

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY 2023/24

FINDINGS

20.05.2024



SURVEY DETAILS

Objective:

To gather parents' opinions on how their children feel at school, how the school is run and overall what they see the school doing very well and the improvements they feel are needed.

To assess progress on some key measures versus last run annual survey in May 2022

A short survey was sent to all school parents and carers.

Responses were collected from 19th April to 17th May 2024



- **107 people responded**
- 50% of respondents have a child/children in Reception or KS1
- 68% in KS2 only
- 21% in KS1 and KS2



KEY TAKE OUTS

- Out of 16 statements there are 10 with **90% or over level of agreement**. Those statements are:
 1. The school is well led and managed (96%)
 2. The school teaches my child to respect people from different races, backgrounds and religions (96%)
 3. The school supports my child's spiritual development (96%)
 4. The school encourages me to be more involved in school activities (96%)
 5. My child is safe at school (96%)
 6. My child is happy at school (95%)
 7. My child is making good progress at school (94%)
 8. The school helps my child develop good learning habits & skills and to try his/her best (93%)
 9. The school offers my child a broad and engaging curriculum (90%)
 10. My child is encouraged to embrace challenges (90%)
- The statements with the **highest level of disagreement (~1 in 10 parents) are:**
 1. The school keeps me well informed of my child's progress (16%)
 2. My child has plenty of opportunities to develop his/her talents (14%)
 3. My child is helped and supported to be the best he/she can be (12%)
 4. The school works in partnership with parents to better support children's development (11%)



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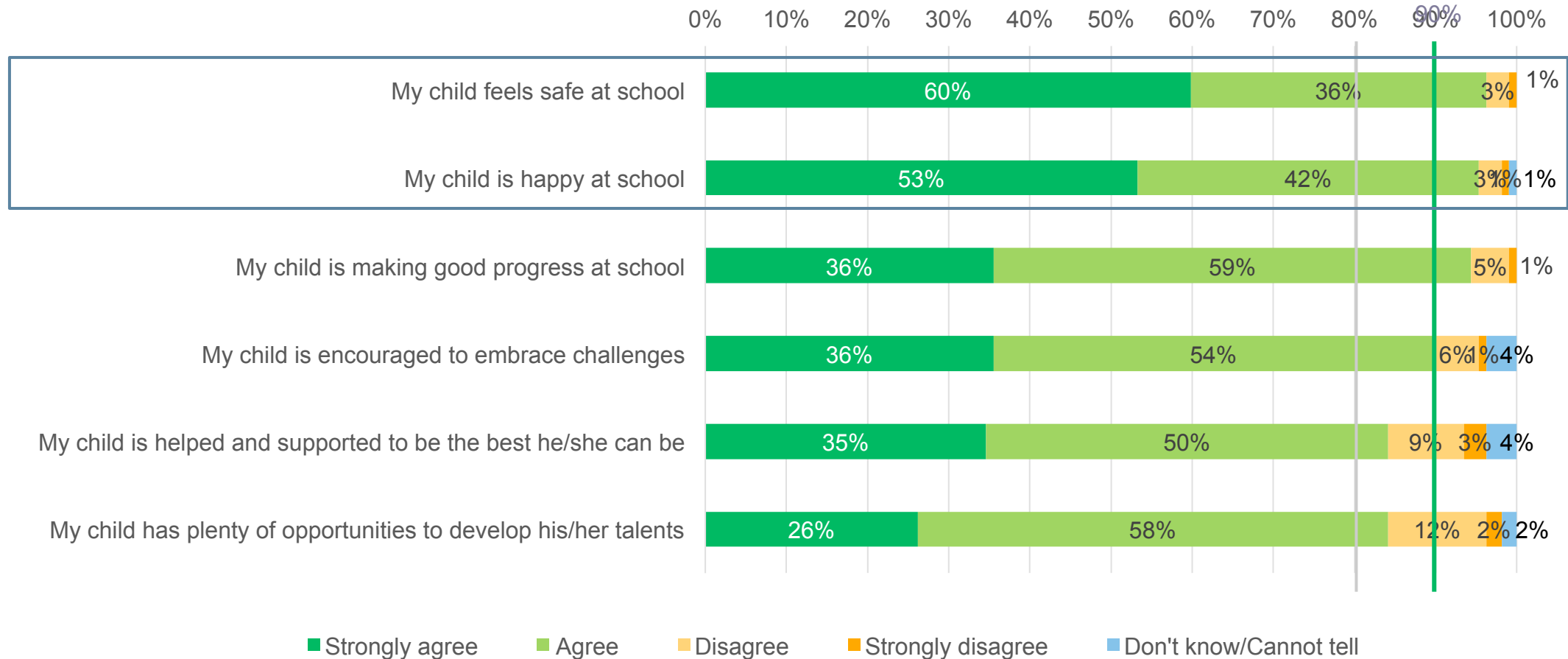
- The statement with the **highest lack of knowledge (22%)** is ‘**The school deals effectively with bullying, harassment and racism when they happen**’, which may indicate low incidence of those situations.
- Parents and carers recognise **numerous strengths** in the school with the ones with the most mentions are: 1) the positive environment, which is kind, supportive, nurturing, caring, loving, friendly, safe; 2) the community/family feel; 3) good, caring teachers and 4) its values and catholic ethos.
- The main **improvement suggestions** are to stretch the more able children, to offer more sports opportunities and events, to communicate more and better to parents, to provide more progress updates, and to increase the children’s exposure to music and musical activities
- Overall, **96%** of parents and carers are **likely or very likely to recommend** St Agatha’s school to others.



