



Parent Survey 2021

Context

The Parent survey was carried out over a ten-day period in March. The questions were based on the questions used by OFSTED in Parent View. In total, there were 108 responses (with approximately 100 families sending 197 children to the school), this represents a 28% increase in the response rate compared to the last time the survey was conducted in Spring 2019. National comparisons are taken from Ofsted published responses from the 2nd September 2019 to 6th April 2020.

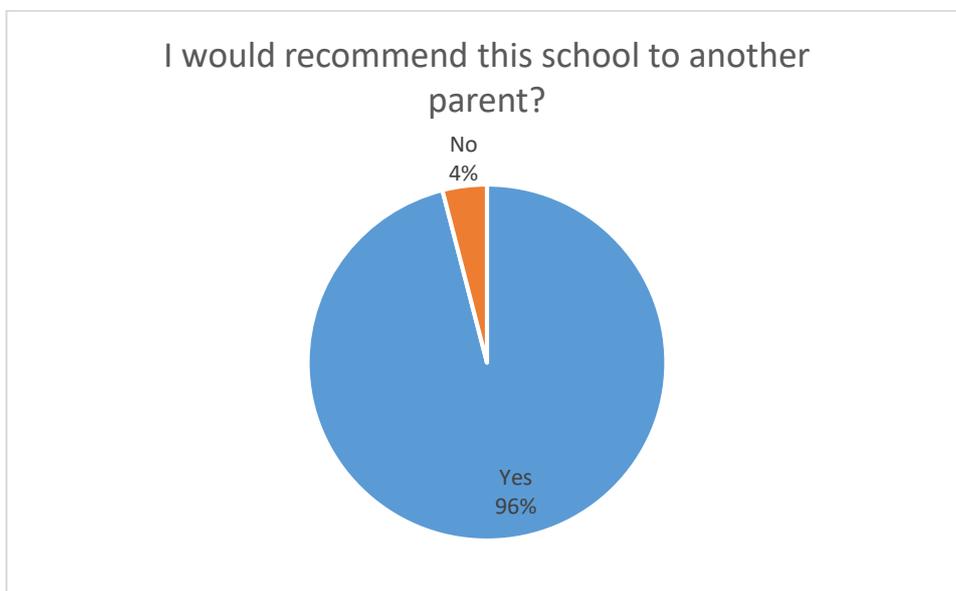
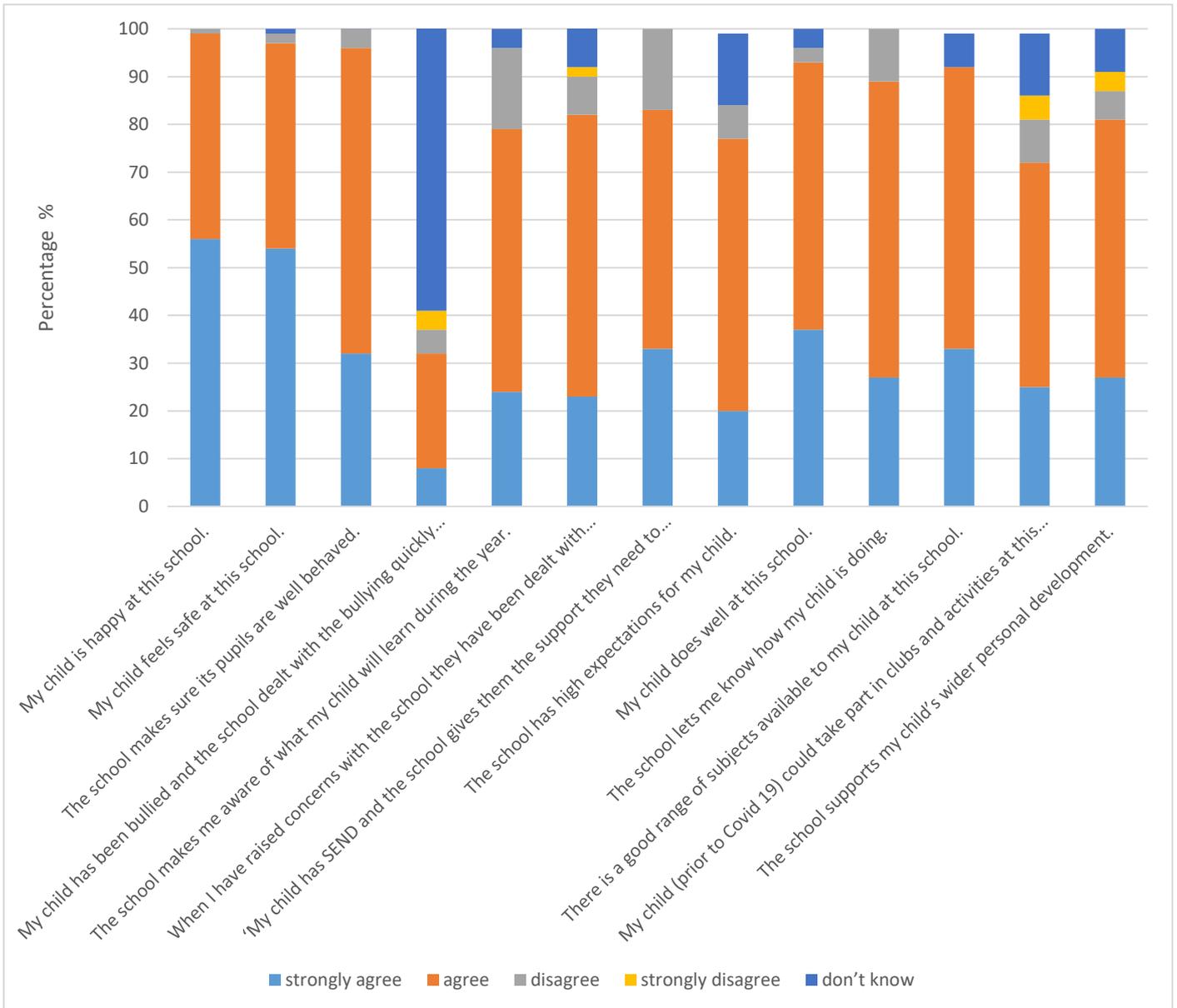
Positive themes that emerge from the data

