



Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Pontybrenin

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Results of Parent / Guardian Questionnaires - Summer 2018

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys coming to school	74%	23%	2%	1%	1%
My child is safe at school	74%	24%	2%		
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	69%	28%	2%	1%	
My child is taught well at school	73%	26%	1%	1%	
My child is making good progress	69%	24%	4%	2%	
My child is encouraged to work hard and do his/her best	74%	23%	3%		
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age	53%	33%	8%	6%	
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities	64%	24%	12%		
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	63%	28%	4%	4%	
The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning	57%	31%	7%	4%	
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	79%	20%	1%		
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	66%	22%	10%	2%	
There is a good standard of behaviour at Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrenin	60%	36%	2%	1%	
The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively (leave blank if not applicable to you)	51%	19%	19%	11%	
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	77%	22%	1%		
I think the school is well led and managed	77%	21%	1%	1%	
My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle	70%	26%	4%		
My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds	76%	23%	1%		
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	60%	30%	9%	2%	
I would recommend Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrenin to others	76%	21%	3%		

***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 141 completed questionnaires which is the best response we've ever had to a parental questionnaire. 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 this term's meetings will be sent out in the coming weeks

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

Areas of success (highest scoring)

- **The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities**

We are extremely pleased that 99% of you feel that the school communicates with you effectively about events and activities and indicates that the school is keeping you informed through Parentmail, the school's website, Twitter and the weekly calendar updates.

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

We are delighted that 99% of you stated that your child is taught well at school. We are very fortunate at Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrenin to have both 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.

- **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 other members of the 'YGG Pontybrenin family', whilst encouraging them to share their thoughts with staff. 99% of you agreed that this is a strength.

- **My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds**

The fact that 99% of you stated that your child gets on well with children from other backgrounds isn't surprising as we have very caring and accepting

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pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Pontybrenin who are respectful of others, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic background etc.

Areas for development (lowest scoring areas)

- **The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress**
Whilst 91% of you stated that the school does communicate effectively with you about your child's progress, 4% of you feel that more needs to be done in this area. In addition to the termly parents' evenings, we began the 'Celebrating my Work / Skills days last year which allow you the opportunity to share in your child's work and accomplishments. 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.
- **The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning.**
4% of parents disagreed with the statement that the school communicates with them effectively about how to support their child's learning. As a school, we firmly believe that the home and school must work closely together to maximise our children's potential and we attempted to do so this past year by engaging parents in numerous events. Various open evenings were held, including a literacy and numeracy evening and a digital learning evening. Our website also provides a huge variety of resources that parents can use to support their child. Teachers also use the termly parents' evenings as an opportunity to share pupils' targets with parents and to suggest various means of supporting the learning.
- **My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age**
Although 86% of parents do feel that their child receives an appropriate amount of homework, 6% of you feel that this is not the case. The difficulty with homework is that many parents feel that too much is given whilst others believe that their child should receive more. This is an issue that is to be discussed at the next Governing Body meeting in November and on which we would like to hear your views, therefore, this term's questionnaire will focus solely on homework. Please do share your views with us.
- **The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively**
Of those who responded to this question, 11% disagreed with how effective the school is in dealing with bullying. Bullying is an issue that receives prominent attention in whole school assemblies and PSE lessons, and the school council developed a new, on-line anti-bullying service last year which gives pupils an additional means of sharing their concerns. All instances of

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bullying are taken seriously and both sets of parents are informed at the onset. In the majority of instances, these issues are resolved, to the satisfaction of both parties.

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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