

Results and Response to the Parent Questionnaire June 2018

Thank you to all who completed the parent questionnaire. Here are the collated results of the survey so that you can see how well you think we are doing in each area. We had 83 responses, equating to 40% of parents/carers.

We are extremely pleased with the results and thank our parents and carers for engaging with the school, giving our pupils the best possible opportunities to succeed. We recognize there is always still more to do and as a committed team of professionals we aim, with your help, to make further improvements to make Banks Road an outstanding school and one which we can all be proud.

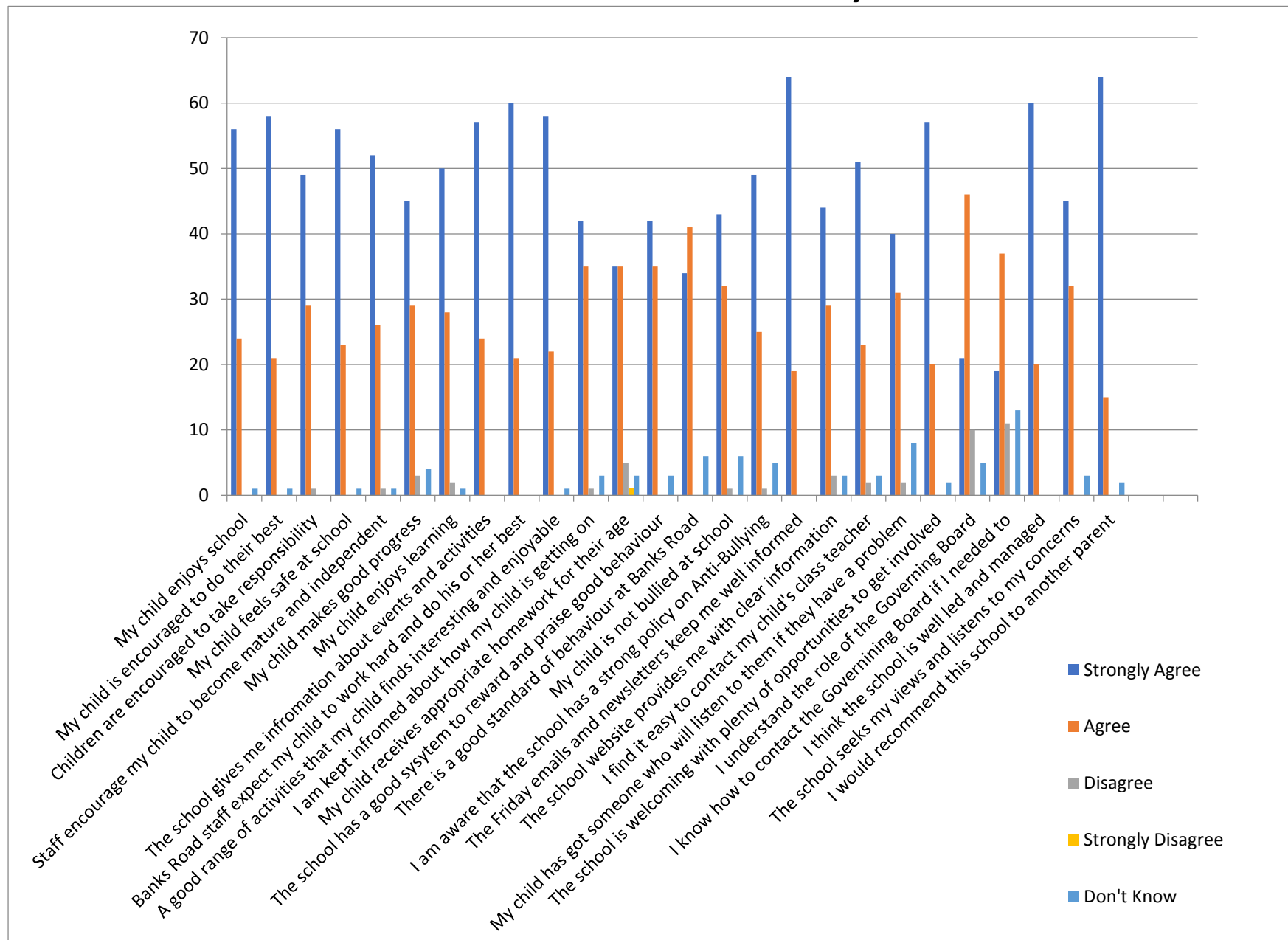
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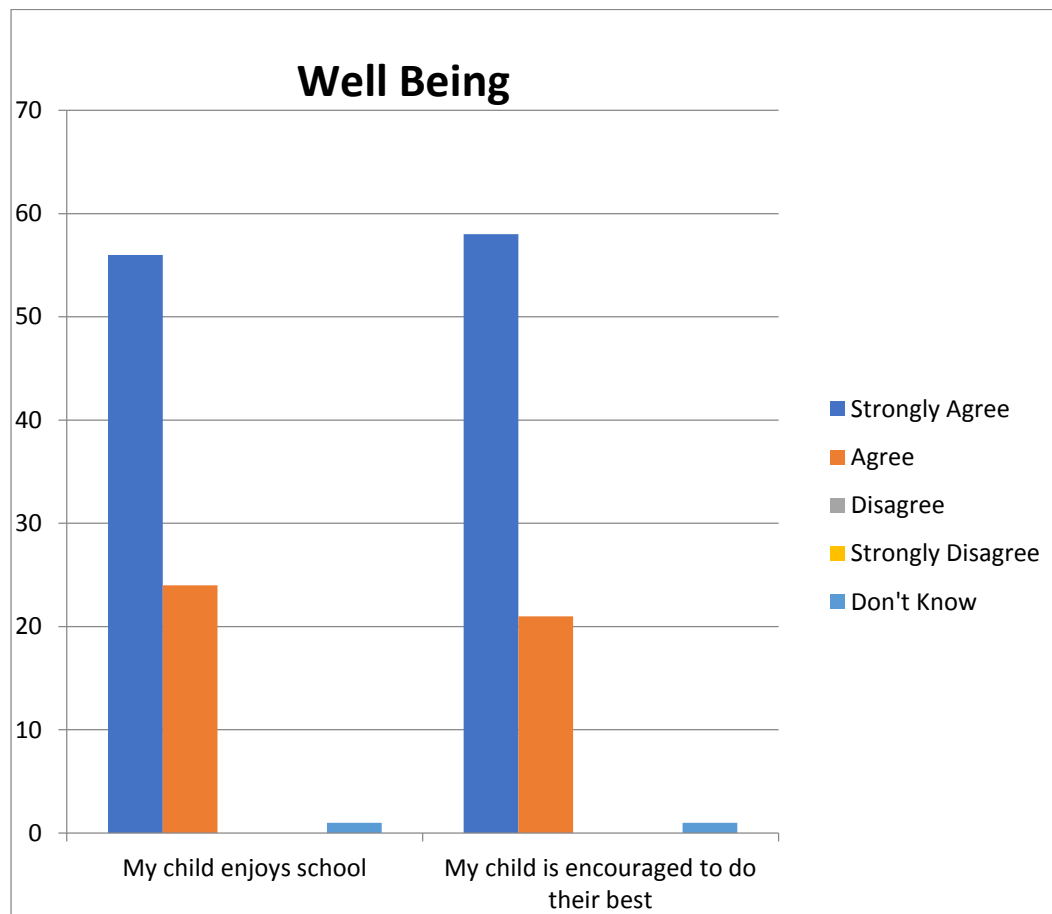


