

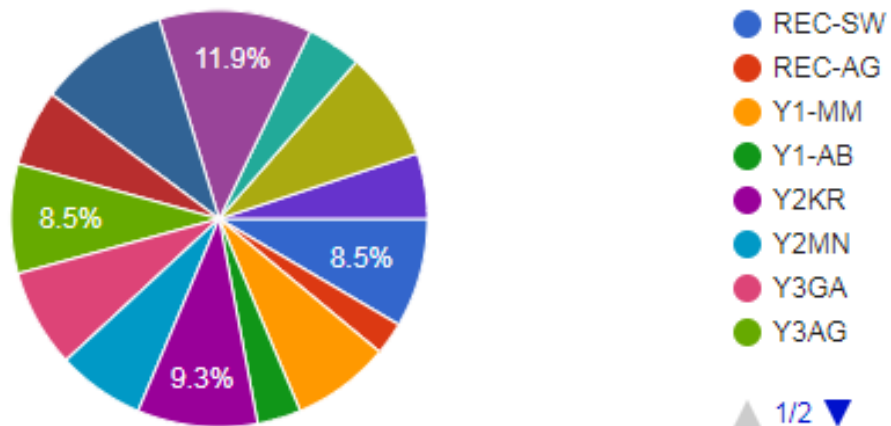


Parental Questionnaire November 2020

Results and Analysis

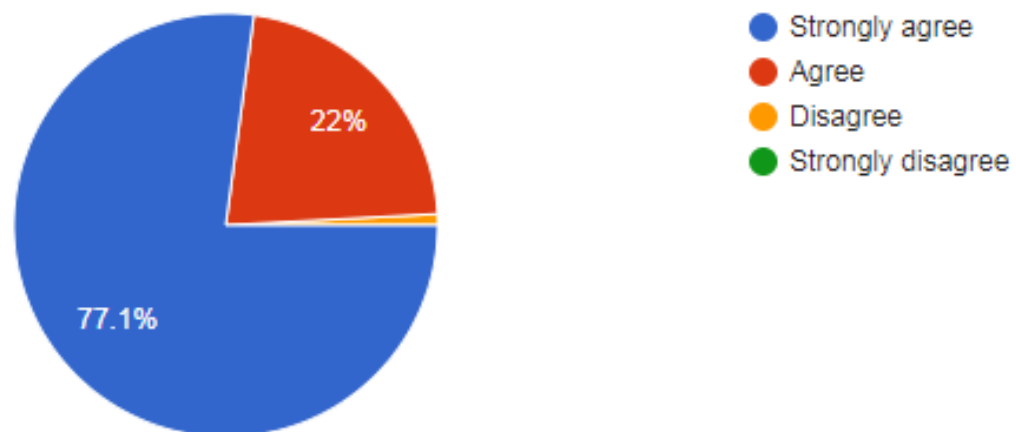
3. Which class is your child currently in?

118 responses



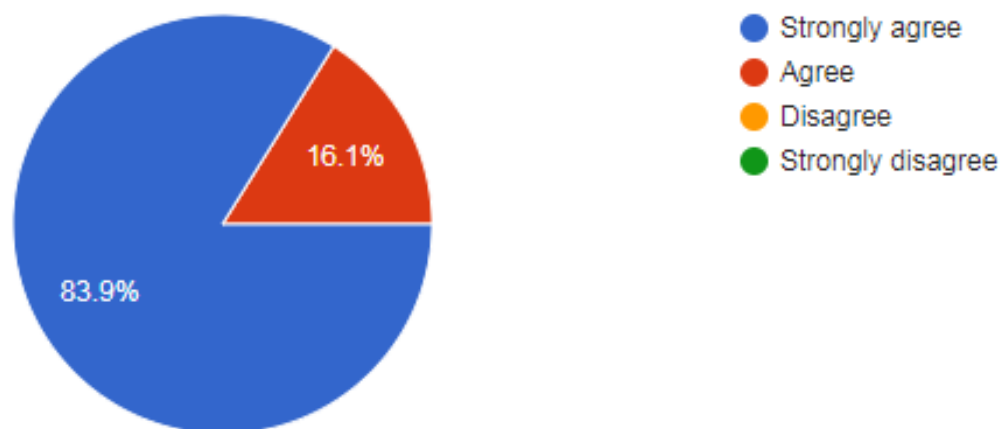
During lockdown, I felt supported by Amberley Primary School.

