



# Rowsley C of E Primary School

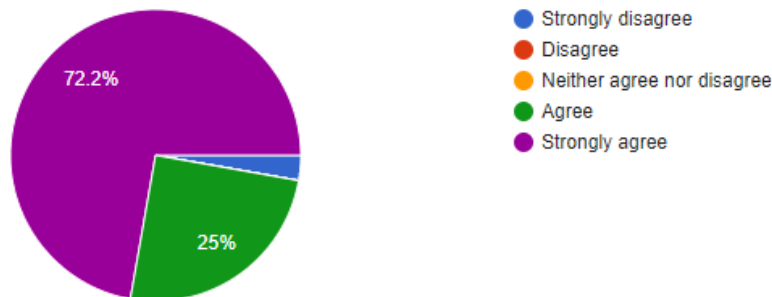
## Parent Survey - October 2021

### The Results:

Thank you very much to parents and carers for completing the questionnaire, and for your comments and responses about the education that we offer your child/ren. We had 36 responses and are pleased to present the results and our comments to you.

#### 1. My child is happy at this school

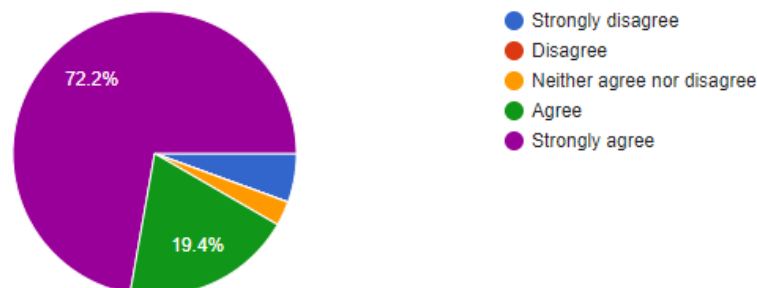
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97.5% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child is happy at our school. We would of course like 100% of our children to be happy. If your child is unhappy at school, please come and see your child's class teacher or myself and we will do our best to ensure they enjoy attending school.

#### 2. My child feels safe at this school

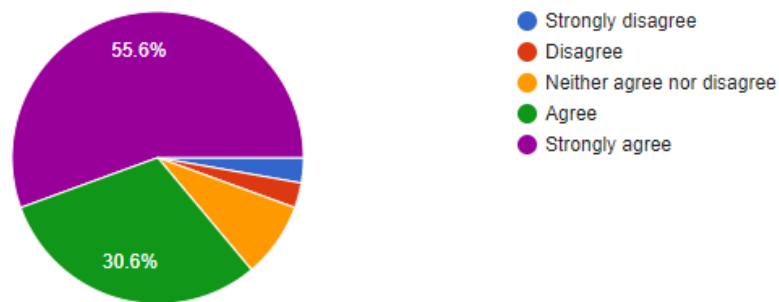
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You have told us that 92% of our children feel safe at school. For children to learn properly they need to feel safe. We will be asking our children safety questions and working with them to ensure that 100% of our pupils feel safe.

### 3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved

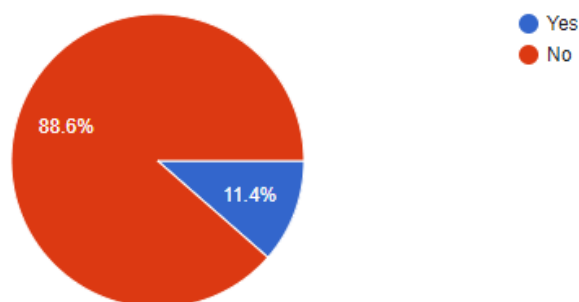
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86% of parent agree or strongly agree that we make sure our pupils are well behaved. Behaviour is very important to us and we have worked hard on our behaviour policy and behaviour management to ensure that all of our pupils behave well. We believe that behaviour at our school is very good and every effort goes into ensuring that no one's education is interrupted by poor behaviour. We will continue to work on our behaviour strategies and review our behaviour policy. This was last reviewed in May 2021.