	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child enjoys school	56	24	0	0	1
My child is encouraged to do their best	58	21	0	0	1
Children are encouraged to take responsibility	49	29	1	0	0
My child feels safe at school	56	23	0	0	1
Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent	52	26	1	0	1
My child makes good progress	45	29	3	0	4
My child enjoys learning	50	28	2	0	1
The school gives me information about events and activities	57	24	0	0	0
Banks Road staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best	60	21	0	0	0
A good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable	58	22	0	0	1
I am kept informed about how my child is getting on	42	35	1	0	3
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	35	35	5	1	3
The school has a good system to reward and praise good behaviour	42	35	0	0	3
There is a good standard of behaviour at Banks Road	34	41	0	0	6
My child is not bullied at school	43	32	1	0	6
I am aware that the school has a strong policy on Anti-Bullying	49	25	1	0	5
The Friday emails and newsletters keep me well informed	64	19	0	0	0
The school website provides me with clear information	44	29	3	0	3
I find it easy to contact my child's class teacher	51	23	2	0	3
My child has got someone who will listen to them if they have a problem	40	31	2	0	8
The school is welcoming with plenty of opportunities to get involved	57	20	0	0	2
I understand the role of the Governing Board	21	46	10	0	5
I know how to contact the Governing Board if I needed to	19	37	11	0	13
I think the school is well led and managed	60	20	0	0	0
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	45	32	0	0	3
I would recommend this school to another parent	64	15	0	0	2

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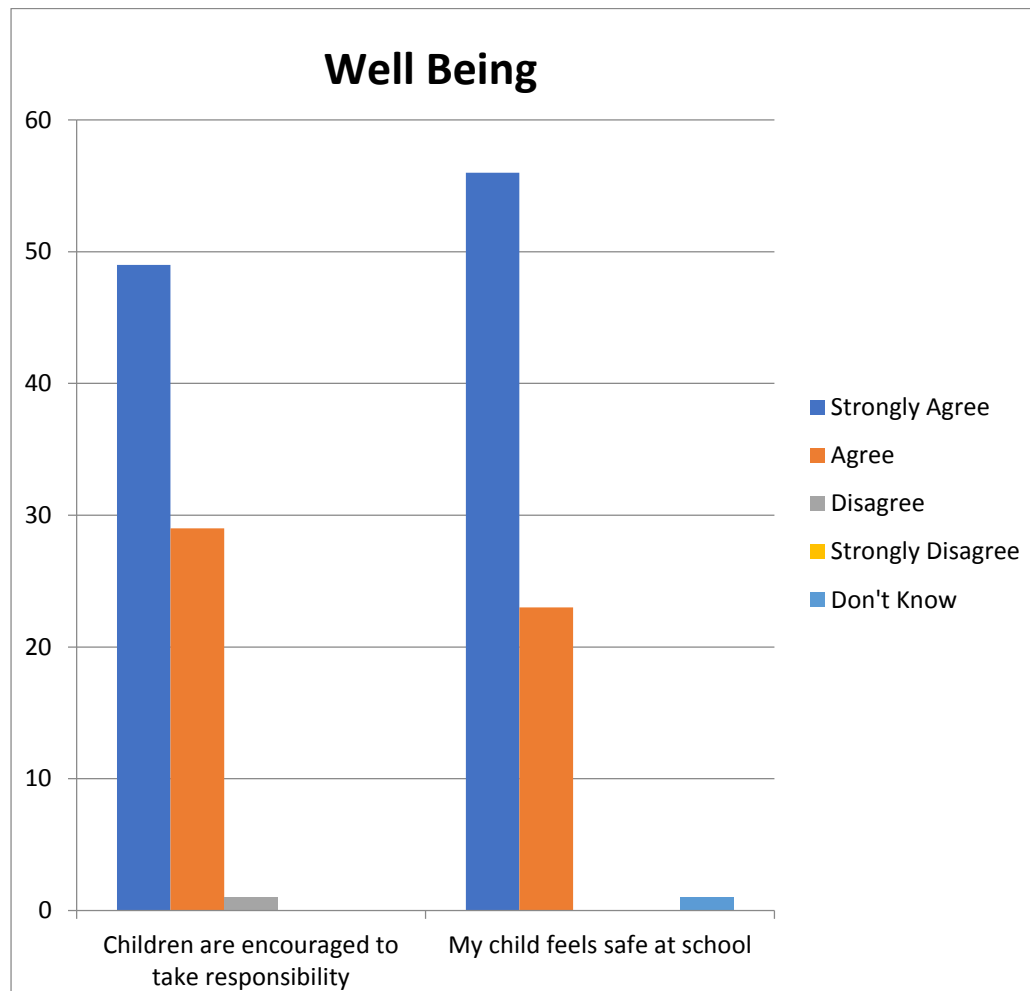


