

**Tenbury C E Primary Academy**

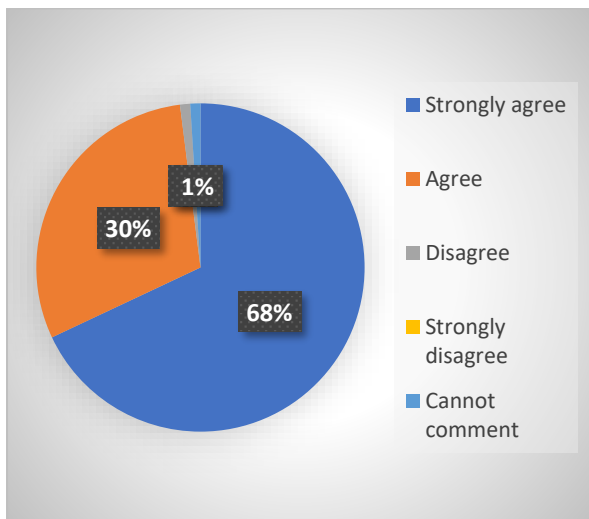


**Parents Evening Questionnaire (112 responses)**

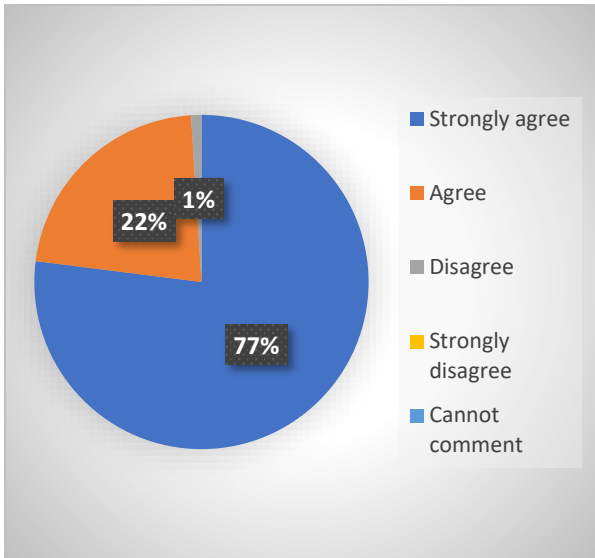
**20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Governor and School Response to the Parental Questionnaire 2024**

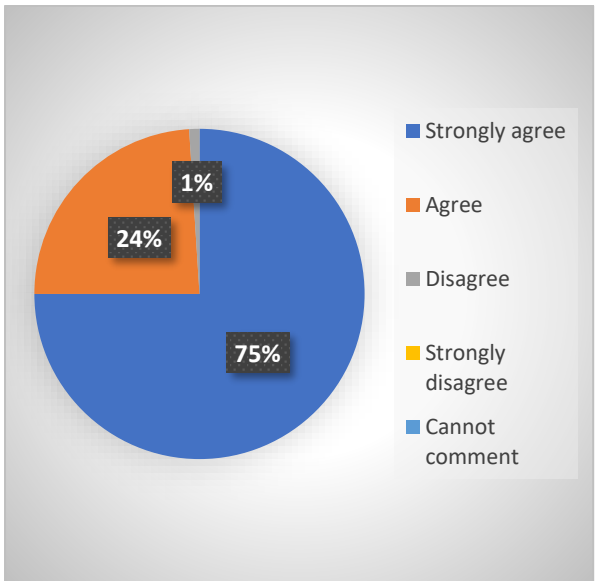
Many thanks to all parents and carers who completed the questionnaire at Parents' Evening – your views are always important to us and help shape the direction of our school in the future. For example, it was following suggestions in this questionnaire previously that we increased the times of our wrap-around childcare from 7.30am – 5.30pm to support those parents who needed it. This year we had a total of 112 completed forms (which is the highest response ever!) which have now been collated – 1% represents one person due to rounding. The overwhelming feedback from the vast majority of parents was extremely positive and we are delighted that our school community continues to recognise the many strengths of the school and the efforts of our wonderful school staff.