118 responses



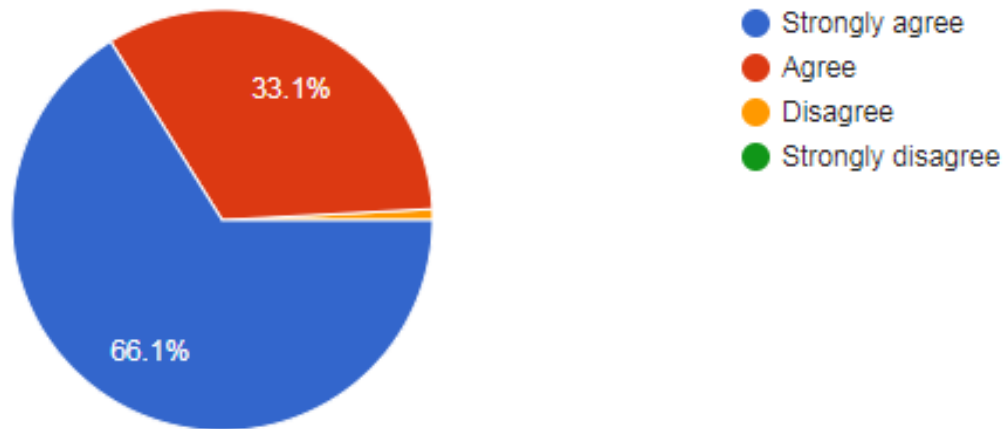
Since the return to school in September, I feel supported by Amberley Primary School due to measures in place.

118 responses



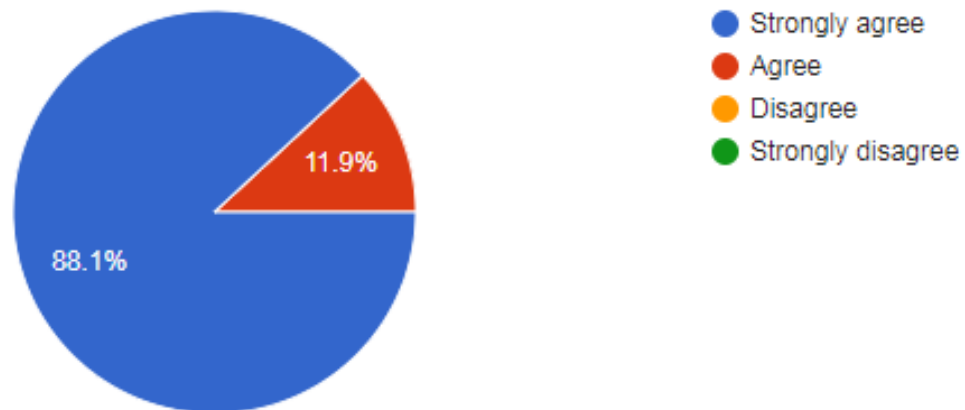
Staggered start and finish times largely reduce parental congestion on the yard.