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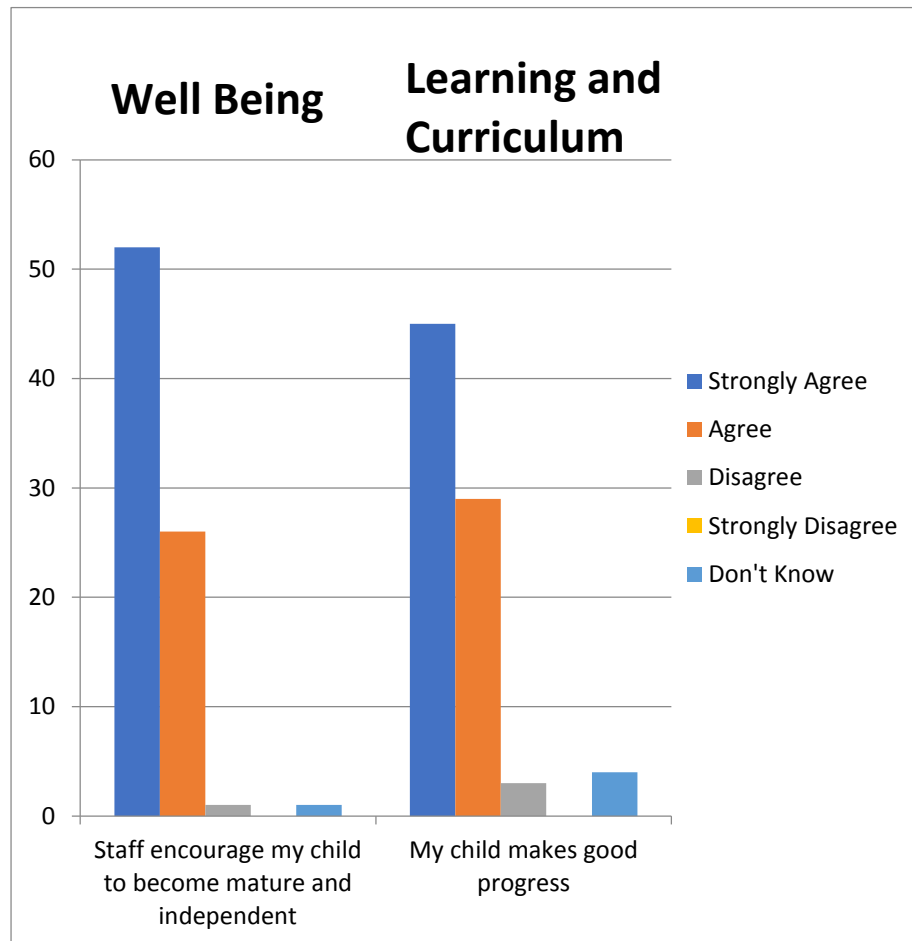
What you said	Our comments
<p><i>"I couldn't be happier thatattends this lovely school and nursery. I feel that all the teachers offer lots of support and staff are very caring"</i></p> <p><i>"I love school from"</i></p> <p><i>".... Loves attending and is thriving"</i></p> <p><i>".... Loves going to school. Very happy with how she is getting on and learning"</i></p> <p><i>"We are so pleased that got into Banks Road. She loves it here and we are more than happy"</i></p>	<p><i>The results overwhelmingly show that our children are happy at school. We will continue to provide a safe, secure learning environment. Thank you for your positive comments.</i></p>

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<p><i>"The school is a caring and nurturing environment for all children".</i></p> <p><i>"My child is so happy and secure at Banks Road and has really flourished during his time with you".</i></p> <p><i>"Great school. Supportive, constructive, friendly and helpful. All staff members are approachable and caring".</i></p> <p><i>"Staff are all polite and approachable and ensure that all children are looked after – they value every member of school".</i></p>	<p>Overwhelmingly, parents felt that their child feels safe, secure and confident and the comments are testimony to this. We continually strive to seek the thoughts and feelings of our children through regular pupil 'interviews' to ensure that 'Pupil voice' is embedded in all aspects of school life.</p>

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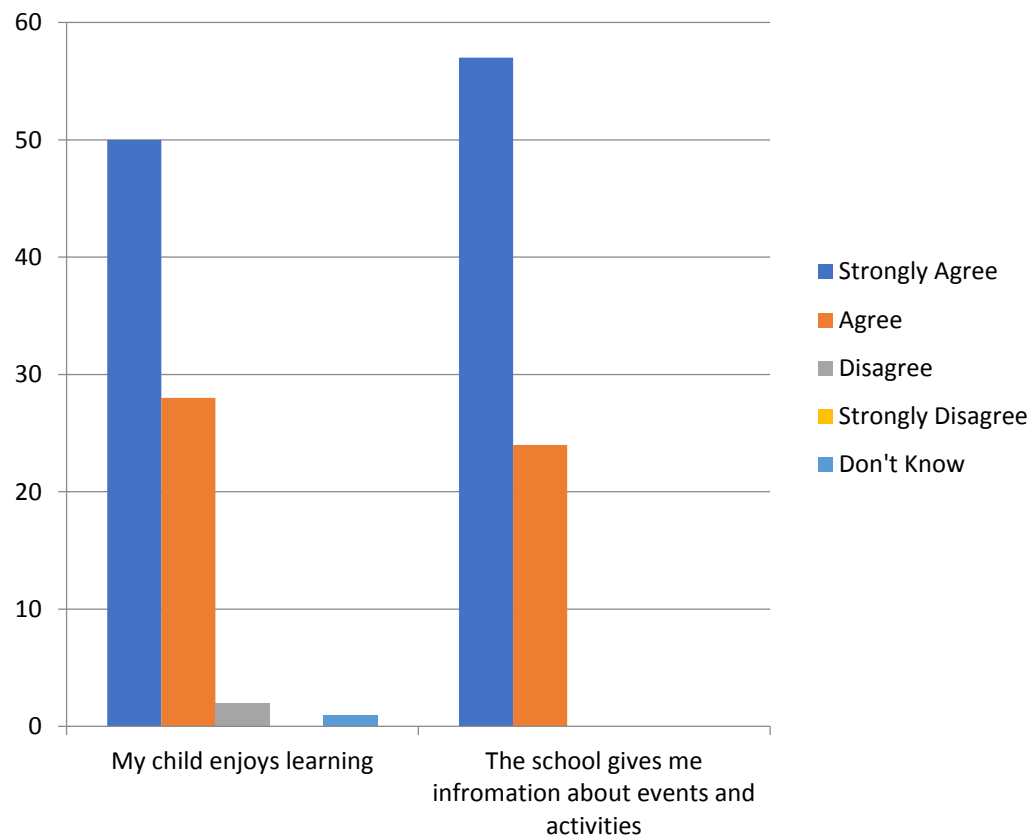


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<p><i>"We are delighted by how our son has settled into school"</i></p> <p><i>"I am happy to say we have always been pleased with the leadership, teaching standard and pastoral provision within school".</i></p> <p><i>"I feel she has developed in so many ways".</i></p> <p><i>"He is doing really well".</i></p> <p><i>"High expectations for all are clearly evident".</i></p>	<p>Tracking of progress is rigorous for each individual child and is monitored through continuous teacher assessment. Any child not making expected progress is highlighted and interventions put in place.</p> <p>Meeting with parents during scheduled parent evenings early in the year is an important opportunity for you to talk to us about your child – their needs and strengths and anything you may wish to share that could support and enhance the provision we can offer.</p>

