

# RESPONSE FROM PARENT / CARERS SURVEY 2011

## Listening to your views

**Thank you to everyone who responded.**

Of the 113 questionnaires sent to parents we received back a total of 41 (36%)

### THE SCHOOL IN GENERAL

		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree/disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
A	My child likes school	66%	34%			
B	My child is making good progress	59%	37%	4%		
C	My child is not bullied or harassed at school	51%	32%	15%		
D	Children at the school behave well	49%	44%	7%		
E	I think this is a good school and I am proud my child attends it	73%	27%			
F	I understand school policies around arrival times, school absence etc	61%	37%			

### THE SCHOOL FOR NEW PARENTS (46%)

		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
G	The transition arrangements for my child were good	63%	32%	5%		
H	My child has settled in well	73%	9%			

### TEACHING

		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
I	The school teaches my child to respect people with different abilities and skills	66%	32%	2%		
J	The school is good at stopping bullying or harassment or dealing with it if it happens in school	59%	34%	7%		
K	There is a good range of activities which my child finds interesting and enjoyable	68%	29%			
L	Teaching at the school is good	71%	29%			
M	Staff expect my child to work to the best of their ability and to exceed expectations	68%	29%	1%		
N	The school is well led and well managed	78%	22%			
O	I think the school is a clean, tidy and safe place for my child to be in	73%	27%			

## COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION

		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
P	I feel comfortable about approaching school with questions, a problem or complaint	76%	24%			
Q	I have enough opportunities to talk to staff about my child	66%	34%			
R	I make full use of the home / school book	66%	34%			
S	The school is a welcoming place for parents / carers	68%	32%			
T	The school actively encourages parents / carers to be involved in its activities	66%	29%	5%		
U	The school seeks the view of parents / carers and takes account of their suggestions	56%	41%		3%	
V	I am kept informed of how my child is getting on	63%	34%	3%		
W	I know who the parent governors at the school are	34%	39%	20%	7%	
X	I know how to contact a parent governor	32%	44%	17%	7%	
Y	I would attend a meeting with governors (*evening meeting/ *coffee morning) *please delete	28%	47%	15%	5%	3%

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
Z	The staff treat my child fairly	68%	29%	3%		
1	The staff encourage my child to be independent	71%	27%	2%		
2	The school encourages my child to take regular exercise (as appropriate)	68%	29%	3%		
3	The school encourages healthy eating and drinking	63%	37%			
4	The school helps my child to develop positive relationships with teachers and other pupils	66%	32%	2%		
5	The school teaches my child to respect people from different backgrounds, religions and with different beliefs	66%	32%	2%		

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT

		Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
6	I am happy with the school transport service	54%	28%	15%	3%	

## Comments:

C likes school when he is there but if he had the chance to stay at home he would! Its nothing to do with the school but he likes being at home! Can't praise the school enough, C is always improving and gaining more confidence which is a direct response to coming to Rowan Gate. The staff (and that includes everyone) even the transport staff are brilliant. Any problems or concerns are always dealt with. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

These replies are not just a glib response. I completely agree that in all areas Rowan Gate School is offering a superb opportunity for my child, and exceptional support to us as parents. Thank you for being motivated and interested governors. It's a thankless task at times, but you are deeply appreciated.

I am proud my child goes to the school. The teachers and others involved are caring and good at their jobs. I have no concerns or complaints, but I would like to know more about what my child has been doing and how they are achieving these goals. Super school!

My overall experiences with Rowan Gate are extremely positive. All staff have been available if and when needed. Keep up the excellent work. :)

We are really happy with the level of care and education, etc our child receives. Ma1ine is fantastic and along with her team they have truly made a difference to us all. We are happy to date with Rowan Gate and felt the staff dealt with the recent Fire really well.

After recently attending my son's review meeting, it only serves to reinforce my positive feelings for how pleased I am with the schools outlook towards teaching and 'all round' developmental assistance, with my son, who requires a detailed approach to his academic, personal and social skills. I cannot thank all the staff and particularly his class teachers enough. The change in behaviour is from excellent management and appropriate strategies. Autism is a permanent disability, the necessary environment to flourish is one that is constantly strived for at Rowan Gate and always maintained. Very contented parents!

Am happy with all aspects of school. Recent fire handled very well. Follow up info very good. Could make more of positives and good news stories. Weekly dinner money/menu a pain to remember, don't like the system.

Looking forward to the introduction of school cardigans as an option for my child. I love Rowan Gate!! :o)

He loves school and he run's up to school. J is a good boy at times

Rowan Gate is a fantastic school and my son is very happy at school. The teachers always go that extra mile to make sure the children are safe and happy

Rowan Gate is an outstanding school and I have found it to be brilliant in helping myself and my son to overcome a very bad experience

School activities involving parents often take place during the day - this can make it difficult for those of us that work during the day to become involved as fully as we would like. Also we are only informed of activities at most a week before they happen so find it difficult to plan to be there.

Perfect in every way

Thank you all!