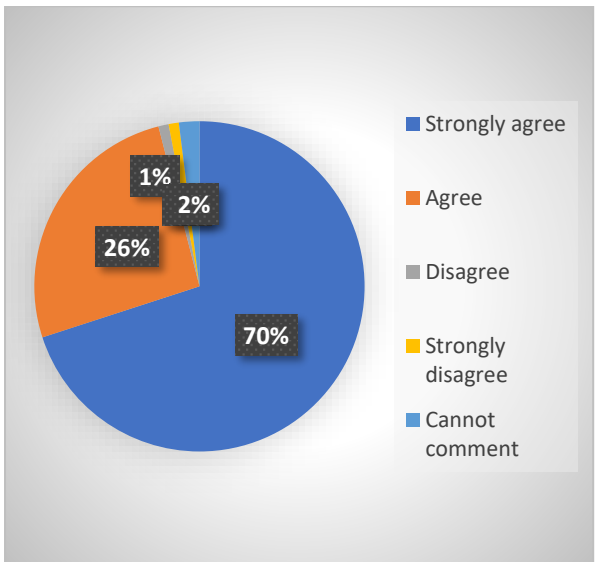
My child is happy at school



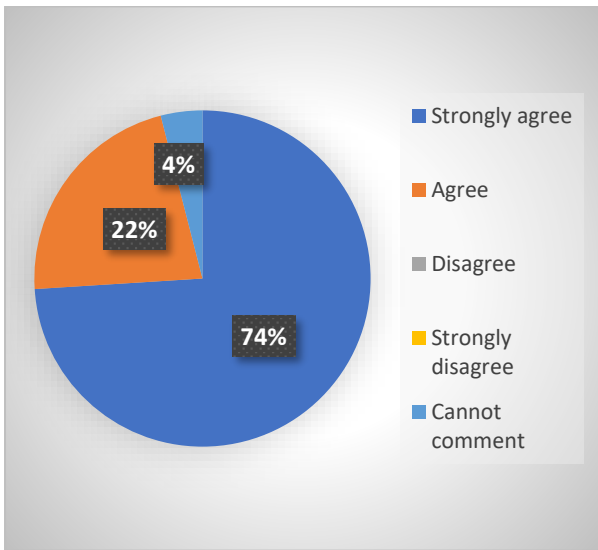
My child feels safe at school



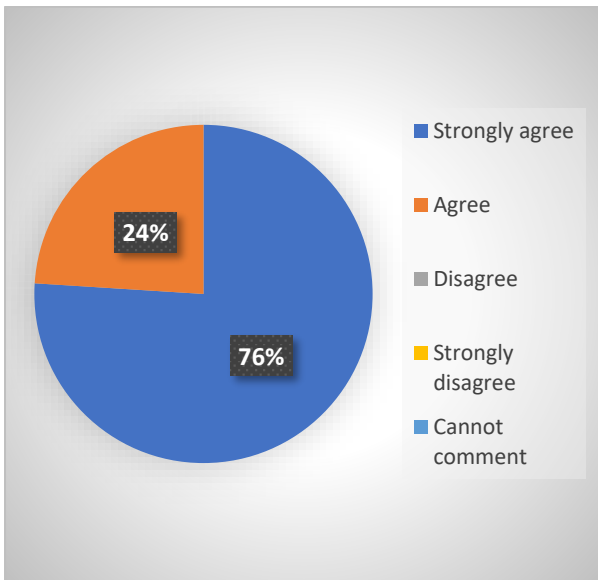
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem



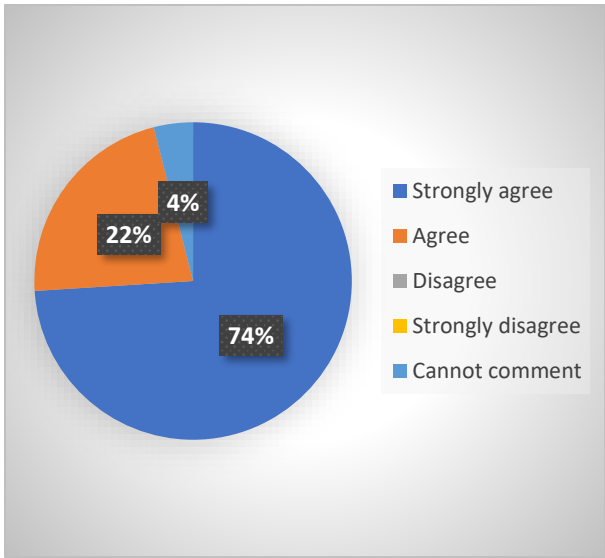
Communication between school and home is good.