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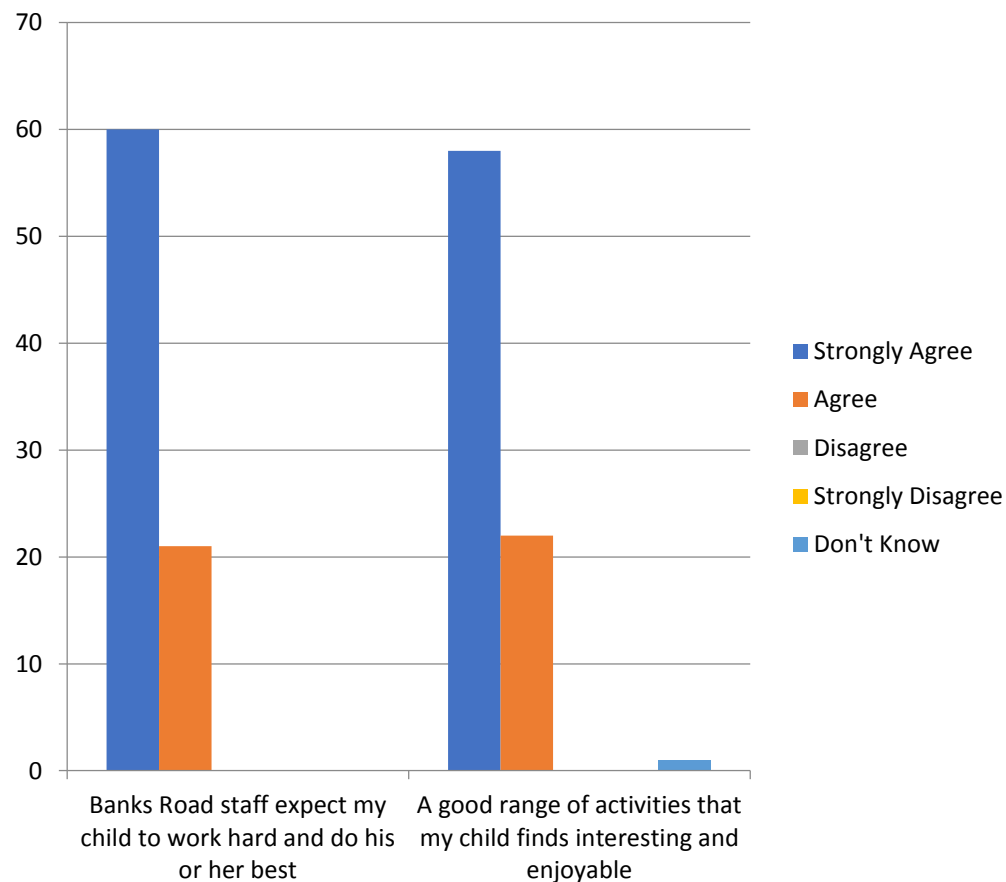


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<p><i>"The curriculum appears really engaging. In less than a month.....has been part of a production, flown to Kenya , took part in a DT day.."</i></p> <p><i>"Always fun and exciting activities on offer".</i></p> <p><i>"I have really enjoyed the sessions where parents are invited in to do a joint activity. It would be good to have more of these".</i></p> <p><i>"I really love the themed weeks".</i></p> <p><i>"I would like to know what maths topics are covered each week / half term."</i></p>	<p>The results show that our approach to teaching and learning ensures that children see learning as fun and purposeful. We strive to use creativity to allow children to achieve their best and there is a 'learning buzz' in all classrooms where children are actively and enthusiastically engaged with learning activities.</p> <p>Our school website has lots of information on curriculum coverage and information is sent home regarding our 'special' curriculum events in school.</p>

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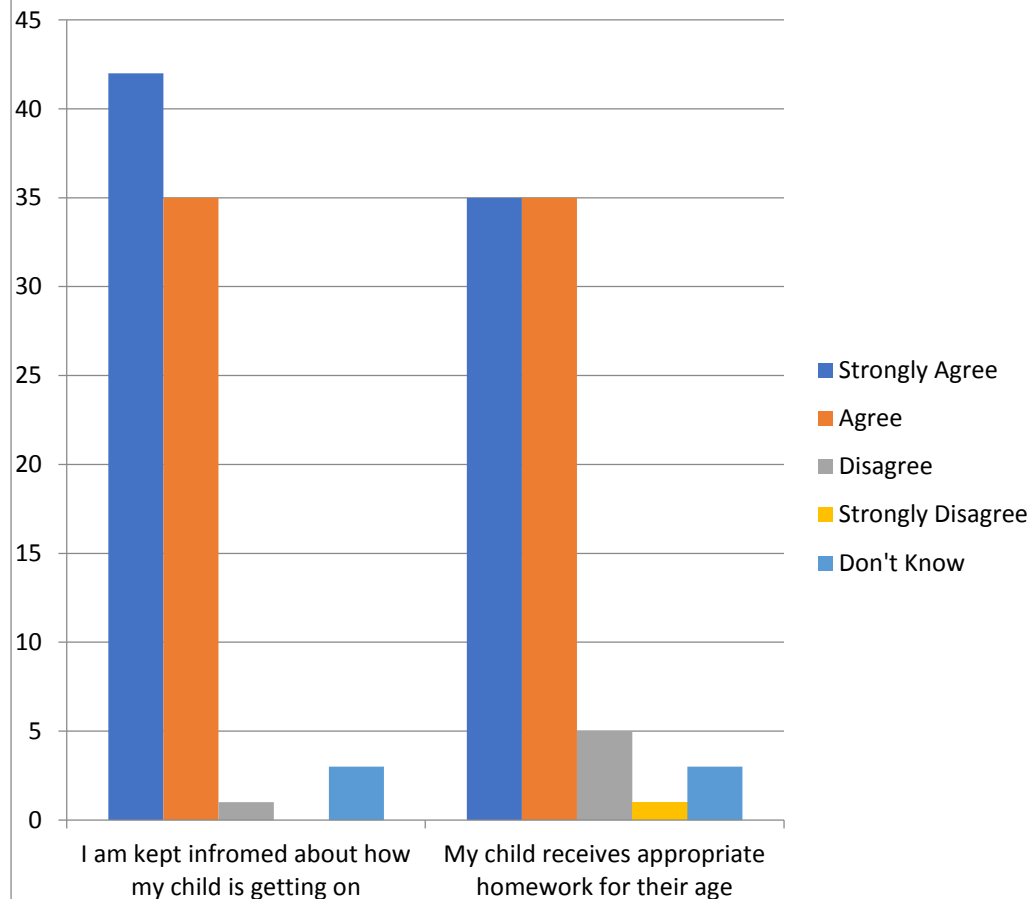


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<p><i>"..we feel Banks Road is a very happy school. The staff are wonderful and always go above and beyond for all children".</i></p> <p><i>"High expectations for all are clearly evident".</i></p>	<p>Our creative approach to the curriculum aims to capture the imagination of pupils and provide higher-order thinking opportunities. Our children have increased motivation and interest and improvement in independent learning skills.</p>