MY CHILD AT SCHOOL

Almost all parents and carers agree that their children **feel safe** and **are happy** at school. All statements have a top 2 box agreement over 80%.

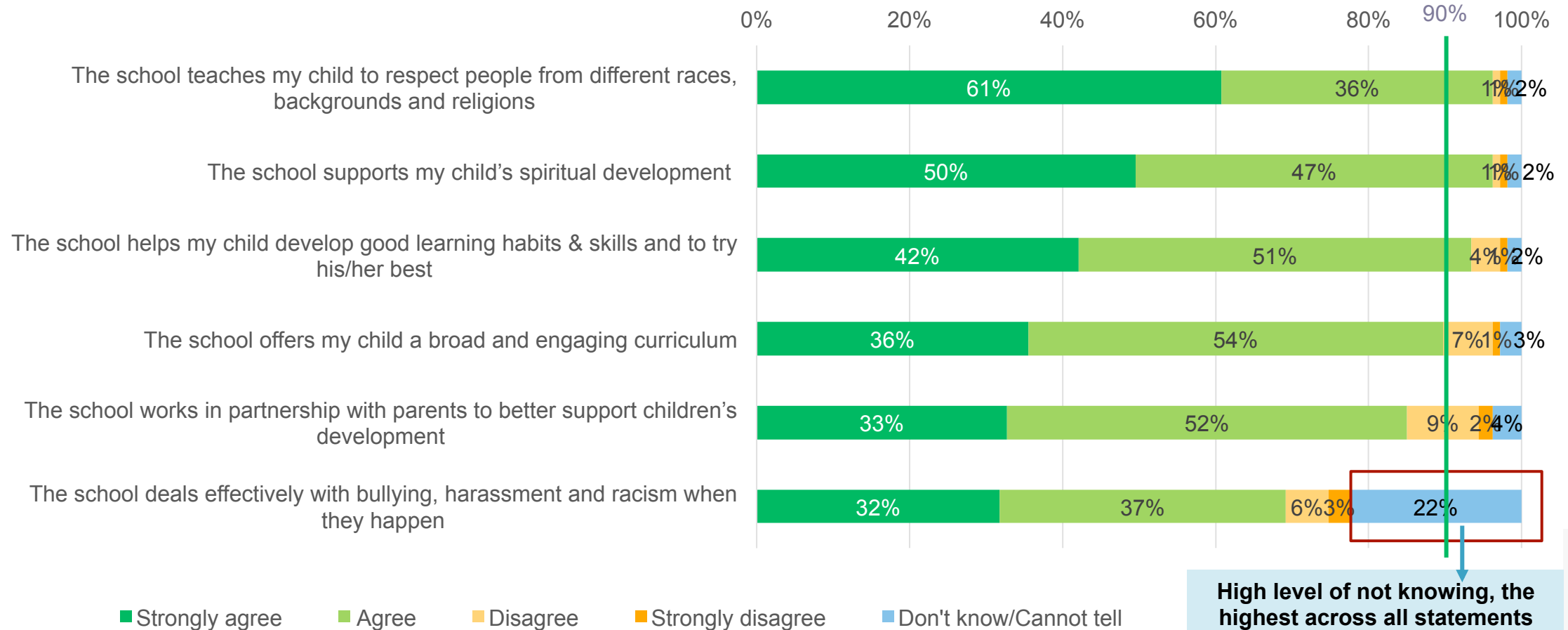
Please state your level of agreement with the following statements related to **your child experiences at school**



