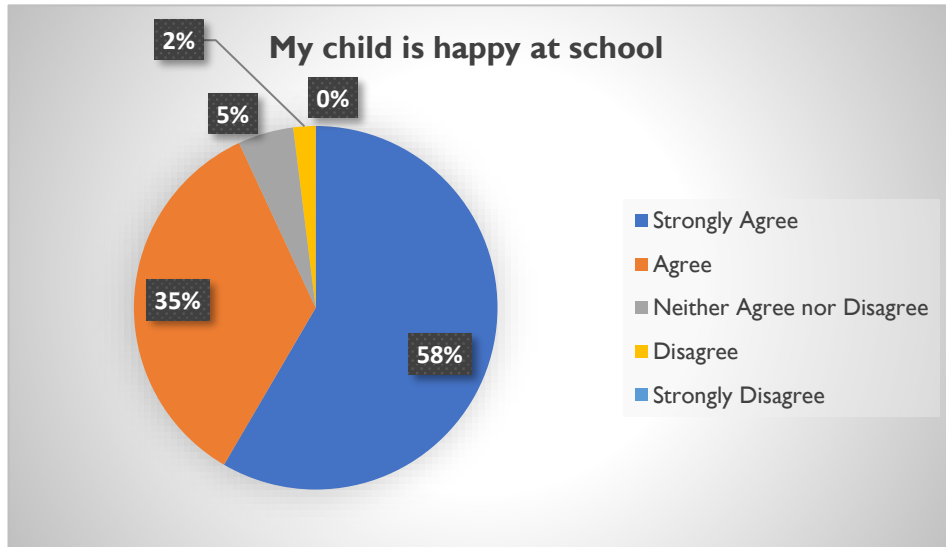


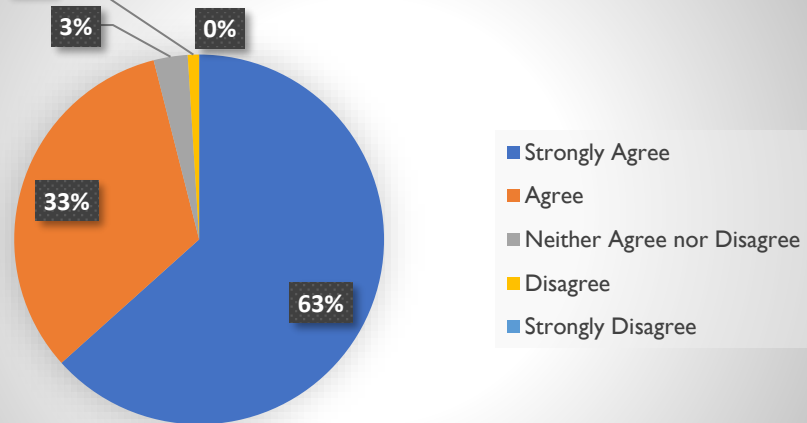


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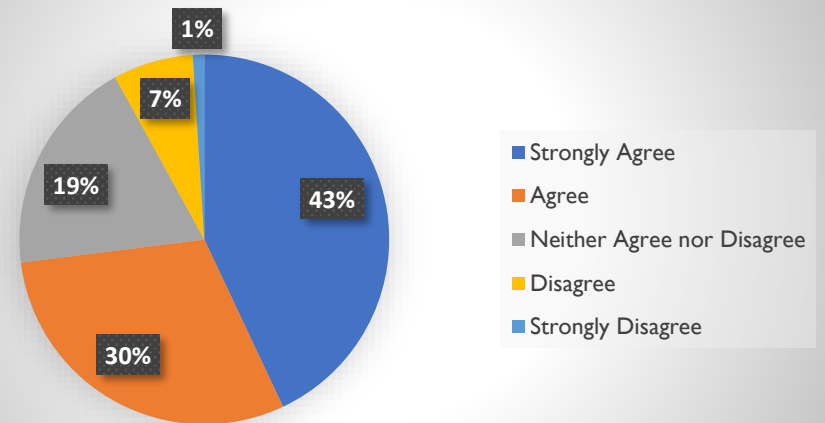
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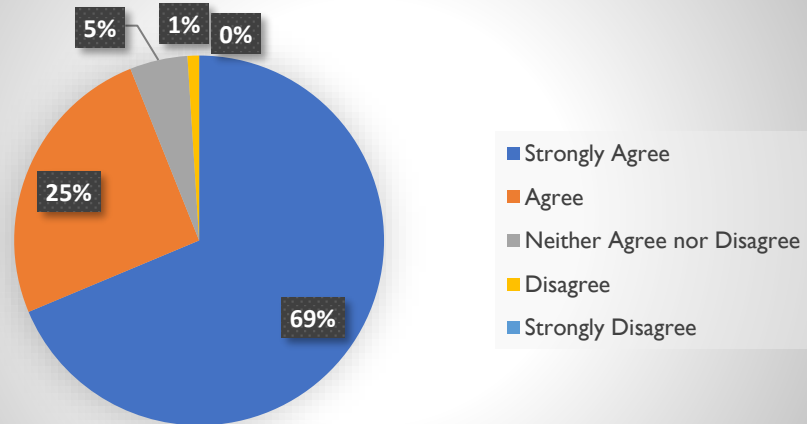
My child is taught well at this school



