

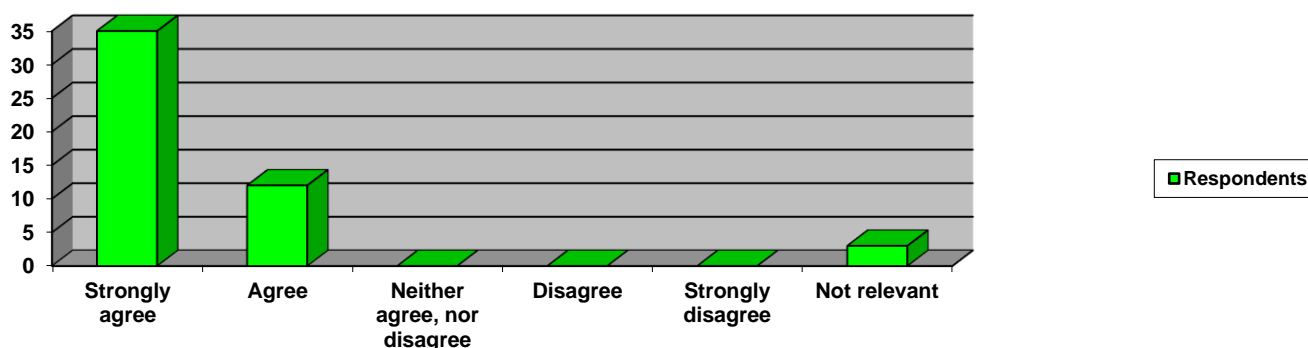
Castle Hill School Parents' Evening October 2021 [for website](#)

Parents and carers were invited to attend Parents' Evening either face-to-face, or through Teams or phone call. Following Parents' Evening, 36 parents/carers completed a paper copy of the questionnaire, and 14 completed the online questionnaire. 50 replies in total is the largest ever response to our questionnaire (40% of the pupils on roll).

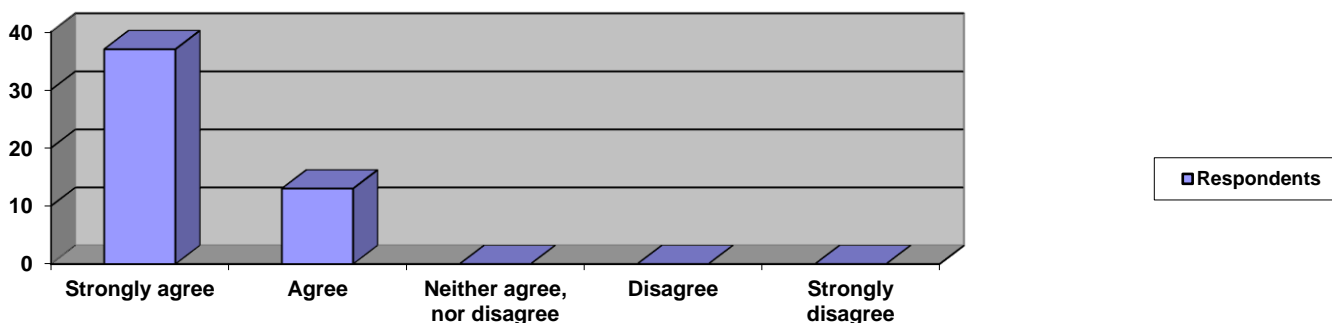
As well as teachers and other class leads, members of the Senior Leadership Team, the Family Liaison and Outreach Support Officer (Sally Metcalfe) and the Communications Teacher (Jayne Askew), were available for advice and support. Representatives from Post-19 settings were also in attendance in the hall throughout the evening.

