

# Parental Involvement and Engagement Census (PIE) 2021/22

**Thank you for taking part in the Parental Involvement and Engagement Census.**

**Parents and carers are by far the most important influence on children's lives. Research shows that when parents are involved in their child's learning, children do better at school and throughout their lives. We would like to get an idea of how you feel about your child's school and to give you a chance to reflect on the involvement and engagement you are experiencing.**

**Please take the time to answer the questions below, we value all of your responses and will use them to plan for our next steps in parental engagement opportunities and programmes.**

**Completing the questionnaire should take no longer than 10 minutes and your answers will be kept completely confidential.**

**To begin, please tell us which school you are about to answer questions about.**

**You may have one or more children in this school. This doesn't matter. Just answer the questions about the school you have selected.**

**If you have children who attend different schools within the same local authority then we would like you to complete the survey for each different school your children attend.**

**My child attends \***

- Primary school
- Secondary school
- Special school or support unit

**Please choose the primary school which your child/children attend and that you will be thinking about when completing this questionnaire: \***

**Please choose the secondary school which your child/children attend and that you will be thinking about when completing this questionnaire: \***

**Please choose the special school, or the school in which the support unit is based, which your child/children attend and that you will be thinking about when completing this questionnaire: \***

**The school staff are approachable.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**The school keeps me well informed about my child's progress in a way I can understand.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**I can contact the school within school opening hours, to speak to staff.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**The school asks for my views about my child's learning.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**The school takes my views about my child's learning into account.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**I know what my child is learning at school.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**The school provides me with useful information about how I can help my child learn at home.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**The school seeks my views and opinions on school policies.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

**All schools are required to produce a School Improvement Plan each year which aims to improve the quality of education provided by them.**

**This School Improvement Plan must be prepared in collaboration with the Parent Council, teachers, pupils and parents, amongst others. The Improvement plan should list the school's priorities for the forthcoming year.**

**Please consider the statement on the next page.**

**My views help the school to decide priorities in the School Improvement Plan.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**How often does the school get in touch with you to provide information on what your child is currently learning about?**

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Once every term
- Once every school year
- Never
- Don't know

**How satisfied are you with the number of communications you get from the school on what your child is currently learning about?**

- Contact is too often
- Contact is enough
- Contact is not quite often enough
- Contact is not often enough

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Once every term
- Once every school year
- Never
- Don't know

**How satisfied are you with the number of communications you get from the school on how your child is progressing with their learning?**

- Contact is too often
- Contact is enough
- Contact is not quite often enough
- Contact is not often enough

**How often does the school get in touch with you to provide information on ways to help your child continue learning at home?**

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Once every term
- Once every school year
- Never
- Don't know

**How satisfied are you with the number of communications you get from the school on ways to help your child continue learning at home?**

- Contact is too often
- Contact is enough
- Contact is not quite often enough
- Contact is not often enough



**How often does your child's/ children's school get in touch with you to provide general information about the school?**

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Once every term
- Once every school year
- Never
- Don't know

**How satisfied are you with the number of communications you get from your child's/children's school on general information about the school?**

- Contact is too often
- Contact is enough
- Contact is not quite often enough
- Contact is not often enough

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

**The school gives me the information I need to support my child's learning.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

**The cost of participating in school activities and events is affordable.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

**My child's school helps me understand my child's rights.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

**I am confident that if I need to contact my child's school, they will respond helpfully to my questions and comments.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

**Usually there are opportunities for me to help or volunteer with my child's school.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**Does the school have a Parent Council?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**How often does the Parent Council get in touch with you?**

- Once a week
- Once a month
- Once a school term
- Once a school year
- Never

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:****The information I receive from the Parent Council is useful.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**Are you a member of the school's Parent Council?**

- Yes
- No

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:****The views and suggestions of the Parent Council are taken into account by the school's senior management.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know



Please select as many as you like.

- Ask parents' views about what the children in the school are learning.
- Represents the views of parents about matters in the school.
- Provides information about education and learning to parents.
- Asks parents for their views on how the school is run.
- Fundraises for the school.
- Helps to develop the school improvement plan.
- Helps to develop the school handbook.
- Helps with the recruitment of senior staff members.
- Don't know
- None of the above.

We are now going to ask a few questions about Family Learning.

**Family Learning is a learning opportunity where different generations are learning together (where parents/carers and children learn together). Family Learning programmes can also support parents/carers and family members to develop their skills to better support children's learning.**

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

**My child's school offers a selection of Family Learning activities such as events and workshops.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

**The school is making me aware of the Family Learning opportunities.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

**I have taken part in Family Learning activities. This is where parents/carers and children learn together.**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**You are nearly at the end of the questionnaire. We are now going to ask a few questions about your general involvement in your child's school.**

**Thinking about your involvement in the life of the school, would you like to be:**

- A lot more involved
- Slightly more involved
- Neither more or less involved
- Slightly less involved
- A lot less involved

**Would you say there is anything preventing you from being more active in the life of your school?**

- Yes
- No

**If there is anything preventing you from being more active in the life of your school, is this because:**

**Please select all that apply**

- There are no opportunities
- Work commitments
- Care of younger children
- Lack of confidence

- I was not made aware of the opportunities
- Cost
- Lack of Internet connection
- Language barriers
- Other reason(s)

**Overall, how satisfied are you with how the school engages with you?**

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

**The next questions allow us to ensure we hear from all of our parent community. They will not be used to identify any individuals.**

**What is your postcode?**

**What is your sex?**

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

**What is your age?**

- up to 24 years old
- 25 to 34 years old
- 35 to 44 years old
- 45 to 54 years old
- 55 to 64 years old
- 65 and above

Prefer not to say

**What is your ethnic group?**

- White
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British
- African
- Caribbean or Black
- Other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say