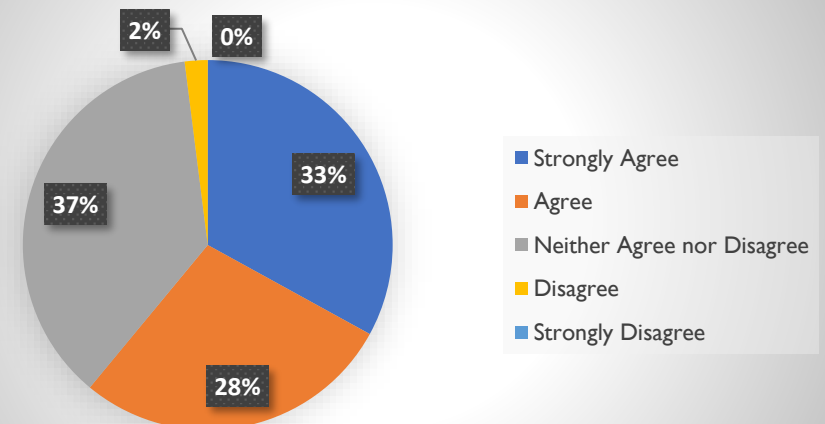
My child receives appropriate homework for their age



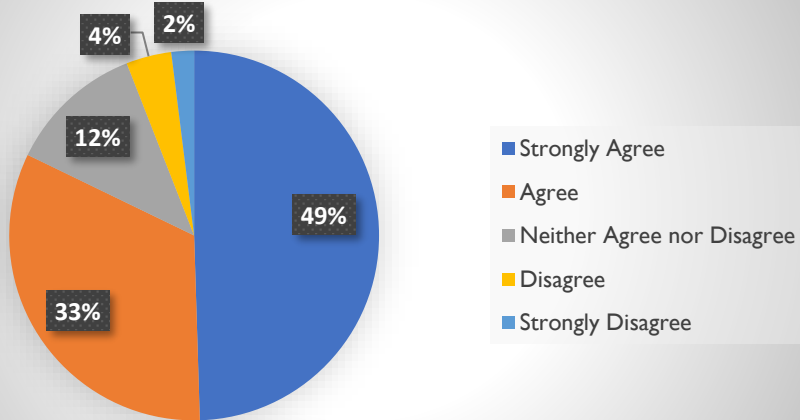
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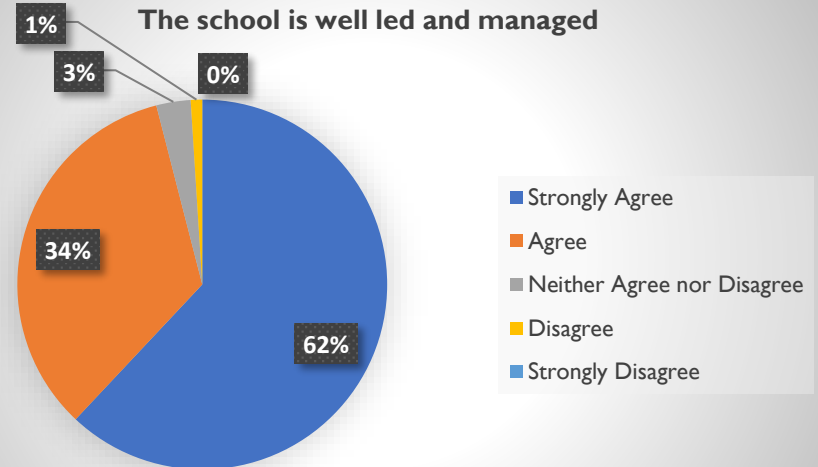
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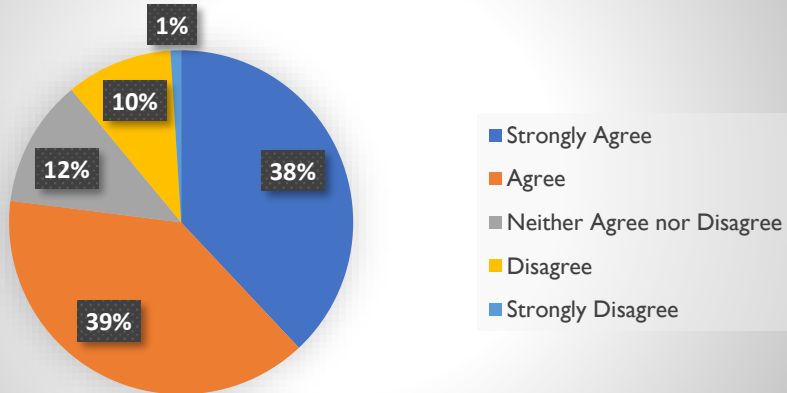
