



Parents' Survey RESULTS 2013-14

95 responses from 145 surveys = 66% <i>1 response is approx 1% of respondees</i>	Strongly Agree		Agree		% positive	Disagree		Strongly disagree		Don't know	
	n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%	n	%
My child is happy at this school	68	71	27	28	99	1	1				
My child feels safe at this school	69	73	25	26	99					1	1
My child makes good progress at this school	52	55	40	42	97	3	3				
My child is well looked after at this school	67	71	28	29	100						
My child is taught well at this school	63	66	30	32	98	1	1			1	1
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	47	49	42	44	94	3	3	1	1	2	2
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	67	71	26	27	98	1	1			1	1
This school deals effectively with bullying	37	39	29	31	69	2	2			27	28
This school is well led and managed	69	73	24	25	98					2	2
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	53	56	33	35	91	1	1			8	8
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	47	49	42	44	94	3	3	1	1	2	2
<i>The school has an effective Governing Body</i>	37	39	33	35	74	2	2	1	1	21	22
<i>This school is welcoming</i>	70	74	23	24	98					1	1
Would you recommend this school to another parent	YES: 94 = 99%				99%	NO: 1 = 1%					

One survey gave **these** responses

Dear Parents

Thank you for your overwhelming vote of confidence in our school.

Firstly, thank you to the 95 families who completed their questionnaires and returned them so quickly to the Office. Looking carefully at our results, it's clear to see that almost everyone was positive about almost everything!

Clearly, Trent pupils are happy and safe, are taught well, make good progress and are very well looked after. Looking into the details of your responses, **homework** was probably the area where most differences were aired, although, inevitably there were as many pleas for LESS as there were for MORE! Please ask the class teacher to amend the volume of what goes home for your child either way. If your child is keen to do more work at home then I fully recommend many of the workbooks you will find at any WHSmith or Educational Bookseller. My personal favourite are the 'Bond' series as they offer a complementary challenge to the way we work in school... and they can be rather tricky! Here's a link to their Online version, but you can buy booklets through this site too.

<http://www.bond11plus.co.uk/index.php/shop/category/11-online>. Alternatively use your MyMaths login or IXL for hours of Mathematical challenge.

I like them as they start at age 4 and work their way right through to 11+. Start at the 'younger/easier' papers to build confidence and work in short, focussed bursts. Working alongside your child is fun and informative BUT, if like me you are of an enthusiastic nature, do RESIST telling them the answers!

One interesting suggestion (see below) asked for homework to be set for a whole week, as Tuesday night was busy. Whilst we will have a think about how we can logistically do this, please remember that homework is best completed steadily over the week rather than in a 'blast' the night before. (Although, at some point, we have all had a last-minute 'panic')

'The statement: **'This school deals effectively with bullying'** had the largest proportion of 'Don't know' responses. Many comments indicated that their child was safe and happy, therefore there was no bullying to deal with at Trent. Responses of n/a and irrelevant were also included here.

I do want to reassure you that the School leaders and Trent's Governors take bullying, of any kind, very seriously indeed. We do have a very successful behaviour policy which means that repeated, wilful incidents are very rare. The close working partnership with parents means that you know by the end of a school day if there has been an incident of concern involving your child. Thankfully this is rare; however, I have attached our Anti-Bullying policy for you to take a look at.

Similarly, the statement: **'This school responds well to any concerns I raise'** had a 8 'Don't know' (including n/a). Most of these were supplemented with lovely comments along the lines of ...'because we have no concerns!' So a very positive response here too. Thank you!

Last year **'The school has an effective Governing Body'** scored % and so I'm pleased to know that more people feel more knowledgeable about school Governors. As, sadly, Sharon Green reaches the end of her term as a Parent Governor, there is an opportunity for you to stand in her place. You will have seen the official letter which came home last week. If you are considering joining the Governing Body you will need to collect a form from the Office. You will be required to spend at least one half day each term in school (for committee meetings) and at least one evening a term at the full Governing Body meeting. Realistically, Trent's Governors offer far more of their time and are readily available to take up a myriad of responsibilities that come their way as and when. It is a rewarding position and I am blessed to have such capable and committed support for school leadership.

Although a huge majority of parents are pleased to **'receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress'** this was a little less enthusiastic response. I have a few ideas of how we could be more clear and invite all parents to join me at a **Forum after the Easter Service on Friday 4th March 2014**. I welcome your opinions.

Lastly, if you are the family whose responses I have high-lighted, please do come for a chat. I can't bear to think of any of our pupils being unhappy and now I know I want to do something about it, please.