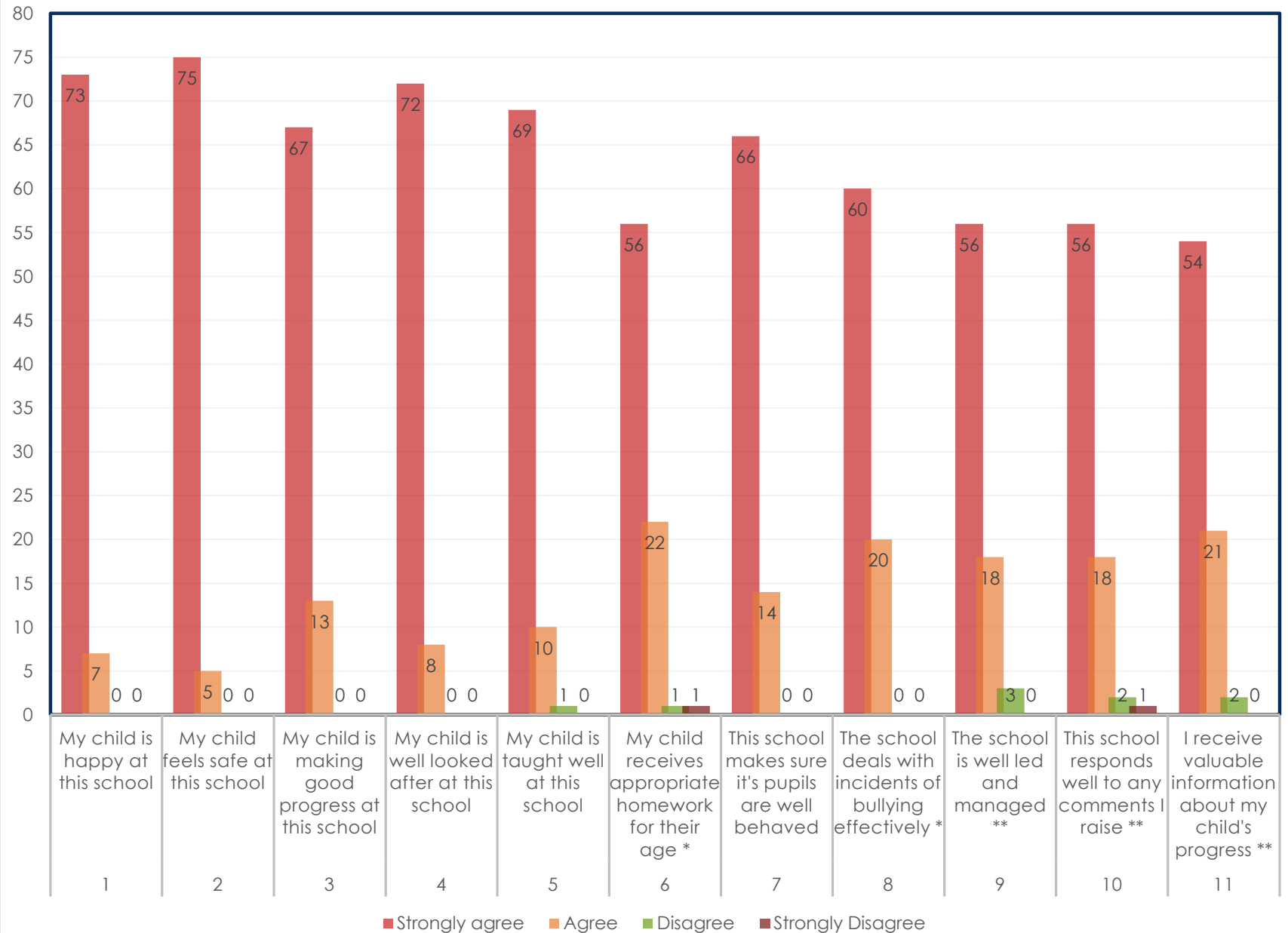


Ellenbrook Parent Questionnaire 2015



Parents comments

- We are delighted with the progress that ___ has made and we are very grateful to Miss Bradley and the teaching assistants for their dedication and commitment. The little extras such as the beach day, the trip to the farm, the bear hunt, the Chill Factor etc., are much appreciated. Well done to the whole school, you're keeping up your high standards.
- Very happy with the school and the standards of teaching that my son receives!
- ___ has excelled within his time in reception. I could not have asked for more support, patience and communication from the staff in reception. I am more than pleased with the school and overall basis.
- My children love coming to school which is very important to both myself and their father. I have watched them both grow and develop over the years due to the nurturing and caring approach from Mrs Baird and Mrs McCarthy Stott. A huge thank you to them both.
- Ellenbrook is a brilliant school with great staff. It will always attract jealousy from other schools due to its sporting and academic success! Excellent school and teaching staff.
- I feel fortunate that my children have a wonderful and nurturing education. I could not ask for more.
- Another fantastic year at Ellenbrook. We love the school and how our child is progressing. Our youngest starts in September and we can't wait for her to have the same excellent learning opportunities as her sister. Thank you to all staff for their hard work, whoever we approach around school is always friendly and helpful. Our extended family (grandparents etc.) love the fact they too feel included in all the school events. Very happy to be part of Ellenbrook.



- It would be really helpful if when Maths homework is set that the teacher sets the questions or gives an indication on how many questions are appropriate. As a parent I feel I have spent a large amount of time setting Maths homework questions and have not been sure if they have been set at the appropriate level for my child.
- I feel that receiving the end of year report the day before the end of term does not give enough time for parents to read it fully or complete feedback forms as thoroughly as they might like to.
- More time to read end of year report and time to complete forms would be appreciated next year.
- I would like more information on his progress in school and if there are additional things we can do to help / support his school work.

- We would like better communication from the school regarding next steps / targets that we can work on with ____ at home. We would like greater clarity as to ____ progress rather than a general 'everything's fine' at parents evening. ____ attends the breakfast and after school club and this has been excellent. The support staff have been very supportive of ____.
- Ellenbrook is a wonderful school and has remained so over the last 19 or so years. I would thoroughly recommend it. The only slight niggle I have is the short notice of impending events. I appreciate the school may have notified parents at the start of term but as family's have very busy lives a reminder with a week's notice would be helpful and remove some stress.
- My only comment would be around communication. This year there have been times when short notice has been given for events and this has made it hard to attend and support the event especially when the event is during the day. Aside from this I still think Ellenbrook is an amazing school - run well by a competent Head and super teachers.



Head teacher's response

Thank you for all of your feedback. We always appreciate kind words and it is good to know that so many parents are happy with our school.

We sometimes have to arrange events at short notice because of the weather or to take advantage of free offers etc. but we have taken note of your suggestions and will endeavour to give as much advance notice as possible for outings and special events. We have adopted a paperless approach to communication. This has taken time to embed and we found many parents accidentally unsubscribing to emails. Please check our new website noticeboard as well as subscribing to Mail Chimp. We will continue to seek solutions and send as many reminders as possible.

The Annual Reports format has been changing, in order to keep in line with Government developments. We realise that, in the EYFS, this gave too broad a view and led to a lack of clarity around exactly which objectives the children have met. We are working on this issue and we will do our best to hand the reports out in time for parents to arrange a further meeting if they so wish.

Homework is always a topic for discussion, some parents would like more and some would like less. We try to keep a flexible, open ended, approach with emphasis on weekly reading, spelling and times tables. All other tasks are child led, and children (and their parents), contribute as much or little time as they can. Please check out the school blog and if you have any questions or concerns, remember we have an open door policy and you are more than welcome to come and talk to us.

Mrs Parkins, Head teacher