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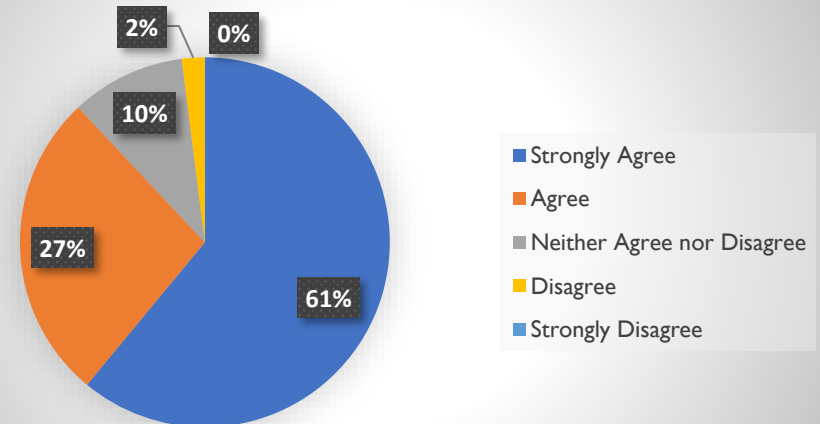
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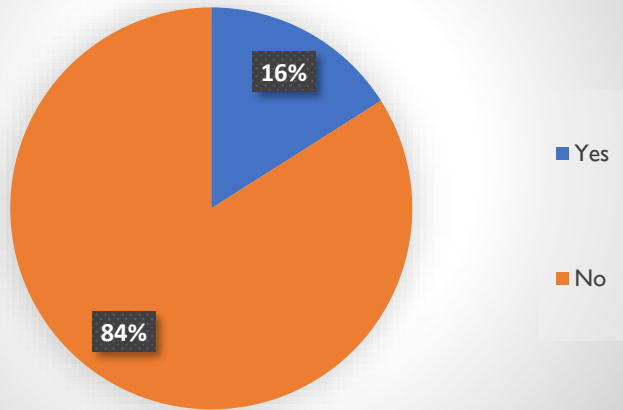
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress



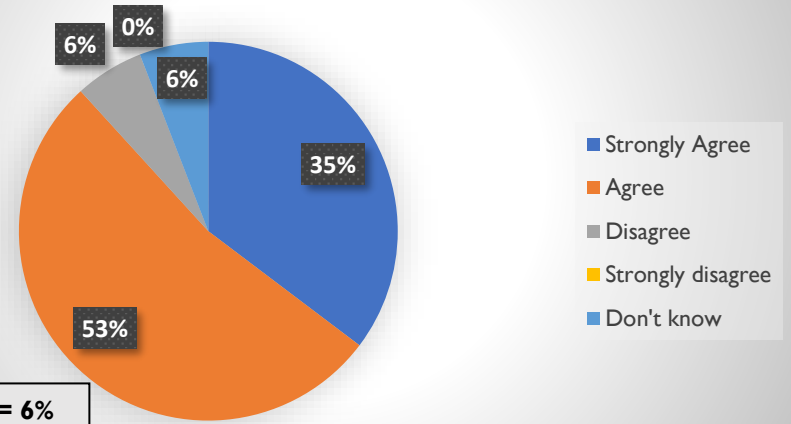
I would recommend this school to another parent