Results of Questionnaire following Parents' Evening (50 Respondents):

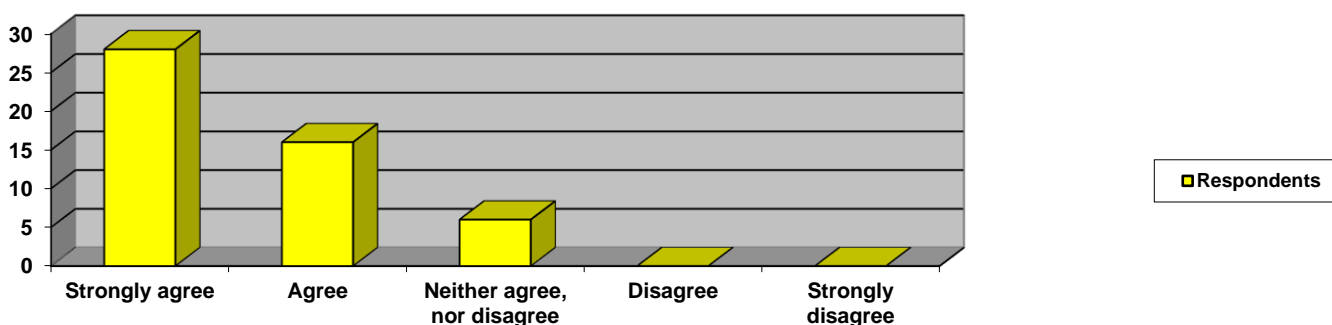
1. I am happy with the transition arrangements that were made for my child last term.



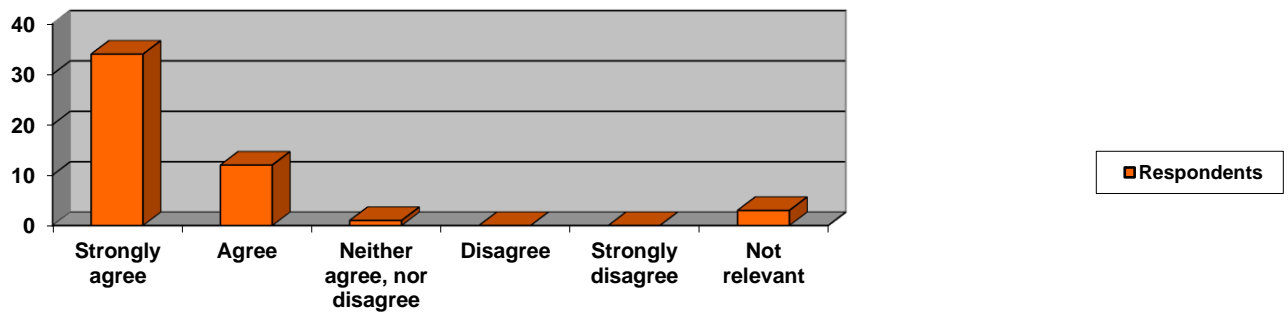
2. I am happy with the progress my child has made so far this year.



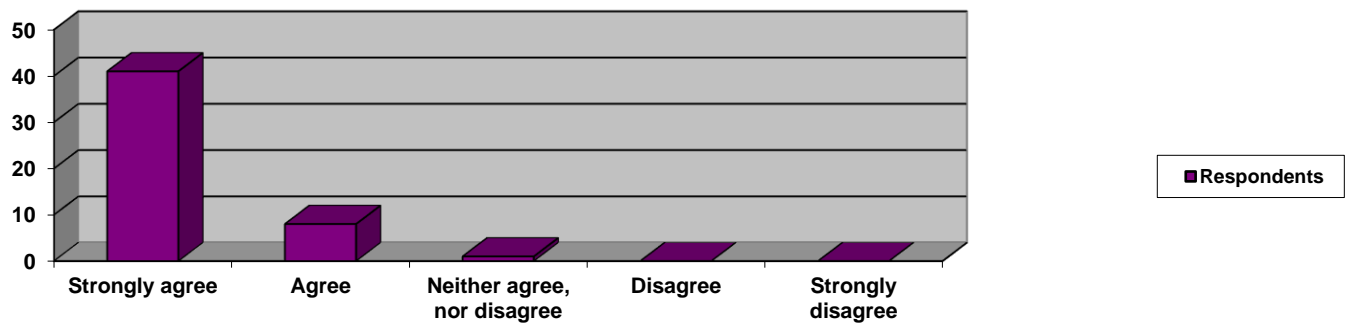
3. 'Next steps' for my child have been made clear.



