

Parent Survey 2007

Many thanks to those parents who completed and returned the questionnaires we sent home recently. Overall the responses were very positive although clearly I am mindful of the concerns that some parents had and will look to address these issues over the coming year as part of our School Improvement Plan.

I was particularly pleased that 98% of parents agreed that their child likes school, a very positive response and up slightly on the results for 2006. Similarly 87% feel that teaching is good, slightly down from last year, and 88% of parents that responded feel that their child is making good progress.

As with last year's survey the key concerns centred around student behaviour, homework and keeping parents well informed where levels of satisfaction were lower at 78%, 64% and 74% respectively. Clearly these issues, particularly homework, will be priorities for the year ahead.

Bullying is a topic of concern in all schools and although I am pleased that 80% of parents felt that their child has not been bullied or harassed at Alder, I am still concerned that 14% of parents felt that their child had experienced some problems. Our students also took part in a survey last year and although responses to questions around bullying were generally very positive, in comparison to the other 100 schools involved, we will still be looking for ways to ensure that all our students feel safe, secure and happy in school.

Alder Community High School

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The arrows show if there is an upward or downward trend in responses since the survey for 2006 and the figure in brackets underneath the arrow shows the actual % of positive responses to the questions last year.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Trend	Don't know
1. My child likes school.	37%	61%	1%		↑ (95%)	1%
2. My child is making good progress.	32%	56%	4%		↑ (85%)	9%
3. Children, pupils or students usually behave well.	21%	57%	9%	1%	↑ (77%)	12%
4. My child is not bullied or harassed at school.	28%	52%	10%	4%	↓ (85%)	6%
5. Teaching is good.	32%	55%	4%		↓ (91%)	10%
6. I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on.	26%	48%	22%	5%	↓ (80%)	
7. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or complaint.	45%	45%	5%	1%	↓ (92%)	4%
8. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.	49%	48%	1%		↑ (94%)	2%
9. The school is led and managed well.	51%	38%	1%	1%	↓ (94%)	9%
10. Staff treat my child fairly.	35%	52%	5%		↓ (89%)	7%
11. The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns.	18%	61%	6%	1%	↑ (75%)	13%
12. Staff explain how I can help my child at home and provides appropriate homework.	16%	48%	27%	4%	↓ (67%)	6%
13. Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent.	28%	57%	1%		↓ (90%)	13%
14. There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable.	37%	55%	6%	2%	↑ (91%)	
15. There is a good range of extra-curricular activities.	37%	60%	1%		↑ (90%)	2%
16. The arrangements for my child to settle in when he or she started at the school were good.	43%	55%			↑ (96%)	2%

Thankyou to all the parents who took part in our annual survey.