

## Key Findings from Keele Parent Survey 2011

Out of a possible 330 a total of 112 parents/carers responded to the survey.

### School Standards

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2011</b>
Parents/Carers consider the school has a good reputation in the community	59%	63%	60%	81%	87%
Said they would recommend it to friends	73%	81%	88%	82%	89%
Think that school is achieving high standards	52%	67%	55%	63%	85%
Think standards of behaviour are high at Kimberley	43%	48%	43%	67%	70%
Are perceived as meeting parental expectations of examination results	58%	68%	56%	61%	80%
Think standards of dress are good	68%	60%	33%	94%	81%

### School Environment

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2011</b>
Parents/carers think Kimberley offers a safe and secure environment	67%	74%	79%	78%	89%
Parents/carers think the school buildings are in a more than satisfactory state of repair	58%	69%	68%	62% ↓	60% ↓
Parents/carers think school is reasonably free of litter	47%	54%	46%	61%	68%
Parents/carers believe school is well equipped with computers and IT software	71%	83%	73%	79%	82%
Say there is good access to the school for children with disabilities	47%	47%	36%	40%	46%

### Curriculum Provision

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2011</b>
Parents/Carers agree that there are opportunities for extra study at lunchtime or after school	57%	66%	66%	64%	72%
Parents/Carers think the school makes provision for pupils of all abilities	54%	59%	50%	55% ↓	66%
Say that school caters for all ethnic groups	48%	53%	45%	49% ↓	67%
Parents/Carers think a good range of subjects is provided on the curriculum	96%	94%	96%	93%	94%

### **Communication**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2011</b>
Parents/carers feel that the information they receive about the school is sufficient	68%	81%	74%	74% ↓	80%
Parents/carers say they are made aware of the teaching methods used by the school	24%	38%	33%	29% ↓	39% ↓
Are made aware of the pastoral system	37%	46%	42%	40% ↓	45% ↓

### **Parental Support**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2011</b>
Parents/carers do not feel they need to be more directly involved with the school	65%	79%	72%	75% ↑	72%
Take time to check their child's books to see that homework is done	96%	96%	96%	94%	95%

### **Relationships with Teachers**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2011</b>
Response from parents who feel any concerns are dealt with sympathetically	49%	52%	52%	50%	50%
Parents/carers consider most teachers treat them as a partner in their child's education	55%	70%	70%	62% ↓	61% ↓

### **Teacher Effectiveness**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2011</b>
Parents/Carers are generally of the opinion that most teachers are doing a good job	86%	91%	86%	82% ↓	90%
Parents/Carers agree that there is a culture of praise and encouragement in school	56%	64%	65%	64% ↓	71%
Parents/Carers that feel discipline needs to be stricter	48%	39%	43%	28%	21%

### The Child's school experience

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2011
<b>Parents/Carers regard their children as being happy at school for most of the time</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Claim that their child has been bullied in the last year</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4% ↑</b>	<b>1% ↓</b>
<b>Claim that their child is sometimes bullied</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>22% ↑</b>	<b>19%↑</b>

### **Other areas of analysis**

#### A personal perspective

- Compared to previous years the views of parents/carers generally towards our school are again more positive.
- In the majority of areas parental responses match or are more positive than the average taken from the Keele Survey in other schools.
- It is heartening to see the hugely positive comments relating to the school's standards and reputation.
- Not surprisingly given budget constraints concerns are again expressed about the state of our school buildings.
- The other main area of concern relates to our not communicating sufficient information to parents/carers about everyday life in school.
- The picture regarding children's happiness in school and their exposure to bullying is much improved compared to the last survey.
- Comments on uniform are less positive this time. It is difficult to decide whether this is due to increased slackness or that the last time's response reflected on upsurge of enthusiasm from parents/carers following the introduction of a new uniform.

↑ = More than 10% higher than Keele's average

↓ = More than 10% lower than Keele's average