### 4. My child has been bullied

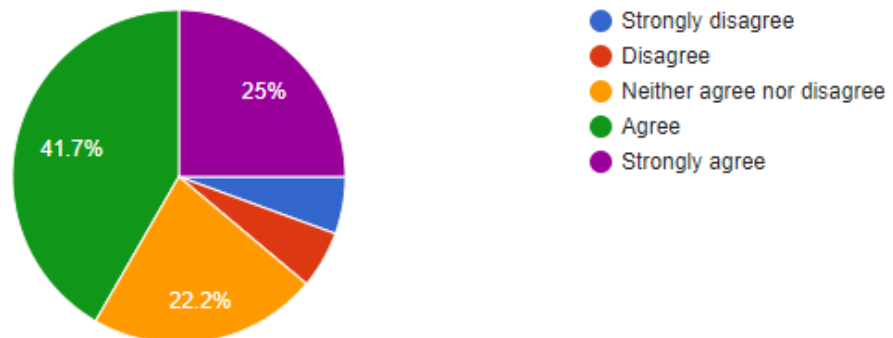
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We were very sorry to hear that four parents felt that their child had been bullied at school. However, we have had no reports of bullying within the last year. If you feel that your child is being bullied, we ask that you please come and tell us so that we can record and deal with it appropriately. Bullying of any sort will not be tolerated. Last week we joined in with anti-bullying week and the children took part in Collective Worship and activities at school to help them understand bullying and where the children can find help if they are experiencing bullying.

## 5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year

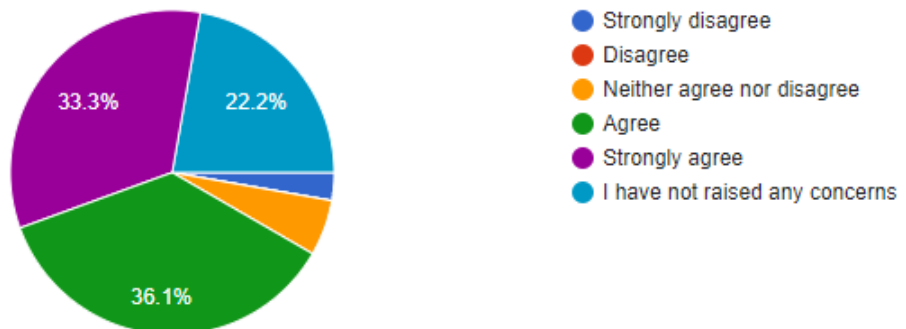
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Although the majority of parents felt that they were aware of what their child is learning in school, not all parents felt fully informed, therefore we will be making some changes. Each half term your child will be bringing home a Learning Map with their learning objectives for that half term. I have been including work from each class on the monthly newsletter and we will be using our class pages and social media account to document your children's work, whenever we can. If you would like specific information regarding the learning of your child, please ask your child's teacher. We have an open door policy. This means that you can speak to your child's teacher or myself, at the beginning or end of every day.

## 6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly

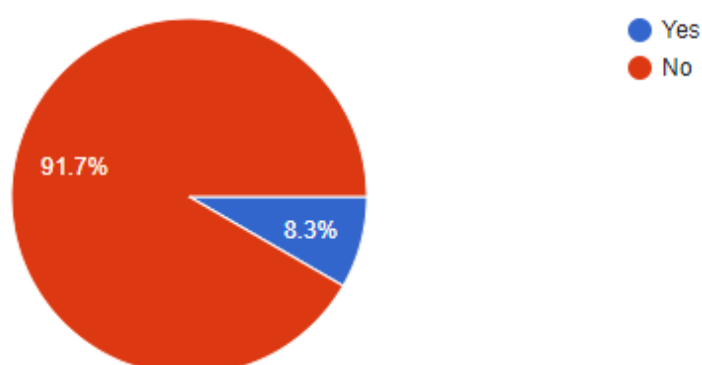
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I am pleased to hear that the vast majority of concerns that you have raised have been dealt with properly. If you feel that a concern you have raised has not been dealt with, please come and see myself or Mrs Hewitt. We will always take any concerns you have seriously. You can also contact our chair of governors to report any concerns you have that you feel have not been dealt with appropriately by school.