THE SCHOOL

High scores on the statements related to key areas the school focuses on. Considerable lack of knowledge about how well the school deals with bullying, harassment and racism. There is **scope to improve on the partnership with parents** to support children's development.

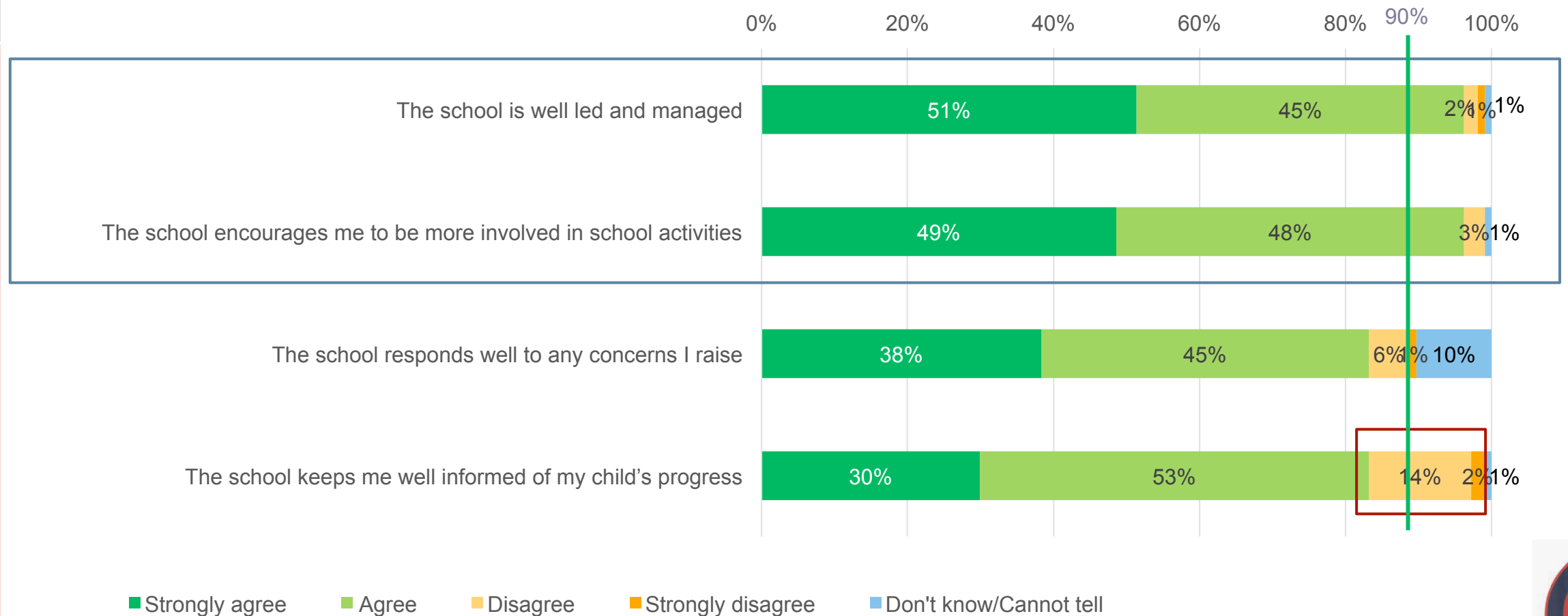
Please state your level of agreement with the following statements related to some specific school areas



RUNNING OF THE SCHOOL

96% of parents/carers think the school is well led and managed. The area with the highest level of disagreement across all statements in the survey is on being well informed on my child's progress.