118 responses



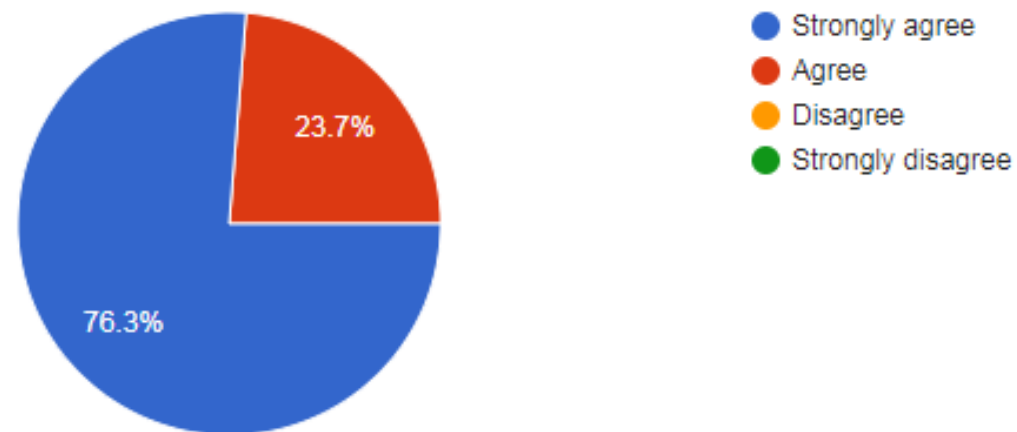
The one-way system around school is clear.

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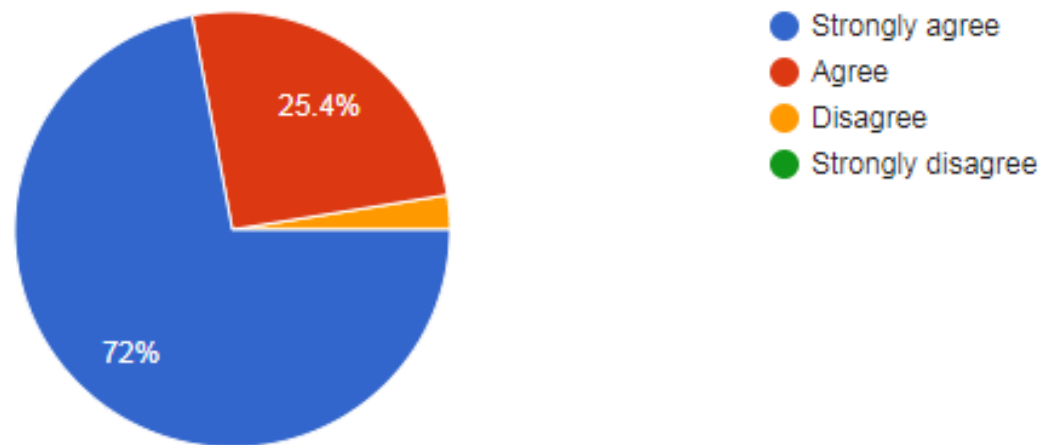
School communication has been clear about what to do in the event of someone in my family testing positive for Covid19.

118 responses



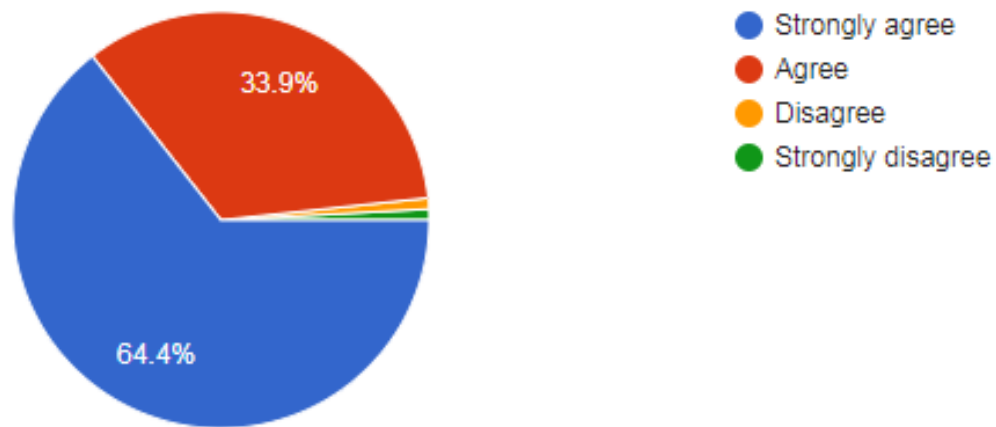
Correspondence regarding remote learning has been thorough and clear.