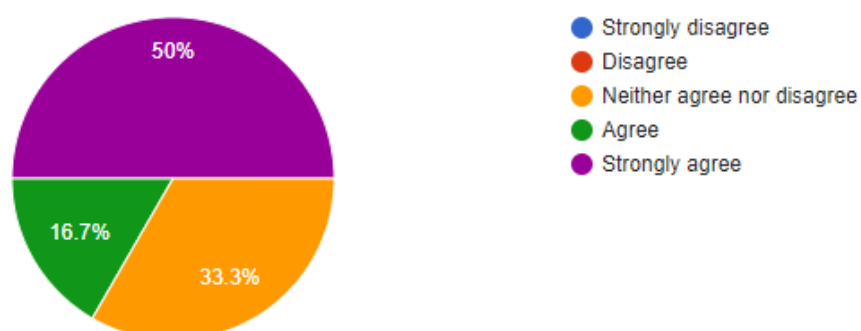
## 7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

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If answered yes to the above: My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

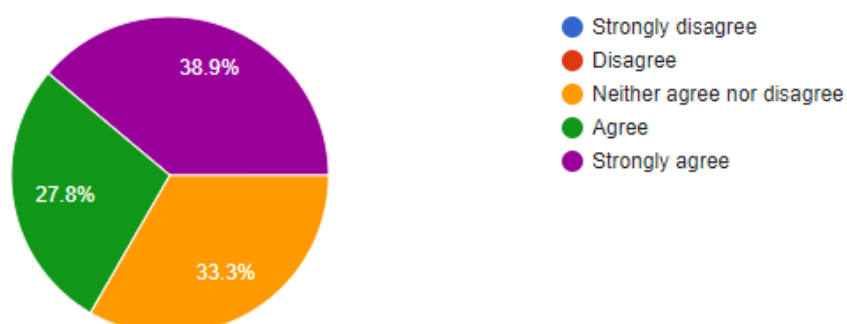
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Our school works extremely hard to ensure that all our pupils can thrive. If anyone would like more information on how we support your child's special educational needs, please speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

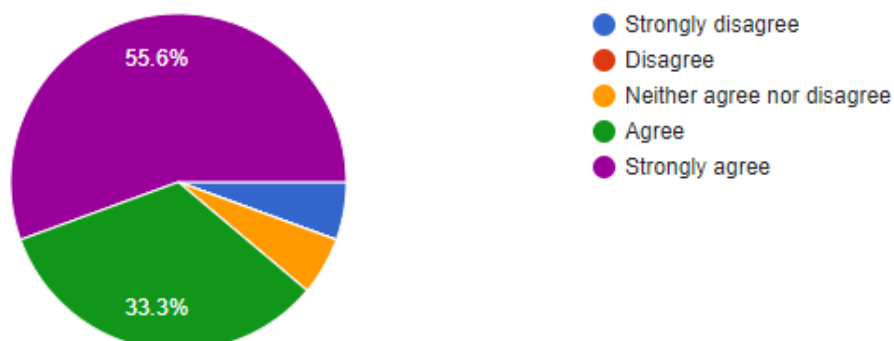
## 8. The school has high expectations of my child

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### 9. My child does well at this school

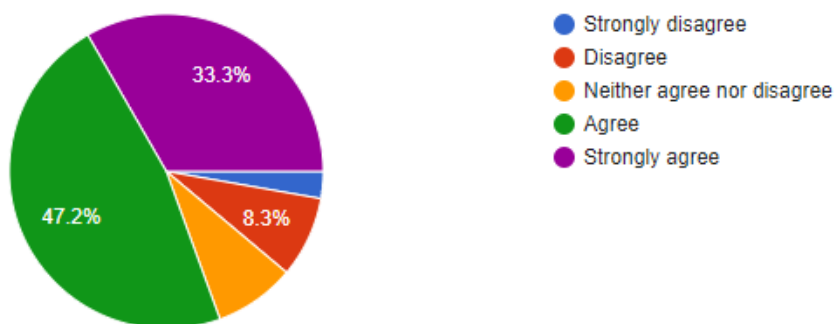
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We are glad that most parents agree that we have high expectations and that your child does well at our school. We continually strive to ensure that your children thrive whilst they are with us. We are currently working on ways to improve our curriculum to ensure that your children receive the very best education. This week we have discussed anti-bullying with your children, and the Year 5/6s have helped to rewrite our Anti-bullying policy. Expectations with their behaviour is continually referred to and refreshed when appropriate.