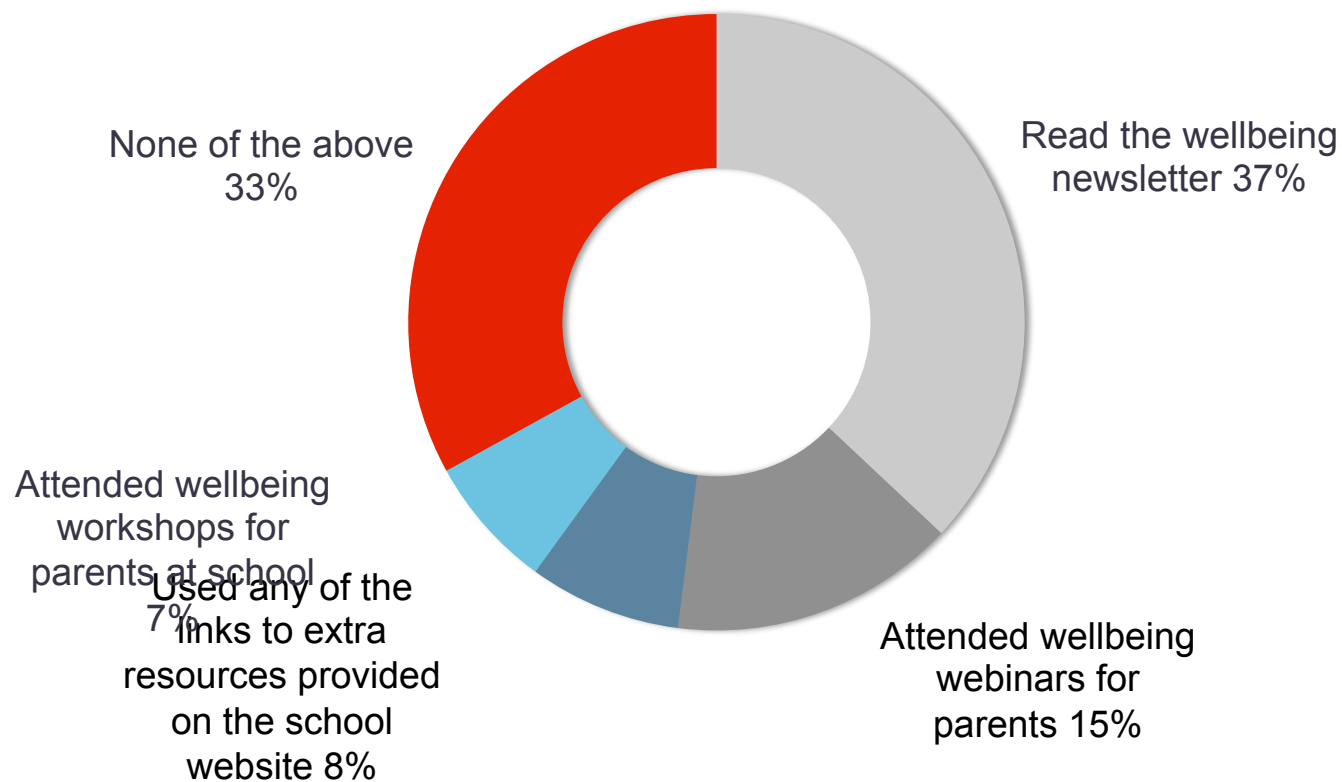
Please state your level of agreement with the following statements related to how the school is run



EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

7 out of 10 parents & carers have used some of the resources the school made available to them. The wellbeing newsletter is clearly a good channel to inform parents on wellbeing activities and resources.