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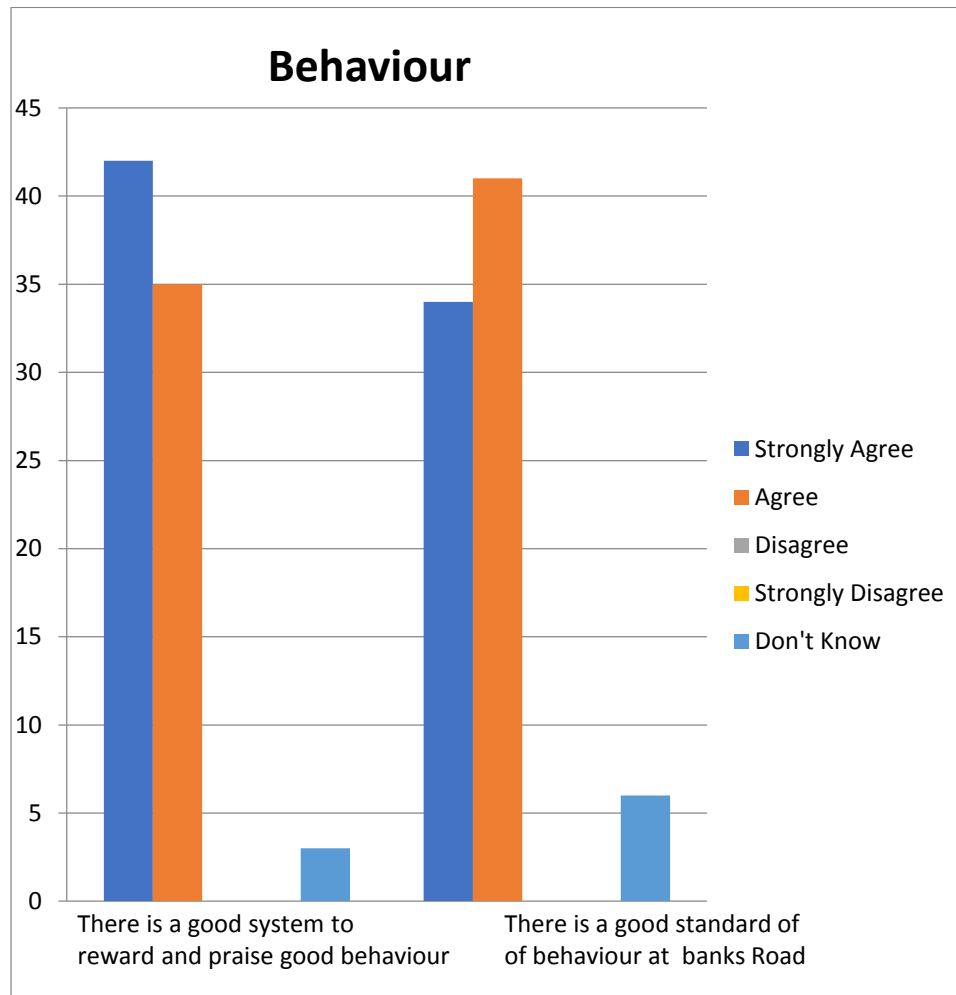


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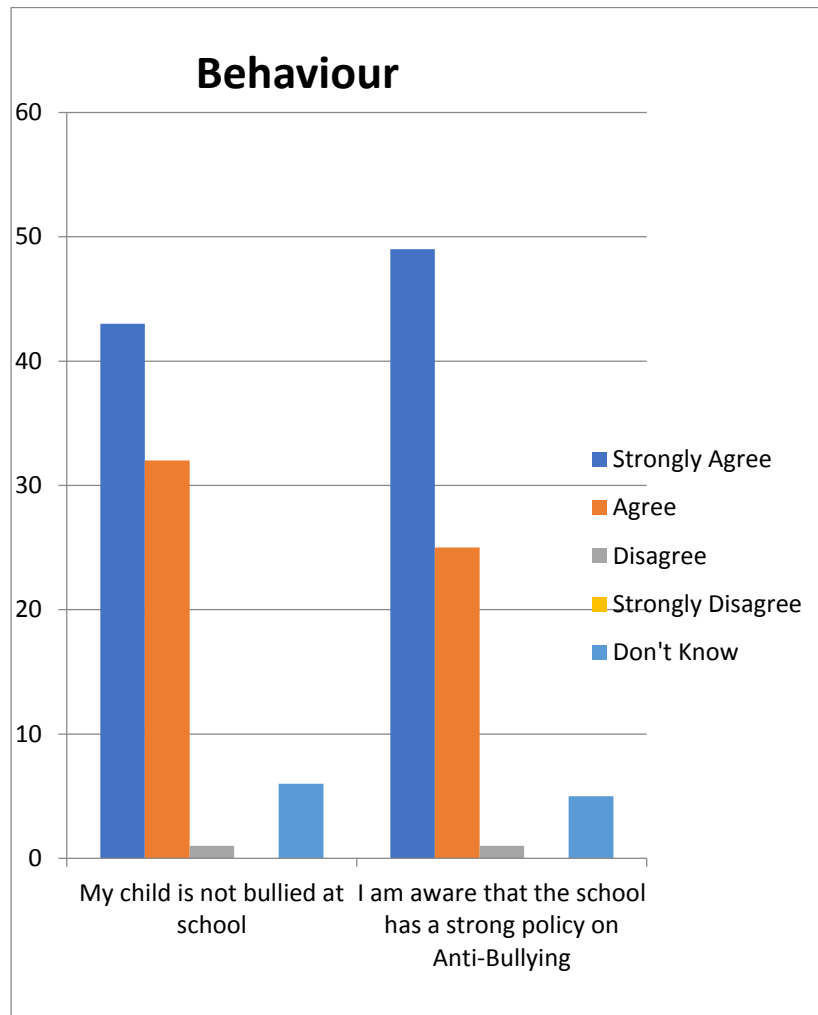
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<p><i>"Sometimes the reports are so heavily tick box led as opposed to actually identifying strengths / weaknesses / development".</i></p> <p><i>"Homework is not always managed independently by our child – they have always needed this to be heavily supported/guided by parents".</i></p> <p><i>"I would like to see more homework sent home to enable us to support his learning at home".</i></p>	<p>In Key Stage 1, a progress report is issued in the Spring term when enough coverage of the curriculum has been achieved in order to show progress. The annual report follows in the Summer term. Foundation Stage children also receive a progress report in the Spring term and annual report in the Summer.</p> <p>All children in Nursery and School have parent consultations in the Autumn and Spring terms. The format of the reports aims to inform parents how their child is progressing against the end of year expectations (curriculum statements) as well as giving a clear understanding of what will be / has been covered.</p> <p>As always, if you have any concerns about your child's progress please contact your child's teacher.</p> <p>Homework is linked effectively with the learning taking place in school. Our learning logs provide this link by reinforcing learning at school through individual approaches at home. All homework is peer and adult shared.</p>