### 10. The school lets me know how my child is doing

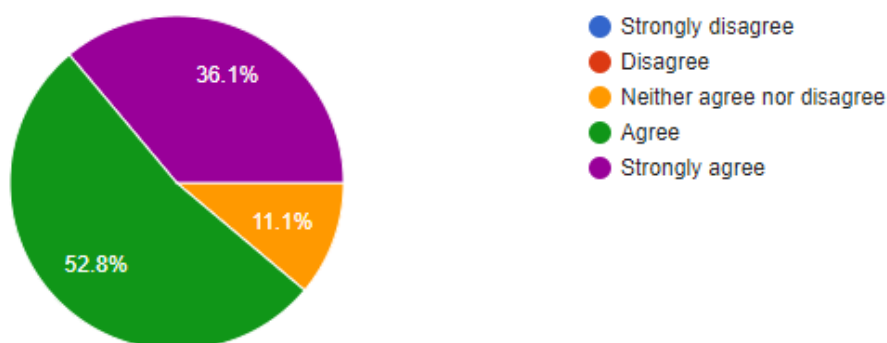
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81% of parents feel that school communicates well with you regarding your child's attainment and progress. We will continue to have parent's evenings twice a year and report writing at the end of the school year. We will not be increasing the frequency of these events but we will be happy to speak to you at any point during the year.

11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

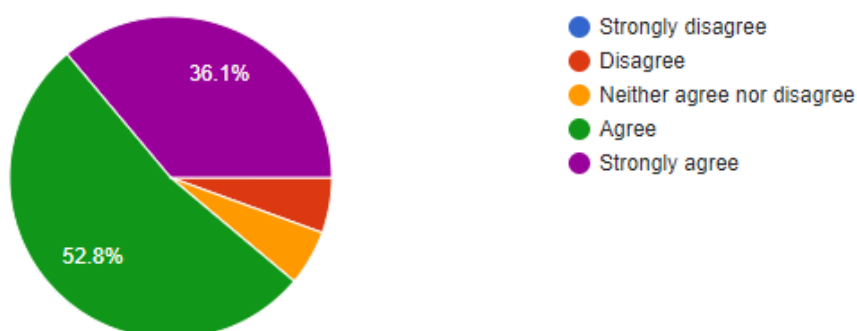
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For more information regarding the subjects that we teach in school, please see our school website. Information regarding each subject can be found under the 'Curriculum' page. Please be aware that these pages are a work in progress and there is not currently information on each subject. If you would like any more information on subjects we have not yet covered on the website, please ask the school office.

12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.

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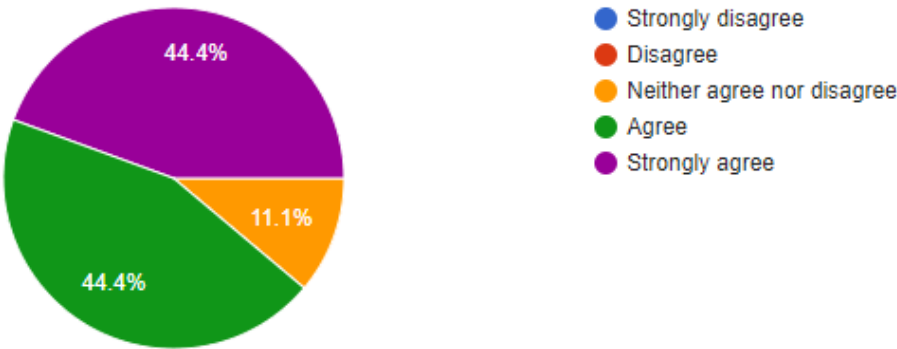
We are glad to hear that you are pleased with the range of activities offered. Pupils can get involved with a different sport each lunchtime and we offer an after school sport club on a Friday with Progressive Sports: this term's after school club is currently gymnastics and from January we will be offering 'Glow in the Dark Dodgeball.'