118 responses



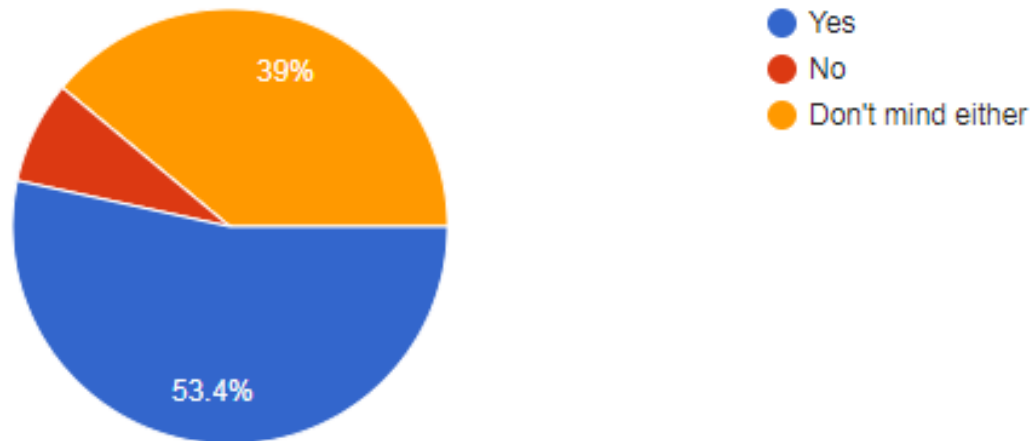
I believe Seesaw to be an effective platform for remote learning.

118 responses



Do you prefer home learning being set online on Seesaw rather than being paper-based in homework books?

118 responses



Parental comments

Thank you for such lovely, positive comments – it means the world to us.

- ▶ We haven't had to do any remote learning as yet but I have answered 'agree' to the questions regarding this above, as communication since xxx has started at Amberley has been clear about how remote learning will work should we have to do this. I feel that the right support is in place. All of the communication over the summer prior to starting school was very helpful, including the zoom chat with Mrs Wood.
- ▶ Amberley was amazing during lockdown both through school procedures and through the dedication of every individual teacher. My daughter was in Miss Breckons' class during lockdown and she was wonderful. Amberley has continued to impress me since the wider return to school. Thank you to you all.
- ▶ Amberley primary have been fantastic, the staff are amazing, the help we have received as a family has been outstanding can't thank them enough!
- ▶ Fantastic approach and xxx has settled in to year 4 great. All staff are all doing brilliant, keeping our children safe and fantastic teaching. Xxx is loving year 4 thank you for all your hard work .
- ▶ Amberley has done incredibly in such difficult circumstances. Thank you all!
- ▶ I think Amberley has handled the whole Covid situation exceptionally, from continuing to take Key Worker's kids when the country was in lockdown to reopening in September with all new social distancing measures in place and clear to see. Throughout it all you have kept us informed and up to date at all times all whilst keeping a smile on your face to greet our children. I cannot thank you all enough.