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<p><i>"Banks Road offers a good reward system but I can't help feeling that consistently good children are overlooked".</i></p> <p><i>"(Children) are encouraged to make good friendships and develop their friendships further".</i></p> <p><i>"Most importantlyhas made some lovely friends".</i></p>	<p>Teachers keep a detailed record of the rewards that are given to all children and endeavour to keep the system fair.</p> <p>Detailed records are also kept of persistent behaviour concerns. Appropriate strategies and sanctions are implemented to ensure children understand the importance of acceptable behaviour and parents are involved to support and reinforce these.</p> <p>Our website has lots of information about our behaviour management techniques including the BRILLIANT expectations that all children are taught and become embedded throughout school.</p> <p>Behaviour is monitored at all times and through informal observations, learning walks, pupil interviews and class behaviour files.</p>

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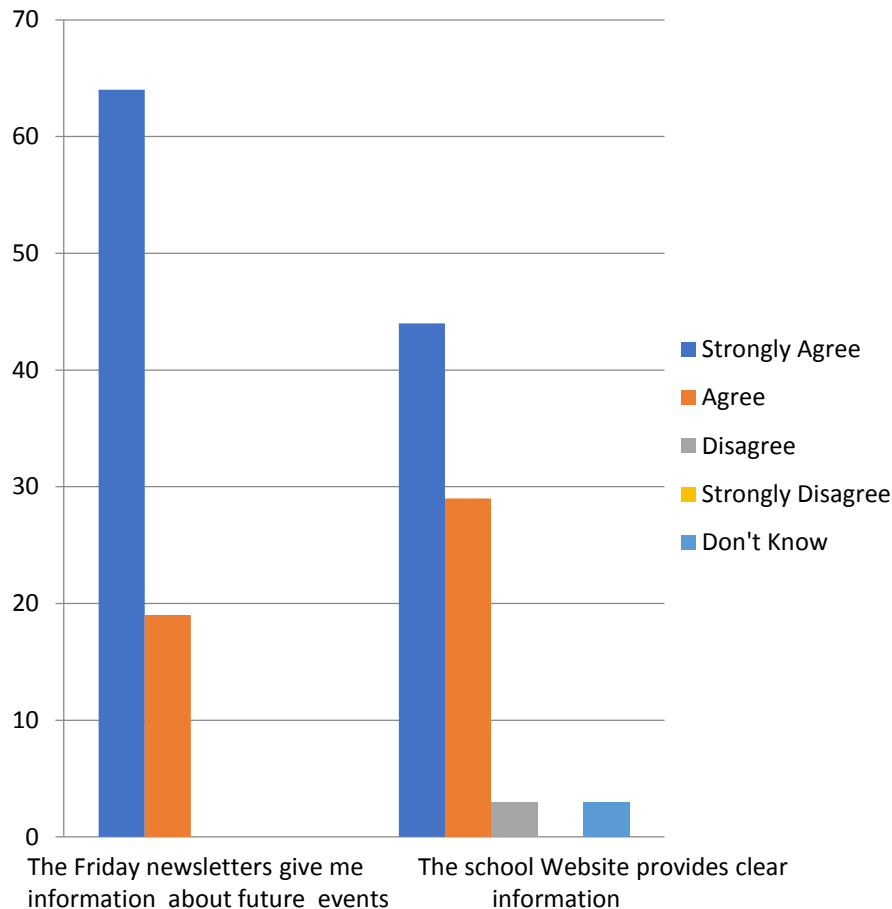


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<p><i>“..closer monitoring should happen of children who are known to demonstrate bullying behaviour – especially during playtime”.</i></p>	<p>Banks Road addresses anti-bullying through direct teaching and through the SEAL (Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning) curriculum, which includes ‘Say No to Bullying’. Children have explicit sessions on anti-bullying and you can find the presentation on the website alongside a leaflet written by parents for parents of Banks Road.</p> <p>Staff hold weekly briefings to discuss children who may need extra support and monitoring during outdoor playtimes. This information is shared with all staff, including our midday supervisors.</p> <p>Support and closer monitoring is also given to children who have additional needs.</p> <p>Any unacceptable behaviours are logged through our behaviour monitoring systems and addressed in line with our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies. These policies are reviewed and then ratified annually by both staff and the governing board. Both policies are available to read on the school website.</p>

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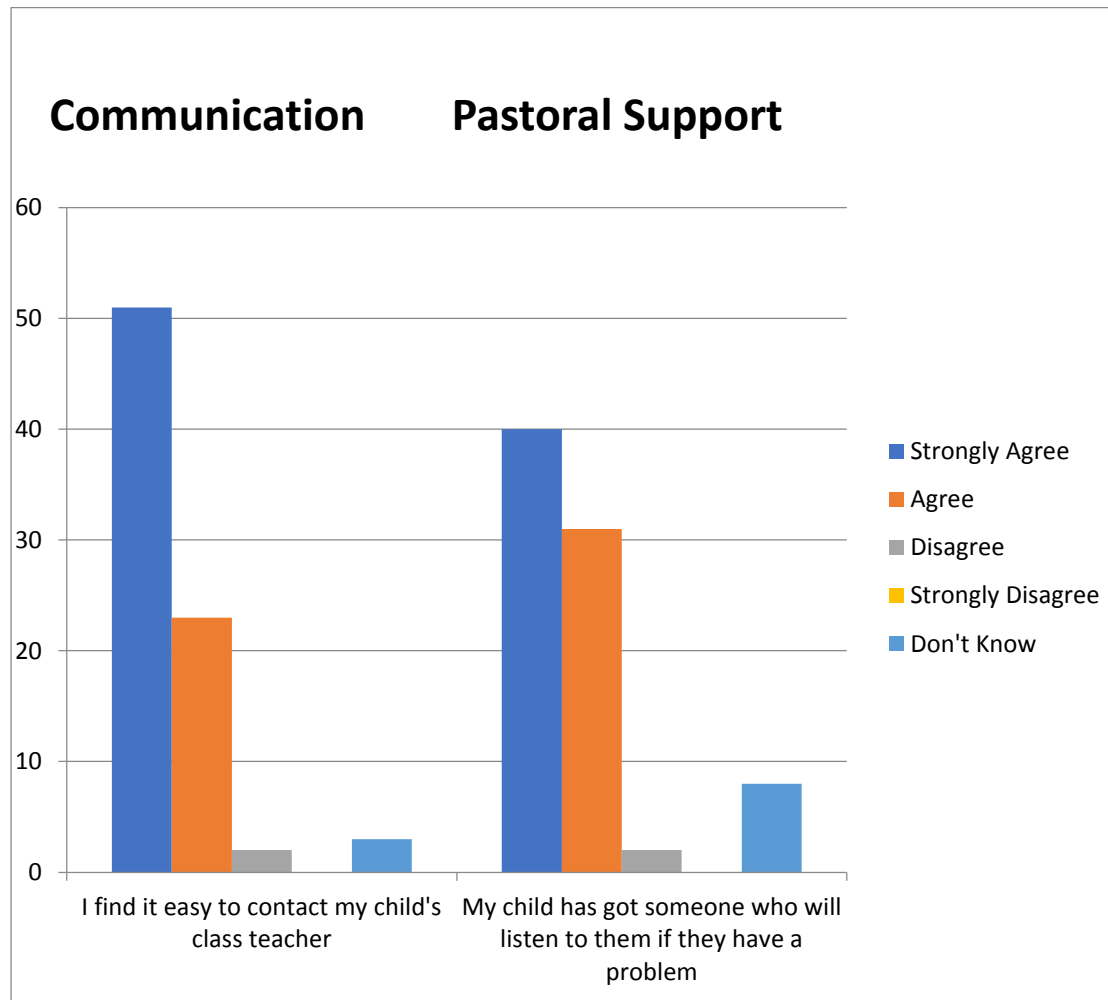