The Year 6s run an Art Club for all children on a Friday lunchtime and there is currently a Collective Worship and Newspaper Club open to KS2 pupils during lunchtimes.

Progressive Sports offer a morning club every day from 7:45am – 8:50am, there is also an after school club Monday to Thursday, which runs from 3:30pm to 6:00pm.

13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.

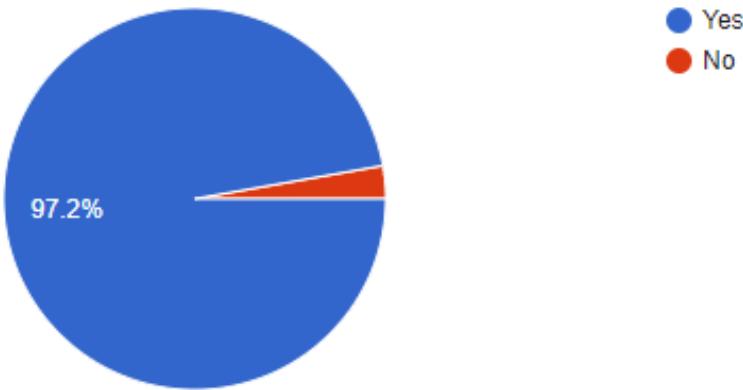
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I am extremely proud of the pastoral care that is offered at our school. The school staff work tirelessly to ensure that we are supporting our pupils' wider personal development. We introduce children to courageous advocates, British Values as well as teaching about Christian Values in Collective Worship and the wider curriculum. Our PSHE curriculum ensures that we tackle issues such as bullying, growing up and feelings. We offer positive play and Lego therapy to pupils that need some extra emotional support. If you feel that your child may need additional pastoral support, please see your child's teacher or myself.

14. I would recommend this school to another parent.

36 responses



## **15. What do you think are the positives about our School?**

Thank you for your lovely comments towards the school and teaching staff. Parents like that we are a small, friendly school with a family atmosphere. Acknowledgement was given to staff for their hard work and the care they give. Many parents said that they felt supported and that our staff know their child/ren well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team. I see on a daily basis how hard our staff work and how much they care about every single child and their families. I know it meant a lot to the staff to hear some of your appreciative comments.

## **16. How can we make further improvements?**

Thank you for your comments on how we can improve our school. You raised some very important issues. Although I will not be answering every single point raised in the survey in this document, I would be happy to discuss any concerns or development points for the school with you.

Many of you commented that you would like to see improvements to the outdoor area. We currently have plans to replace the trim trail, as this is now very old and dilapidated. A new trim trail will ensure the children have a chance to balance, climb and develop their physical skills during break and lunchtime. We have been looking at various designs and received some quotes. The next stage is to consult the children and see which design they would like to see in our playground. We are currently at the planning stage with our flood defenses and have now received a date in early December when the planning officer will be coming to school. This process has been very long and complicated, due to the status of the school building, but we are hoping to receive planning permission soon and begin work on installing the flood defenses. We have also had a tidy up of equipment so that the school grounds look neater. There will be future work on the appearance of the school.

Unfortunately, we cannot give individual feedback about each child to each parent every day or even weekly as it would mean a massive increase in teacher workload and be in breach of teachers' pay and conditions. Two parent's evenings and a report at the end of the year is standard reporting for a primary school. However, we will be making some changes to ensure you feel better informed. For more information about this please see my response to question 5.

Our Covid risk assessment does not allow parents into the school building on a daily basis. Whilst levels in the community are still high, we will still be expecting you to drop your child off at the school gates. When Covid restrictions can be relaxed, more we will look at inviting parents into the infant class to settle their child in for the day.

