



Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pontybrenin

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Results of Parent / Guardian Questionnaires - Summer 2019

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys coming to school	70%	26%	3%	1%	
My child is safe at school	78%	21%	1%		
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	70%	28%	2%		1%
My child is taught well at school	73%	27%			
My child is making good progress	68%	30%	2%		
My child is encouraged to work hard and do his/her best	75%	24%	1%		
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age	45%	26%	17%	10%	2%
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities	53%	33%	12%	2%	
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	55%	40%	2%	2%	
The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning	51%	39%	8%	1%	
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	67%	31%	1%	1%	
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	54%	37%	6%	2%	1%
There is a good standard of behaviour at Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrenin	57%	40%	2%		
The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively (leave blank if not applicable to you)	49%	29%	23%		
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	69%	30%	1%		
I think the school is well led and managed	76%	23%	1%		
My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle	63%	37%			
My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds	66%	32%	2%		
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	58%	29%	12%		
I would recommend Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrenin to others	82%	16%	2%		

***to the nearest percentage point**

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Thank you to all those of you who responded to the summer term questionnaires. In order for the school to continue to improve, all members of the school community need to share their views as to what we are doing well, and perhaps more importantly, which areas we need to improve on going forward. We received 127 completed questionnaires which is slightly less than we received last year. If you didn't complete one this time, please take a few moments to complete future questionnaires, which are sent out each term, asking for your views on a range of issues.

In addition to the termly questionnaires, there is also an opportunity to share your views as part of the school's termly parents forum. Further details of these forums, and how you can share your views through this medium, will be sent out in September.

Once again this year, we are very pleased with the overall results of the questionnaires. Here is a summary of the main findings:

Areas of success (highest scoring questions)

- **My child is taught well at school**

We are delighted that 100% of you agreed that your child is taught well at school. We are very fortunate at Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrenin to have excellent teaching and support staff who care passionately about educating and supporting your children, and take great pride in the fact that we consistently produce bilingual children who are fully equipped with the skills needed to succeed in life.

- **My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle**

Given the importance of health in ensuring that our children grow up to achieve their full potential, the fact that 100% of respondents agreed with this statement is wonderful. With present day lifestyle choices making it increasingly difficult for some children to maintain healthy habits, the school's role in encouraging a healthy lifestyle is of paramount importance. This will certainly continue in September, both in the delivery of the new curriculum and through various extra-curricular opportunities.

- **My child is safe at school**

The safety of our pupils whilst on the school premises is obviously a top priority for us, and the fact that 99% of you feel that this is the case is pleasing. However, our pupils' safety is not something we take for granted and we will continue to work with the local authority, the wider community and the entire YGG Pontybrenin family in ensuring that this remains the case.

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- **The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved**

The term 'open door policy' is often heard within the context of schools, but we do feel strongly that this is certainly the case at YGG Pontybrenin, with the school welcoming not only parents, but also other members of the YGG Pontybrenin family, whilst encouraging them to share their ideas and experiences with us. 99% of you agreed that this is a strength within the school.

Areas for development (lowest scoring questions)

- **My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age**

With the school no longer issuing formal homework, this question should not have been included in the questionnaire. My apologies! Needless to say, the responses to this question highlighted the fact that it remains a hot topic. With 71% of parents responding positively to this question, I can only assume that this means that they are happy with the current arrangements for homework. The 12% of respondents that disagreed with this statement no doubt feel that formal homework should be re-introduced. There are currently no plans to change these arrangements for September, although we will continue to provide parents with regular overviews of the work being covered in class so that they can support their children at home if they so wish. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and make changes if and when required.

- **The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns**

Although 91% of parents do feel that we seek their views and listens to their concerns, 3% of you feel that we could improve in this area. In addition to our open door policy, which gives parents open access to staff during the day, we also seek and respond to your views with termly questionnaires and termly parent forum meetings, where class representatives meet with the teaching staff and the headteacher to discuss various issues. Wherever possible, we do make every effort to tackle those issues and respond to concerns. If any parents feel that they have a particular issue which needs to be addressed, please contact the school as soon as possible.

- **My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities**

Although the extra-curricular activities on offer to pupils was greater and more varied this year than ever before, 2% of you disagreed with the above statement. The school's staff have voluntarily given of their time to run 19 extra-curricular clubs this year. These various clubs have been open to pupils from Years 1 to 6 and provided the participants with opportunities to develop a whole host of new skills. In addition to these clubs, numerous other opportunities have arisen over the course of the year, such as the Eisteddfod,

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where pupils have partaken in various cultural events and numerous sporting competitions and festivals

- **The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress**

Whilst 95% of you stated that the school does communicate effectively with you about your child's progress, 2% of you feel that more needs to be done in this area. In addition to the termly parents' evenings, parents were given the opportunity of sharing in their child's work and accomplishments once again this year with the 'Celebrating my Work / Skills days'. Whilst the end of year reports give a detailed breakdown of progress and attainment in all curriculum areas, parents also receive an interim report in February / March which outlines target areas and pupil progress.

We will try our very best to address the areas of concern you have raised in these questionnaires, and I do hope that you will notice further improvements to the school this year. If however, you continue to have concerns or have any further comments or suggestions to make, then please do contact me at the school to discuss these. Although we do strive to be the best we can be, we aren't perfect, but with your continued support and input, we can continue to move the school forward together.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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