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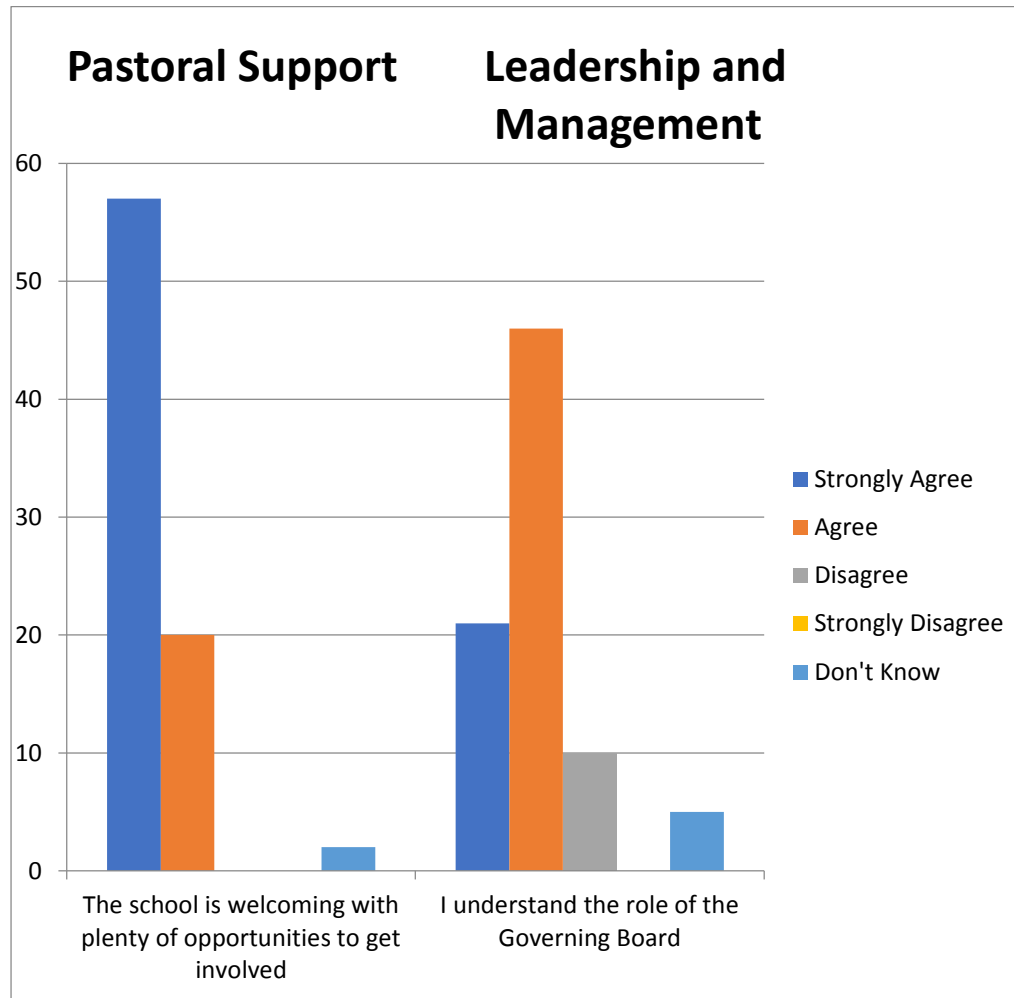
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<p><i>"I think the school does an excellent job in terms of communication".</i></p> <p><i>"The newsletter is good but I think the parents would benefit from extra communication e.g. text messages. I would also like more information about whatis learning".</i></p> <p><i>"I think the website could be used better to communicate and store letters. The website feels a little out of date".</i></p>	<p>Our school website has lots of information about our school and we endeavour to keep all information up to date including letters home, news and events.</p> <p>We are currently looking into other avenues of communication.</p> <p>It's great that our regular communication is appreciated. The office staff do a fantastic job of managing this. If you are not receiving the weekly emails please let us know so that we can check the contact details we hold for you on our system.</p> <p>Any additional messages from class teachers are also emailed out to parents on an ad hoc basis so do check your in box regularly.</p>

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<p><i>"Whenever we have had concerns Mrs has always welcomed us in to discuss the issue which has led to prompt resolution".</i></p> <p><i>"The caring ethos runs very strongly through the school and is a delight to see".</i></p> <p><i>"Hope that it continues to be as welcoming, supportive and nurturing in the future and keeps children at the centre of its ethos".</i></p>	<p>We hope that access to teachers is good. The 'open door' policy tries to promote a feeling that it is your and your child's school and that we want to work in partnership with families.</p> <p>Please let us know if you would like to talk to someone about supporting your child's learning or any other concerns. Emails or telephone calls are also possible if that fits your working hours better.</p> <p>If your child is feeling anxious or worried and you suspect that they have not spoken to anybody at school, please do make an appointment with the class teacher or head teacher.</p>