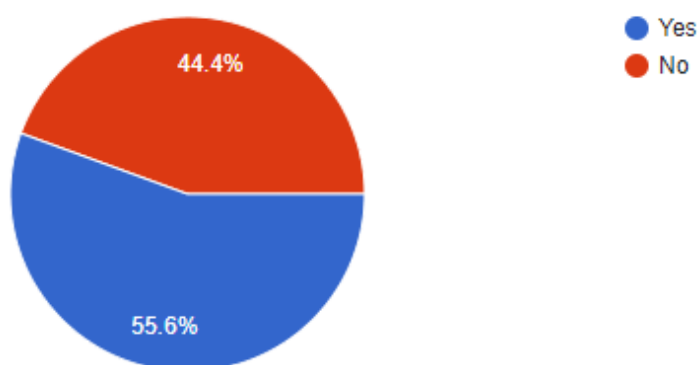
Some parents would like more balanced homework as they feel it is very maths focused. The continuous practice of maths skills is essential to ensuring maths knowledge is embedded. Spelling and reading are key English skills and are also expected to be completed on a weekly basis. We will be looking at our homework policy in the future and will take your comments on board.

Most letters are now sent via ParentHub but for those letters that need slips returning we will still send home paper copies. We will endeavour to text parents so they know to look out for a letter in their child's bag.

You have told us that you would like more of a voice. We will endeavour to give our stakeholders a voice whenever it is appropriate. This year we have asked your views about the school in general, online learning and our Christian Ethos.

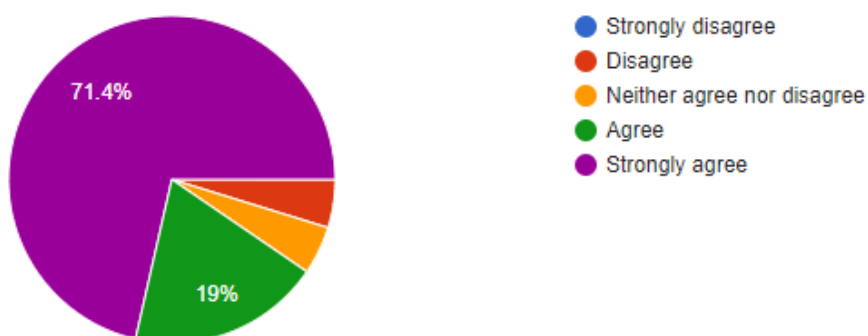
### 17. Have you used the After School Club?

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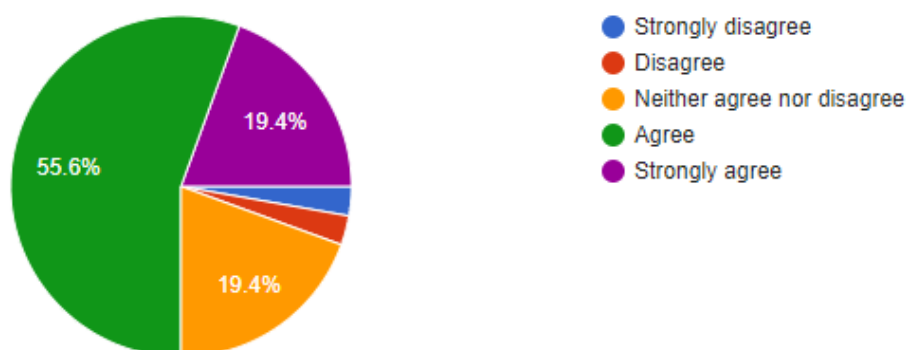
If yes to the above question, has your child been happy at the club?

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### 18. I understand the roles and responsibilities of the governing body

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If you would like to understand the role of the governing body please visit our website where you will find more information about the roles and responsibilities of our governors:  
<https://www.rowsleyprimary.co.uk/additional-information/>

### **19. What are your hopes for the future of our school?**

Many of you expressed that you wanted our school to continue improving so that we can provide the very best education for our pupils. We agree. Our school improvement plan (SIP) is centered around ensuring that our children grow up to be curious, lifelong learners who hold Christian values dear and lead a 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). Most other points raised in this section have been covered in my reply to question 16.

Thank you to all parents that completed the survey. Myself, the staff and governors thank you for your comments and suggestions. We have taken them onboard and hopefully you will see some of these points put into practice soon. If anyone would like to speak to me directly regarding concerns or issues you have then I encourage you to do so.

Kind regards,

Alexia Wyer  
Headteacher Rowsley C of E Primary School