

## Parental data on bullying

We have limited data about parental views on bullying. The most recent data is from 2002/03 where parents were asked whether they agreed with the statement: “the school does a very good job in dealing with bullying”, as part of a behaviour and attendance audit carried out across the Behaviour Improvement Programme schools.

616 responses were received across 11 primary schools and 3 secondary schools. The results are illustrated in the following table:

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Tend To Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Primary Schools	34% (129)	34% (126)	9% (34)	2% (7)	21% (80)
Secondary Schools	32% (77)	30% (72)	8% (20)	4% (9)	26% (62)
<b>Total</b>	<b>33% (206)</b>	<b>32% (198)</b>	<b>9% (54)</b>	<b>3% (16)</b>	<b>23% (142)</b>

65% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school did a very good job in dealing with bullying and 12% disagreed or strongly disagreed. Assuming that the 23% who answered ‘don’t know’ haven’t experienced bullying, it paints a positive picture of how well parents viewed the school’s response to bullying.

There was very little difference between the views of parents of primary school and secondary school children.

The council will encourage Behaviour Improvement Programme schools to carry out a behaviour audit in the near future, which will result in more recent data about how satisfied parents and pupils are with how schools respond to bullying. However, the results are unlikely to be known in time for this current scrutiny review.

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- based on information received from the education department

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