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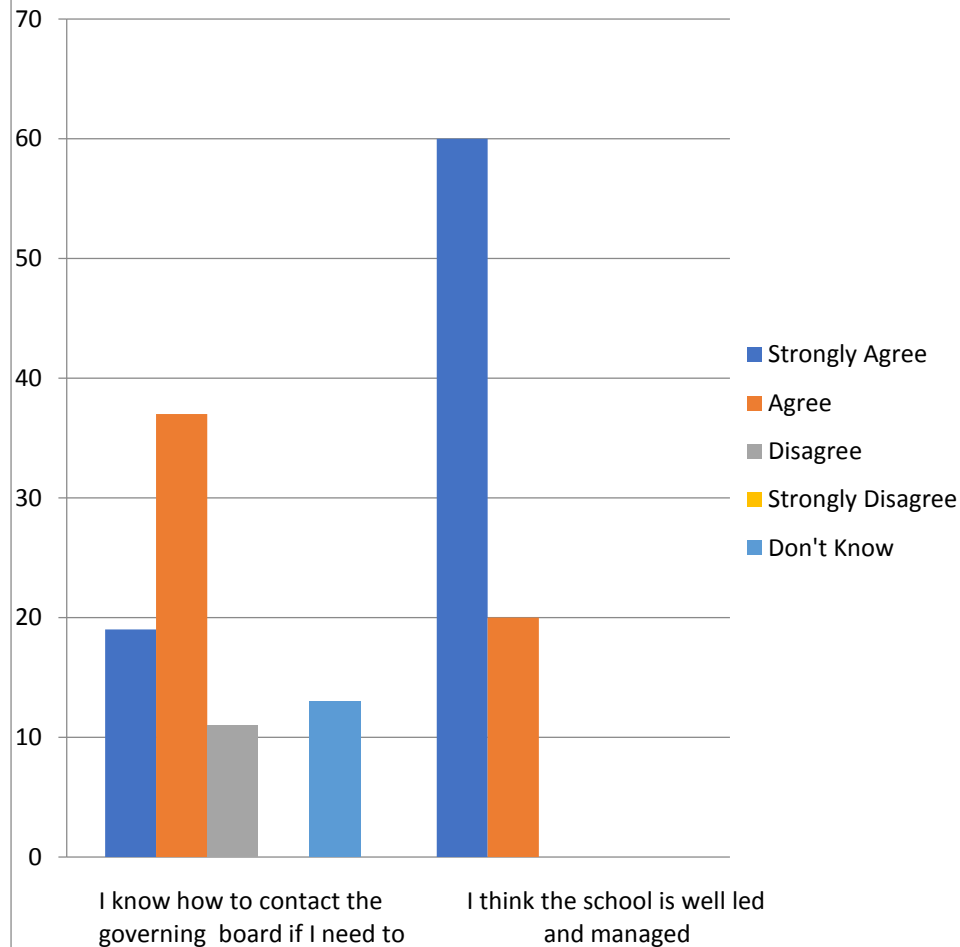


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<p><i>"it is a very open , warm, welcoming school which gives children a fantastic start in life".</i></p> <p><i>"The welcome her and her little brother received was exceptional".</i></p> <p><i>"Really lovely little school which is welcoming and nurturing".</i></p>	<p>Thank you for your positive comments on how welcoming the school is. We do appreciate your thoughts.</p> <p>Our 'FRIENDS' of Banks Road organise fantastic out of school events to raise money for the school and are always looking for new members to join the committee. Do contact them!</p> <p>The governing board have a section on the school website. Please do take a look.</p> <p>The governing board has three core functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction - Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff - Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent <p>Our governing board is the key strategic decision-making body of our school. It is their role to set the school's strategic framework and to ensure all statutory duties are met.</p>

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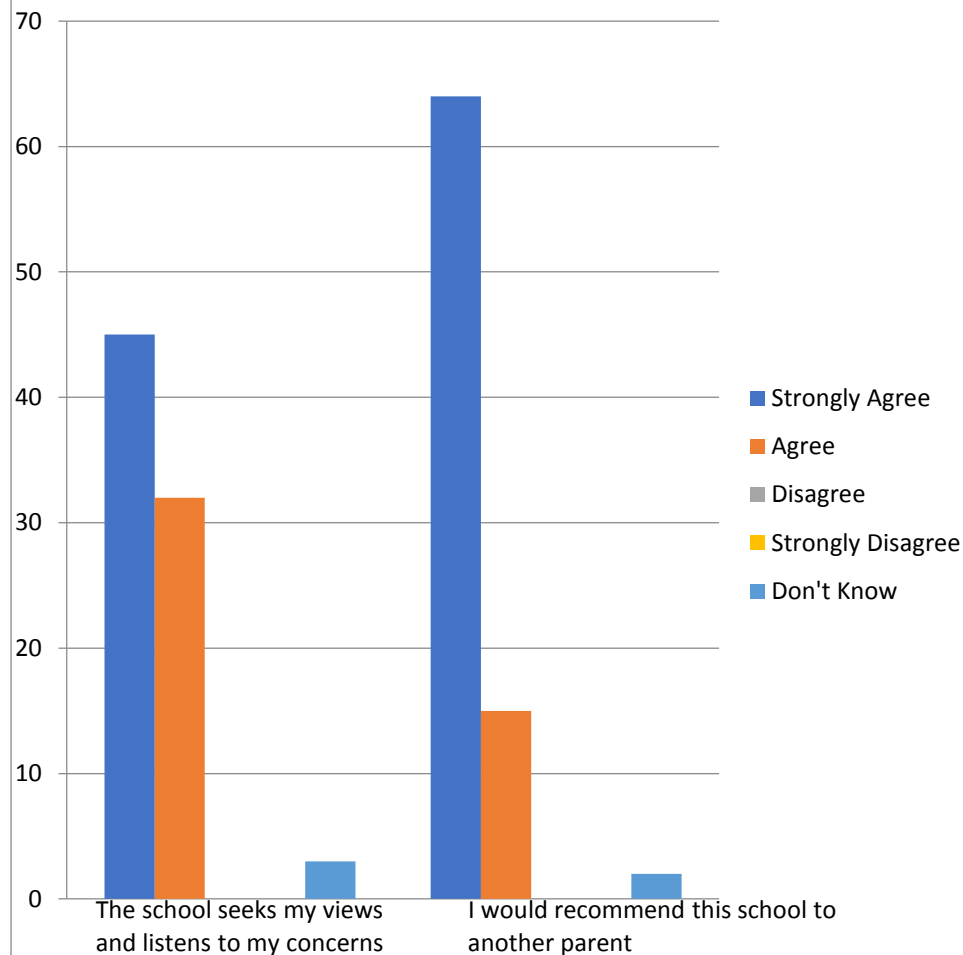


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<i>"I'm sure I could find out who to contact if I needed to"</i>	An initial introduction to the members of our Governing Board can be found on the school website under 'Governors'. Governing boards perform a critical role in school leadership. The Government's ambition is "that every school has a high performing governing board that understands its responsibilities and focuses on its core strategic functions; one that is made up of people with relevant skills and experience; and one which operates efficiently and effectively through appropriate structures and procedures". We have a dynamic governing board who understands its responsibilities and is focussed on driving up school and pupil performance.

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<i>"I truly believe he is attending the best school in the county and I will be so sad when he has to leave you. I know he will too."</i> <i>"In my opinion the staff at Banks Road get it spot on!"</i> <i>"We are really pleased with the schools and staff".</i> <i>"Lovely school. Brilliant staff!"</i> <i>"Such a lovely school".</i> <i>"Keep up all your amazing work – it has definitely advantaged my daughter".</i> <i>"Banks Road is a lovely welcoming school and the children and staff seem to be happy too!"</i>	<p>Staff and Governors at Banks Road are committed to maintaining a positive partnership with parents.</p> <p>Thank you for all your wonderful comments.</p> <p>WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR SCHOOL AND GLAD THAT YOU ARE TOO</p> 