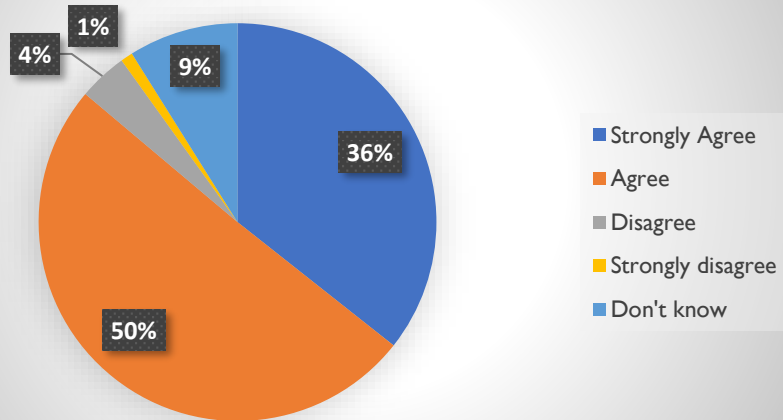
Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?



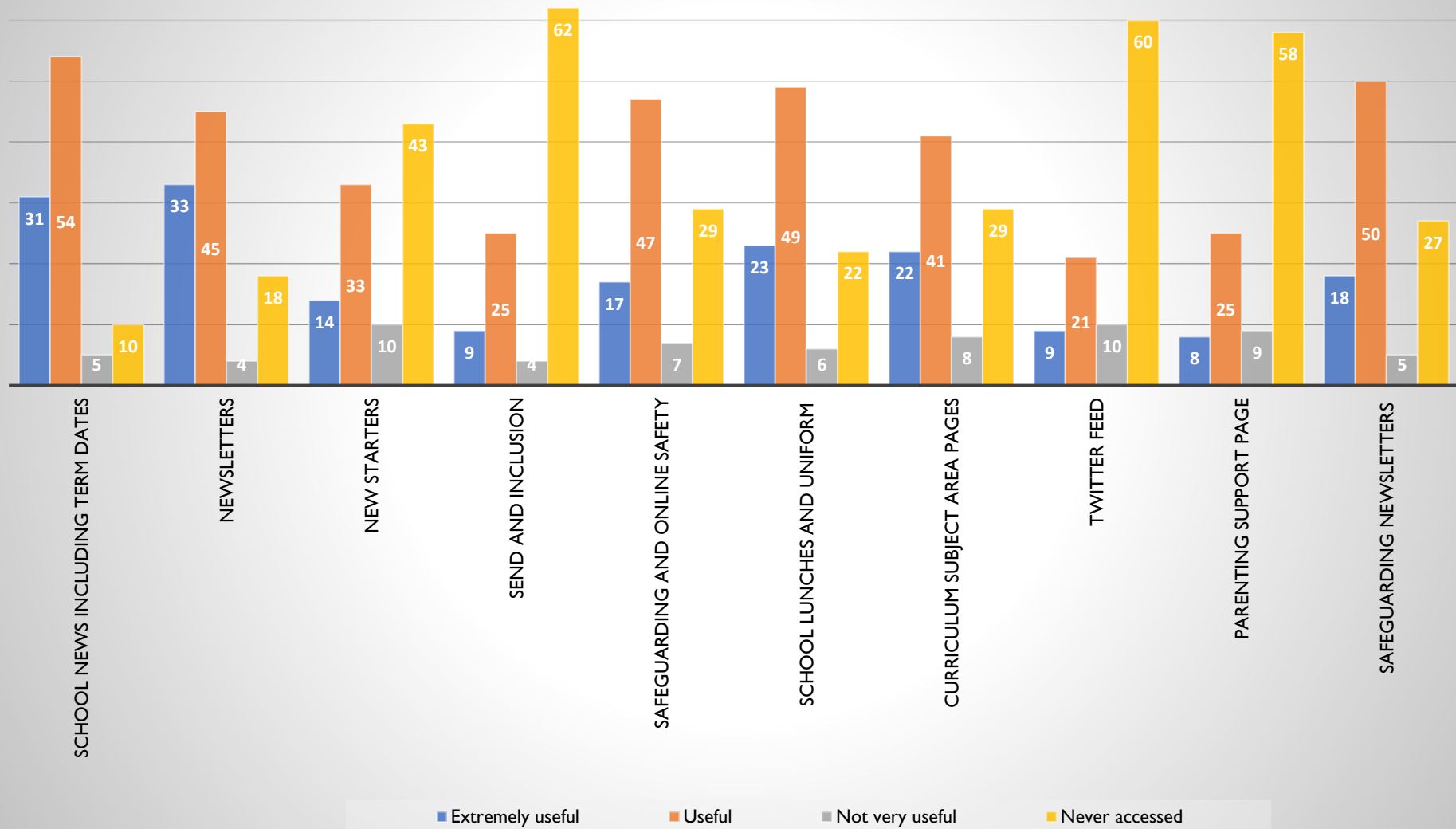
If you have answered yes to the above question, how strongly do you agree with this statement 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'



The school supports my child's wider personal development ?