In the last two years the school has doubled its effort to support children and families on emotional health and wellbeing. Please let us know if you have used any of the resources listed below



Experience using the **emotional health & wellbeing resources** and **suggestions provided**

- **Helpful** -> esp. the newsletter and the online webinar by Serena
- **Good content, informative**

With numerous mentions

Suggestions:

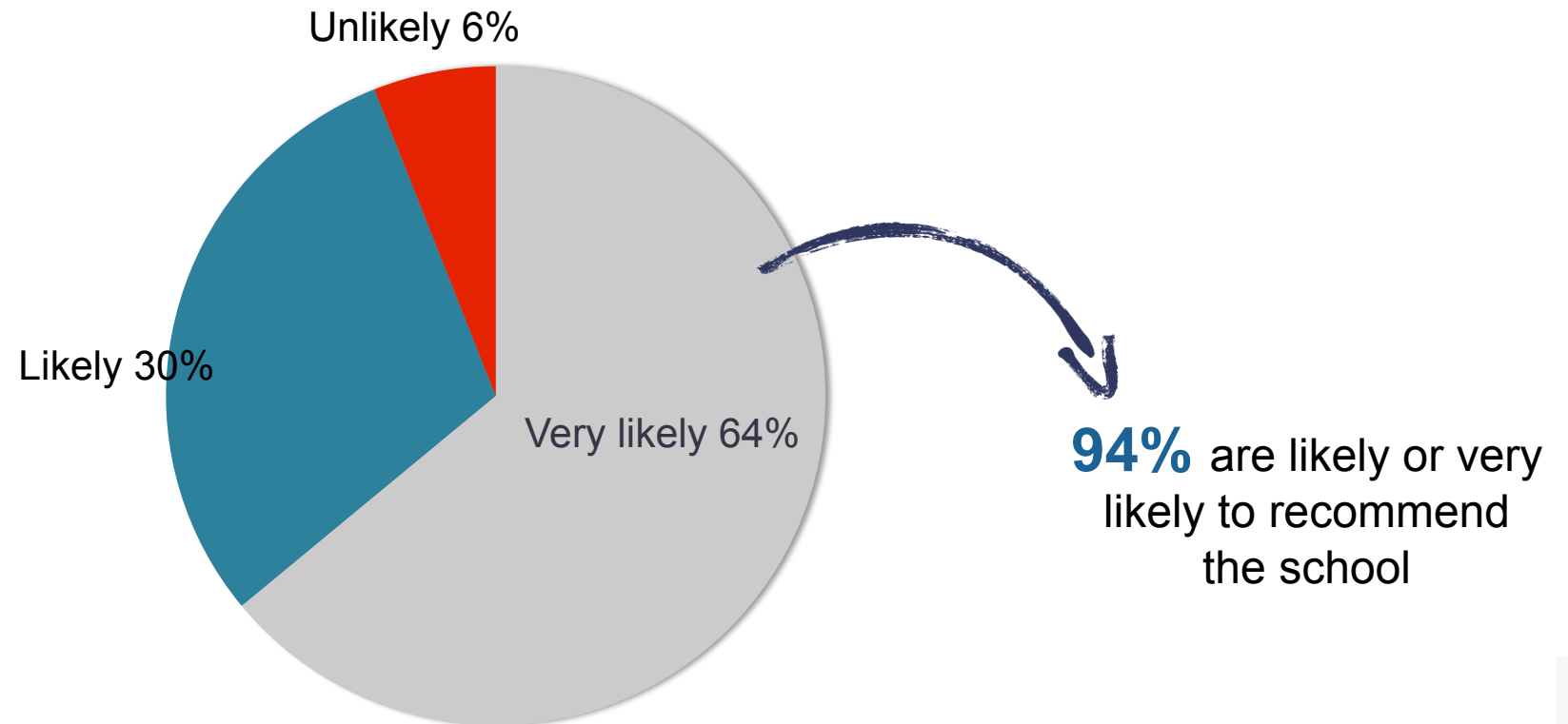
- Zoom sessions in the evening/outside school hours > better communication about them
- Mindfulness sessions at school
- Support with friendships and conflict resolution
- 1-1 consultations
- Better addressing bullying at school
- Organising discussion groups with parents, facilitate parents' connections
- Help children with anxiety
- Kinder ways with children by some staff



LIKELIHOOD TO RECOMMEND THE SCHOOL

St Agatha's is a school that **the big majority of parents & carers** are likely or very likely to recommend to others.