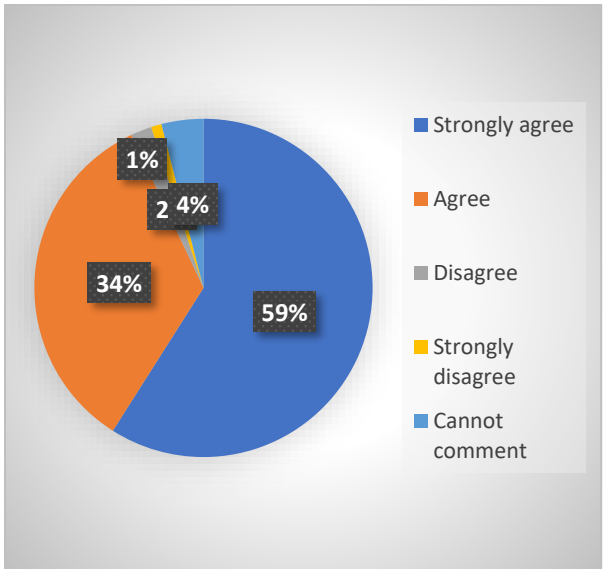
The school reflects Christian values in its ethos & practices.



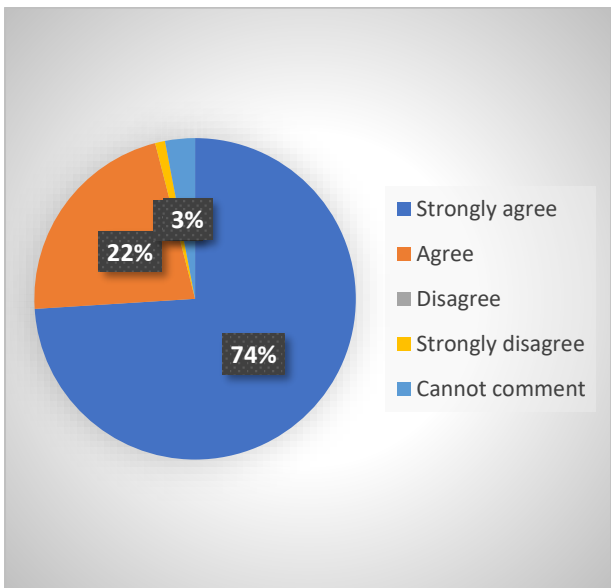
The school encourages good behaviour and attitudes.



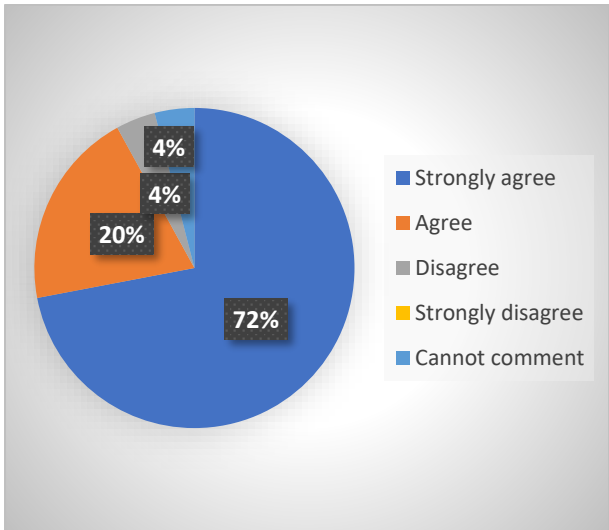
The school takes online safety very seriously.



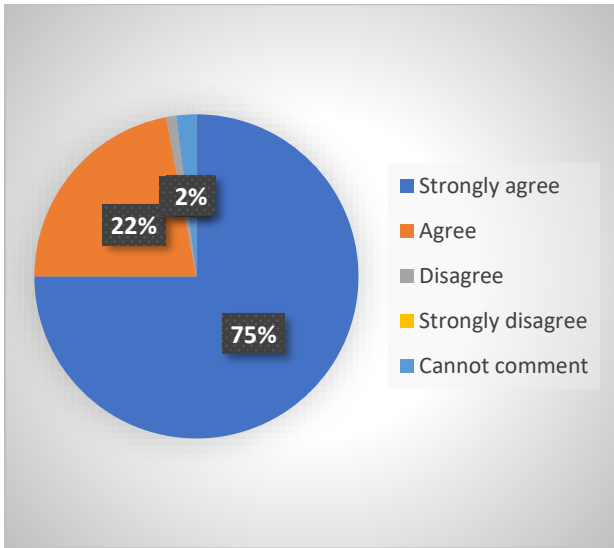
The school provides suitable homework.