Thinking about our website, can you tell us how useful or not, you have found the following pages.



Things William Gilbert School and its staff, does really well?

Overall, both children are very happy at school. One thing I do really like is the homework, it instils a good work ethic from the beginning.

Well organised and structured.

Nursery is fantastic! Very varied, caring staff, no issues.

I feel like Miss Whiting really cares and takes time to get to know the children which gives parents confidence that they get what they need. I also think the progress my child has made has been remarkable and really appreciate the 1:1 reading time that I know reception children in other schools don't always get.

I think the school has strong and clear values which pervades everything they do. Staff know students very well and it is clear that they work hard in order for all pupils to fulfil their potential.

The staff based in the reception are brilliant and very helpful.

The teachers I've dealt with are all massive advocates of the school and are great ambassadors for William Gilbert as a whole. They are all approachable.

All the information I need is always proactively provided by the school, so I feel really well informed in terms of the children's learning and additional information. It is great that it is all available on the website as well though.

Feel teaching staff do a great job.

The thing I value the most is that my daughter loves going to school, tells me that 'everyone in her class' is her friend and has kind and caring teachers who take interest in her and support her progress. We chose WG as it felt like a caring and inclusive community.

The preschool and its staff are exceptional. There is a caring nature, it is well organised, children are happy and content and there is very good communication about the children (ease of communication at pick up/drop off and in-depth parents' evenings). Teachers/staff there are available, and a good relationship is developed between staff and parents.

SEND support and communication from SENCO is swift, helpful, timely and organised.

I think Mrs Britten has made a good start as head and I think there is a good team in the school. I like how the school takes the education of our children seriously and I notice that the staff seem to be very dedicated and turn up day after day, whatever the weather (or state of the country). Our children seem happy with the catering.

WG staff have been a massive support to me recently through a difficult time. They have shown such support and care for my children and have been a lifeline for me. I love that the SLT take the time to stand on the gates every morning to interact with children and parents. And the office staff are wonderful knowing children and parents instantly, in such a big school. The standard of teaching has always been excellent, and I feel grateful that my children are happy and safe at school.

Staff and school are very supportive and provide a great educational experience.

Music and afterschool clubs are great. My child has enjoyed being introduced to classical music within her lessons.

The school staff are approachable, enthusiastic, committed, supportive and demonstrate that they care about the pupils.

Our son has thrived since joining the school being made welcome and has progressed well with his learning. The school environment is welcoming and happy.

The school is like an extension of a safe and happy home. Children are treated equally and all abilities are praised and celebrated for their efforts and achievements. I feel this is a really large part of what William Gilbert's ethos is. You are valued. You own achievements are important. You can be you and you are heard. The teachers within William Gilbert go above and beyond what is expected and the children's happiness and learning are taken into all their considerations. Having been in private education as a child I know that William Gilbert provides the children with opportunities and support equal to and if not above what you would receive in private education. We are incredibly lucky and the staff should be celebrated for always going above and beyond.

William Gilbert school is fantastic. My daughter transferred from a school where we were given no support at all. Mrs Davies and Miss Rice have done a wonderful job for my daughter and have provided a huge amount of support and have been very open to my ideas too.

Recently we raised the concern of lack of wrap around care and I was very pleased with the response we got and how quickly it was sorted. It made us feel heard. We also raised the issue that there should be a backpack option for school and we got a positive response to this too.

My child has really enjoyed the Forest school sessions and the opportunity to learn outdoors with his friends. He also talks a lot about the class 'shop' and has been very motivated to work hard and earn more pennies - fab set up!

My child has particularly enjoyed the performance opportunities at the school, such as the drama group, spoken English, choir and the drumming sessions.

All of my children very much enjoyed Mrs Peak's dinners and they are often compared more favourably against home cooking!