- 99% parents believe their children are happy and safe at Newlands (this is 8% higher than the national figure), with 56% strongly agreeing with the statement.
- 97% of parents believe their child feels safe at Newlands (this is 8% higher than the national figure), with 54% strongly agreeing with the statement
- 96% of parents believe pupils at Newlands are well behaved, this is a 15% increase on the last survey and 20% higher than the national figure
- 92% of parents believe there is a good range of subjects at Newlands, with no parents disagreeing with this statement
- 93% of parents believe their child does well at Newlands (this is 4% higher than the national figure), with only 3% disagreeing with this statement
- 96% of parents would recommend Newlands to other parents, this is a 6% increase on the last survey and 9% higher than the national figure
- The vast majority of the written comments were positive some of the themes that jumped out were the nurturing nature of the school, the high standard of communication the friendly, flexible and professional staff and the schools response to Covid.

Actions for 2020/21

- 17% of parents would like more information about what their child learns during the year, although 79% were happy with the information they received. This year we have put additional information on the school web-site (www.newlandsprimary.net/curriculum-overview) with curriculum overviews and subject specific information. At least every half term the class pages are updated with photos and summary of what the children have been learning. Going forward we are looking to expand the subject pages of the web site and explore the use of termly leaflets outlining the curriculum for each class.
- 14% would like more clubs and activities, although 73% of parents were happy with the schools offer prior to Covid. In 2019/20 prior to the Covid pandemic the school was hosting 11 clubs before or after school, with a mixture of sports and arts. All children had access to at least four clubs. Post pandemic we will look to at least match this level and plan to add even more.
- Five parents requested wrap around care. This has been ongoing discussion and wish of mine in my time at Newlands. We are currently in discussions with a partner who believes they can operate wrap around care for Newlands pupils in a commercially viable way. We look forward to sharing more details with you in the coming months.
- The Covid pandemic has meant we have been unable have parents in schools in the way we would like. Post Covid we plan to run a series of coffee mornings and workshops. As well as curriculum areas, topics would cover special educational needs and bullying.

Results





Quotes from the Survey

YR Parents

- The outdoor space for early years is excellent.
- There is support for both the child and the parents on all levels.
- The school provides a safe environment and encourages the children to do their best.
- Newlands is a friendly and welcoming school; my children are excited to go in!
- Newlands is a tight knit community; Mr Neighbour knows all of the children by name.

Y1 Parents

- Communication is very good and the school is very approachable and friendly.
- Parent Days encourages parents into the school community, creating a really lovely environment for the day.
- Outstanding teachers!
- Being a small school it has a much more personal feel to it, which is important.
- The level of education during lockdown was very good.

Y2 Parents

- The children feel part of a community; the school cares about children's mental health.
- Phonics is engaging and enjoyable.
- The school creates an environment where my child feels safe and enjoys attending school.
- The teachers strike a good rapport with their pupils; the children's confidence is always high socially and academically.

Y3 Parents

- The school 'gets' my son and he is doing very well in the environment.
- The small classes make us feel every child is important.
- Day trips and residential trips are always well planned and organised.

Y4 Parents

- Caring teaching which nurtures good manners, care for others and social interactions and communications.
- High level teachers who go the extra mile to ensure interactive, enjoyable teaching takes place.
- Provision during the second lockdown was amazing!
- We're delighted with Newlands; the quality of teaching and the culture and philosophy embraced by staff.
- The teacher really knows my child and makes every effort to help him progress.
- Encouraging the child to try hard and to become resilient.

Y5 Parents

- We've always liked the link between the infant and junior years.
- Some of the teachers have been here a while and we like that familiarity where everyone knows each other.
- The children are encouraged to develop strong values.
- The maths provision is strong and parent sessions on how to support maths at home are very much appreciated.
- The range of subjects taught means the curriculum isn't limited and helps pupils feel empowered in subjects.

Y6 Parents

- The school begins to discuss the transition to secondary school early, which helps with fears.
- The level and variety of learning at each stage of my child's time has been good.