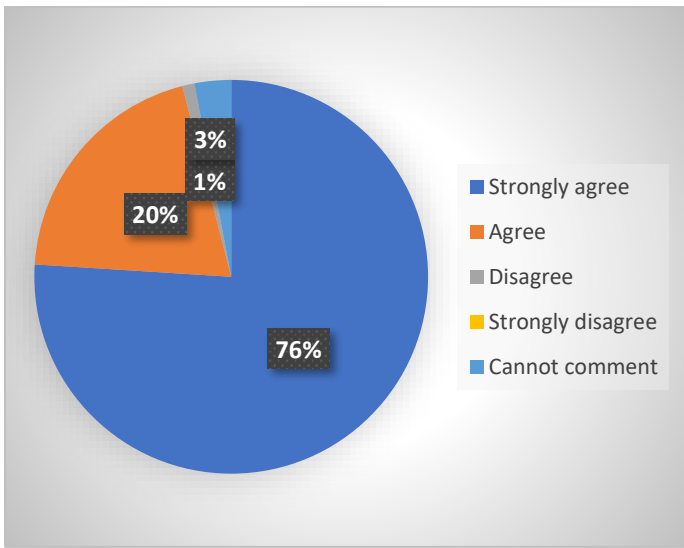
My child is making good progress.



There is a good range of activities for my child to take part in.



The school is well-led and managed.



I would recommend this school to another parent.

Your feedback, once again, really does reflect our school Christian value statement:

**'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up'**

These are some of the comments (abbreviated) from the questionnaires (the number in brackets shows how many times it was mentioned):

- Cannot fault the school.
- Lovely atmosphere
- Nursery path needs sorting.
- Would like a school crossing on the Bromyard Road. (2)
- More work around diversity needed.
- Would like forest schools for KS2.
- Would love more forests schools but understand this requires funding.
- Absolutely 5 star!
- Always great support for me and my children.
- Would like a breakdown of class timetable to know what they are doing and how they work.
- Would like a class reward scheme.
- ..... loves to come to school and loves learning.
- Great quality of teaching and nurturing.
- ..... is making great progress and loves school. Enthusiastic about homework which is pitched just right.
- Perhaps more after school choices such as sport, music, or languages.
- Would like more sports after school. Very few if any fixtures.
- Difficult to balance homework with family time and other external activities.
- Nursery. Would love to see more pictures of what my child has been doing.
- Would like more notice about events as its difficult to organise with a few weeks' notice.
- Regarding school dinners. If missed days, then would like payment in cash which is frustrating.
- Our child is very happy at school and the school network is very supportive.
- Can it be managed so that every pupil in the class gets "Pupil of the week "at least once a year.
- Regarding the question about Christian ethos. It could be better, but I don't see much.

Your views are always very important to us and we will always try and take suggestions on board where possible:

One parent commented that they would have liked more after school clubs linked to sport, music or languages and two parents commented they would like Forest School for KS2 pupils:

We would totally agree with all of these statements – the barrier to this is primarily money! We simply do not have the funding to provide Forest School for the older pupils. Although all children have both music and art in the curriculum for their year group every year, and KS2 children have French lessons, as we follow the National Curriculum, there is no funding in the school budget for After School Clubs. We always run sports clubs throughout the year which are led by either our Sports Coach, Mr Jones, or our class teachers. Our teachers have also run clubs such as Computing, Lego, Chess and Dominoes. We are incredibly fortunate that our teachers are willing to give up their time in this way, as it means that all clubs are excellent quality and free and, therefore, accessible to all.

We also offer clubs from external providers when they are available (e.g. the current Dance Club on Thursdays). Although most clubs are aimed at KS2 pupils, our younger pupils are always able to attend the childcare After School Club, which has a range of fun activities every day.

One parent commented they would like more sporting fixtures. We totally agree! Since the pandemic, the number of sporting fixtures available to us in Worcestershire seems to have dropped significantly. We always try and join in anything that is offered to us and also now have links to some tournaments involving Shropshire schools, through our partnership with the Sports Coach and Shrewsbury Town Football Club. If you are aware of any sporting tournaments (which are not too far away for practical purposes), please let us know!

Homework is always the most contentious area! As you can see, one parent stated it was difficult to balance homework with family time and external activities, whereas one parent felt it was pitched just right. As a school, we follow the Department of Education guidelines for the amount of homework set. Any computer-based homework in KS1 is generally in the form of games and activities to make learning fun and Times Tables Rockstars for KS2 pupils is another way of making learning those times tables more interesting. If parents/carers ever feel their child is not coping with their homework, please see your child's class teacher and we will try and discuss ways forward together.