I like the staff welcoming children at the school gate. I feel that there is a way to have a quick discussion without having to book an appointment, makes staff seem more approachable. The music has been wonderful, there has definitely been an increase in engagement with sport this year as well which has been lovely to see.

The school has a traditional element which I personally quite like. Good behaviour and politeness seem to be an area that is well enforced which is good. Teachers are friendly and I would have no issues approaching anyone if I had any concerns. We are very happy with the school and, most importantly our children are happy.

The school provides an outstanding quality of academic education, has a reliable and robust approach to safeguarding, provides many excellent developmental opportunities and is very well managed. I believe staff care deeply about the school and are committed to its success.

Church services are a lovely way of sharing the school with the local community.

Organised, efficient, professional, just keep doing whatever magic you do as in my humble opinion as a parent to many, your school still does it the best, whatever it is!

I feel all the staff from teachers to the office staff and the governors are really brilliant at what they do. They really care and do so much to help. I'm very grateful as they go above and beyond to create a wonderful atmosphere at the school. I think the children are very lucky.

I value the high academic expectations and good behaviour of the children but also importantly the kindness towards the children from all staff.

Our child is supported and nurtured in his learning. We feel incredibly fortunate to have so many degrees of backing and care for our child. I would recommend this school to all with the knowledge any child attending the school has the full support of all the teachers within the school.

I value the attention paid to each individual child. I appreciate the school recognising both internal and external safeguarding issues and the closely monitored attendance. I respect the level of responsibility and corresponding culpability afforded to each child. I am grateful for the myriad of personal development opportunities the children can access.

Keep up the good work and maintain the excellent pastoral and well-being support provided by Mrs Aston and Mrs Bradshaw.

To further enhance the provision for your child, what could William Gilbert School and staff do next?

Our kids really enjoy their sport therefore, more sport provision would be welcomed. They would also enjoy the option to attend more after school clubs if possible. It would also be good to have some more detailed feedback on how our children are doing however I do understand that this must be a very time-intensive activity for the teachers to perform.

Online view of how our children are progressing at school not having to wait until parents' evening.

The values are strong and well practised, there is potentially a need to think more laterally around education as the world our children live in will be substantially different to the one we grew up in and live in today!

Some children (like mine) are not particularly forthcoming about what they get up to at school. More detailed information (like other schools provide via class dojo etc) would be welcomed to facilitate conversations about her learning.

Breakfast/after school club. More after school clubs and sports!

Consider opportunities for children to be more involved in supporting the local community.

Allow to take pack lunches some days and have school dinners other days.

A dedicated nurture spacetime for children.
I'm hoping the wrap around care continues.
Introduction of grey shorts to girls uniform, but that's minor

More after school clubs would be great - not just a block of 6 weeks or so, but a regular club to participate in.

More schools trips would be nice - doesn't have to be anywhere far away, even a walk down to the meadows. I would like to see some written maths homework instead of a total reliance on maths whizz sometimes. Some sort of arts club would be nice. The PTA could be more visible, vibrant and open to new help.

I think the school would benefit from some large art displays in the hall. It's something that really stands out to parents and pupils at Ecclesbourne.

A little more feedback on student progress and updated website.

Change the lunch menu - it's been the same for all the time my oldest child has been at the school - that's nearly 4 years! It needs a total refresh with some different options (no fish & chips, hotdogs etc for a start - they do not promote good learning!). Would like to see more vegetarian options - use of lentils, chickpeas, beans etc.

I think my child (and others) would really benefit from being part of a regular all girls' sports team, whether that be netball or football.

My child would also very much like to wear short trousers in the Summer term for modesty and comfort during 'active' play and learning.

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Closing the road immediately outside school at drop off and pick up would improve safety.

I've always wished I knew more about the highlights of the week and what the children and school have been doing, a mini diary perhaps, what they did in PE, what they did in worship/assembly etc (we don't always get information from the children!) although I know this could possibly be a time consuming thing to do when everyone is so busy already. I am just interested more than anything.

I feel that reception receive too much homework. They are still very young and a full day at school is enough for them. Rest and family time are also important parts of their development.

WG school have always shared the curriculum for the term with ideas for home learning, however, some more communication around particular topics / activities happening on certain dates would be good to know so that we can talk about it at home or arrange relevant activities - visiting a castle for example.

I would also appreciate some sessions on how to support with homework, such as the methods used to teach maths (similar to the phonics sessions completed previously) as I think the way we were taught is different.

The SEND landscape is changing at a face pace it would be great if the school were given further resources and training on the new theories and methods to support girls with autism in a school setting.