Overall, how likely are you to recommend the school to others?



School's strengths

- **Positive environment** -> kind, supportive, nurturing, caring, loving, friendly, safe
- **Community/family feel**
- **Good, caring teachers**
- **Values & catholic ethos**
- **Good leadership** -> incl. Headteacher available, dedicated, highly involved
- **Inclusive & welcoming**
- **Children are happy**
- **Good communication with parents**
- **Diverse activities that provide different experiences**
- **Involves & supports parents**
- **Spiritual support**
- Well managed and organised
- Academic focus, achieves good results
- Focus on wellbeing
- Makes learning fun
- Brings outside specialists
- ELSA team
- Active PSA

**With
numerous
mentions**

*most mentioned
in red*



Improvement suggestions – 1 out of 2

- More challenge to more able children
- More sports opportunities/events
- More/better communication to parents
- More progress updates
- **More/ better musical activities** and arts & drama, esp for those children that are not academic or sporty
- Additional school trips
- Facilities, esp girls' toilets
- More resources and extra support to teachers
- School meals

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several
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Other improvement suggestions – 2 out of 2

- Additional tuition in language and maths
- Make learning fun, esp. in maths, English and science
- Reports of friendship issues early
- More homework to consolidate learning at school
- Deal better to disruptive behaviour at school
- Language lessons by a specialist teacher, not class teacher
- Homework system is confusing
- More afterschool clubs



Comments from parents – 1 out of 2

- *My child is very happy with St Agatha. Everyday, she is sharing what they are learning from school. I am impressed with how the school is making use of technology to incorporate teaching students. She now loves answering times table because of the maths app.*
- *Very welcoming environment, friendly parents and staff, good communication, many organised events for the children, seems a lot of emphasis on academic achievements, not sure where this sits compared to other schools.*
- *I chose the nursery for my daughter because I got the warm and fuzzy feeling that she would be happy there. It is for this same reason that I am sending her up to reception. She is so happy at school and it's lovely to see how much the nursery team in particular care about the children.*
- *Good community, well run, good clubs, daily mile, activities and trips, fundraising for the school, nice staff, happy children.*
- *Approachable and fantastic head / leadership team. Strong sense of community. Lots of opportunity for parents to come into school. Lots of fun activities for children to get involved in.*
- *Kind and devoted headteacher. This echoes in the rest of the staff and teachers. Kids feel safe and happy.*
- *Website enhanced a lot, more organized and accessible.*
- *Serena's session was extremely useful - she's a great resource for the school.*
- *It's really helpful to use the links related to emotional health at school website because children are growing up and facing challenges everywhere they go so they need to know how to face it positively. The school helps us to use different strategies to deal with challenging behaviour through the wellbeing workshops.*



Comments from parents – 2 out of 2

- *The school is very good at offering advice, sign posting and running workshops for parents in need of structure and support.*
- *Very good at supporting children, very kind and always teaching exceptional morals.*
- *The school is particularly strong in curiosity, love of learning.*
- *On the whole the children are well behaved and respectful. My child has already felt safe and secure within school.*
- *The teachers are so hardworking and really do care about the pupils.*
- *I understand it is difficult with limited budget but additional support staff to help teachers and children who require additional attention, especially for those classes who have several children with a variety of additional needs (be that behaviourally, emotionally, academically).*
- *Would be great if there's something like a platform which teachers and parents can interact, information can be posted up there which parents can check instead of asking class rep all the time. If there is a way to let parents be a bit more updated about kids' progress will be fantastic.*
- *More challenges for the more able academically. Some additional school trips would be nice. Also if possible attendance at more sporting events.*
- *I still find the homework system a bit confusing. Facilities e.g toilets need to be updated.*
- *A bit more communication on individual child's feedback. Maybe one more parent teacher meeting as two per year can seem bit sparse, however I fully appreciate the strain on teachers' time.*