One parent commented they would like a breakdown of a class timetable to know what their child was doing. This is not a problem – simply ask your child's class teacher and they will be happy to give you a copy of the timetable. As far as the curriculum is concerned, all teachers write a weekly newsletter, outlining what the children have been learning in different subject areas that week. This is posted in Google Classroom and put on the class section of the school website – I would encourage all parents to read these, as they are a valuable insight into your child's week.

One parent commented they would like a class reward scheme. All of our classes have a reward scheme, all slightly different depending on the age of the children. If you would like to know more, please ask your child's class teacher. There is also an outline of these in our Behaviour Policy, which is accessible to all parents on our school website. One part of the reward scheme is 'Pupil of the Week'. One parent commented they would like every child to get this award at least once a year. We agree and all teachers keep a record of their pupils to try and ensure this happens. We are sorry if someone has missed out on this in error in the past!

One parent commented they would like to see more pictures of their child in Nursery. Mrs Price tries to upload photos to Google Classroom as often as she can, so we would encourage all Nursery parents to ensure they are logged on. We are aware that some private nurseries upload many photos during the day, however, as a school-based Nursery, we would rather our staff spend their time interacting with the children and supporting their learning.

One parent would like more notice about events as it's difficult to organise with a few weeks' notice. We appreciate that this is difficult for working parents and therefore try to give as much notice as possible. Much of the time, we do not know about events ourselves until a few weeks before (or even days occasionally!) but we will endeavour to try and give as much notice as possible. We are also now able to use the calendar function on the new website and would encourage parents to look at this and the weekly newsletter in order to see all upcoming dates.

One parent mentioned the path alongside Nursery. The path is currently the only way to access Nursery due to the building work. This is unfortunately unavoidable for obvious health and safety reasons but is a temporary measure. We should be back to normal by September with the path used for lunchtime access only. The path is the remit of Worcestershire County Council and Nursery parents have been given an online link if they wish to petition the council to make improvements.

Two parents mentioned they would like a crossing on the Bromyard Road. Again, this is a Worcestershire County Council issue, so we have passed this information on to the Highways Department for you.

One parent mentioned the 'School Money' system for school dinners. Generally, the system works really well. Parents simply need to book lunches up to midnight the day before and then pay online. If you miss the midnight deadline, we have agreed that parents can pay in cash on the day. If you don't want to do this, you could pay on the

online system for another day when your child is not having a lunch instead and then let Mrs Newall know in the office, so that Maria does not cook them a meal on the wrong day. Several of our parents already do this which works well. New parents joining our school have been very impressed with the system as, in previous schools, they have had to book lunches at least 2 weeks in advance!

One parent stated that more work around diversity was needed. We are not really sure what this means, so if that parent wants to come and have a chat with me further, that's absolutely fine. We try and provide opportunity within the curriculum to cover different religions and cultures and all subject plans have opportunities for global learning mapped out.

Finally, one parent stated that the Christian ethos 'could be better but they don't see much'. We were a little surprised by this comment as all parents had a copy of the SIAMS church inspection report in May last year, where we achieved the grade of 'Excellent' – the highest possible – for our Christian ethos. A copy of this report is also on our school website if anyone wanted to have another look. There is also lots of other information on our website about our Christian ethos and spirituality and how this is reflected in our daily practice. We have daily Christian worship (see Worship Policy on our website if you would like more information) and every half term we focus on a different Christian value. This is always publicised in the weekly newsletter and a Home-School values pdf uploaded to the website, with lots more detail about the value and things families could do at home if they wish. We also often upload worship videos to Google Classroom, so that you can see a little of what the children have been doing in school and also watch them together/enjoy them yourselves! We have a weekly lunchtime Prayer Club every Thursday and we also have church services at the end of each term and Reverend Lawrence from St. Mary's in Tenbury comes into school and leads worship too. Our school motto is, of course, 'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up' from Thessalonians in the New Testament. This is the foundation of everything we do and can be found in every classroom, to remind all children and staff what is at our core – just like the writing which runs through the middle of a stick of rock! It could be that the parents who couldn't comment are new parents in Nursery. If anyone is unsure about anything linked to our Christian ethos, please do not hesitate to ask.

*The results from the questionnaire are extremely positive and we will continue to tailor our approach with parental views in mind and are always open to more suggestions. We would like to thank all of those parents who took the time to complete the questionnaires and look forward to working in continuing partnership with you all in the future! As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you ever have any queries/concerns, no matter how small and thank you for your continued interest and support.*

**Mrs Phelps and Governors of Tenbury CE Primary Academy**