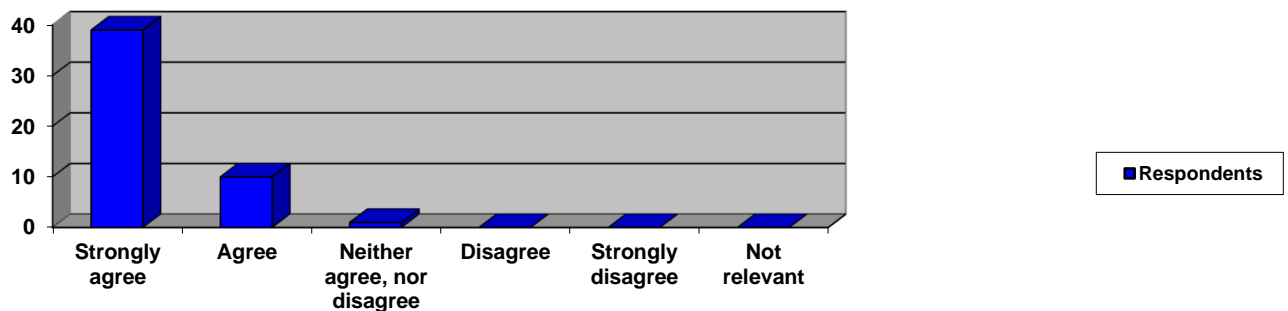
4. Any concerns or issues I have raised so far have been acted upon.



5. I am happy with communication between home and school.



6. I have found Parents' Evening useful.



Parent and Carer Information Sessions

Based on Information Sessions that have been popular in the past, Parents and Carers were asked to indicate which sessions they would be interested in attending, and their availability. Below are the suggested sessions and number of respondents:

- Early Communication, including Intensive Interaction - 12
- Early Maths, including Schema - 3
- Positive Behaviour Strategies - 8
- Makaton signing - 13
- Sensory Regulation - 13
- Support for pupils with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) - 6
- Support for pupils with multi-sensory impairments (MSI) - 4
- Lifting and Handling with Penny Townsend - 6
- Support from the Continence Team - 7
- Oral Health Care - 8
- Sleep Clinic - 4
- Careers Team – preparing for life after Castle Hill - 7

Other comments or suggestions for how we can improve further

"Whatever you people are doing, we really appreciate it. Thank you all"

"Thanks to class for all the hard work"

"My child's school diary is very informative when it comes to the day's activity. It would be helpful if 'accidents' (nappy/toilet wise) could be included in the summary, as it is important for me to keep track and so to know when he may be under the weather"

"Digital communication books would be good so that pictures can be shared easily"

"I find Parents' Evening very useful. My only suggestion would be if the consultations could be made slightly longer – 15 minutes goes far too quickly!"

"We are happy with everything"

"Longer Parents' Evening sessions"

"15-minute slots too short. I would like to share more about my child at home, and possibly bring video"

"Thank you all for the support we receive. Feel blessed my child has such an amazing school setting"

"School pick up time is very congested. Perhaps parents could wait inside the gated area to try to create more space and have opportunity to talk with staff if needed at the end of the day?"

"Next steps are very clear and will be added to the EHCP – very joined up"

Actions following Parents' Evening October 2021

- Follow up phone calls were made by class teachers to parents and carers who requested them, particularly when parents and carers felt they had more to ask or to share with the class teacher.
- Issues regarding individual pupils were passed onto the relevant class teachers to discuss further with parents and carers.
- The end of the day is a busy time, but it was felt that for the safety of the pupils, the gate would remain closed until 3.15. School staff would be able to talk to individual parents and carers as the child was passed to them.