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- ▶ During lockdown and after lockdown the support from your school for xxx and us has been excellent. When xxx struggled during lockdown which started to affect her mental health, the school were there to support us. Also since returning to school the help and support has continued, so much so that xxx has improved academically and she is loving school. My husband and I would like to thank xxx's teachers and Mr Rigg for all the support they have given to ourselves and xxx. Big thank you!
- ▶ The staff have been incredibly supportive and helpful. Definitely very happy with my child being in school and her current class. She is very happy and she feels safe. Well done to the full school for their hard work.
- ▶ We have full confidence in the measures taken at school to reduce the risk of COVID infections.
- ▶ I think Amberley staff have been amazing in their care for our childrens health and education at this worrying time.
- ▶ I would just like to thank everyone at the school. It has been such a difficult time but feel Mr Rigg and the team have been brilliant throughout – Your hard work is really appreciated.
- ▶ The school have been extremely supportive during and after lockdown. I am particularly impressed with the additional sports clubs and the fact they have been able to run.
- ▶ I think measures in place have been great and you have all done a great job. I also find that on PE days wearing PE clothes to school has been a positive change and is something i would like to see continue even after restrictions end. I think its reduced lost items, jumpers shoes etc and it must save time in the school day not having to get changed.

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- ▶ Key worker provision and flexibility was outstanding. Thank you so much for just being brilliant!
- ▶ We think you've done a fantastic job looking after the children and staff especially through lockdown and then beyond. We are happy and confident with all the safety measures the school has taken, and continues to take, to care for and provide an education to xxx. The seesaw app is fantastic, and she loves getting teacher feedback. She is a happy, well balanced and content little girl who loves coming to school. What more could a parent ask for! Thank you Mr Rigg, all the Teachers and not forgetting Mr Culyer!
- ▶ I feel fully supported by Amberley and Seesaw is brilliant.
- ▶ You have all been exceptional. I can't thank Mr Rigg and the whole school team enough. You all helped me get to work to process the never ending Covid swabs during lockdown. Stefan was kept happy and unafraid of what was going on, and you did it all with smiles on your faces. Since the children returned to school Stefan has never been happier thanks to the environment you have created for the children. I honestly cannot fault anything that you've done. Great job.
- ▶ Really happy with the way school have dealt with the current situation. And really enjoy using the seesaw app as a preferred method thanks so much

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- ▶ I can honestly say Amberley have been outstanding in the way they have dealt with every challenge related to the pandemic. The seesaw home learning, was structured, clear and consistent. The support from teachers was phenomenal. Mr Rigg's guidance for parents has been exceptional, giving us the clearest easy to follow procedures. The drop offs and pickups are stress free and safe. Can't thank them enough for everything they have done. Mr Rigg, and all of his team are second to none and I couldn't love Amberley more. Thank you for keeping my children, happy, safe and engaged!
- ▶ I think the school have been fantastic during this difficult period, the teachers are amazing and I have felt supported and safe all the way through.
- ▶ Feel 100% safe within school care.
- ▶ I feel the staggered start times and one way system has worked really well.
- ▶ Amberley and it's staff have been brilliant throughout this challenging time cannot fault anything.
- ▶ I'm incredibly grateful for the support given to xxx since the very beginning of Covid-19, her being able to come into school has meant I've been able to continue working, and keep my job. To all the staff who came into school during this time, and those who had to stay home to protect themselves or others..... a huge thank you. The communications throughout, and especially around back to school, have been clear and reassuring – thanks for that too!
- ▶ I feel fully supported by Amberley and Seesaw is brilliant.

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- ▶ I feel the school has put everything in place that they can to look after and keep my child safe during school hours. Thank you all at Amberley for doing a fantastic job.
- ▶ I think Amberley did an amazing job with providing my daughter with daily home learning during lock down. By having this, we were able to maintain a school based daily routine. I also want to thank Mrs Nichols for her personal, daily touches that she was adding to Seesaw daily when marking my daughters work. It really lifted Katie's spirit during a challenging time. Thank you Amberley.
- ▶ I feel I have been kept well informed throughout and safety has always been a top priority at Amberley. Mr Shannon has been fabulous! Thank you
- ▶ Couldn't have asked for more from the team at Amberley, excellent organisation and effective communication throughout a very difficult situation. Made learning engaging and kept kids spirits up. Thank you so much
- ▶ The support provided has been absolutely outstanding– thank you so much. The videos sent/made for the children during lockdown were extremely thoughtful and helped during the unsettling time. Seesaw is very user friendly and we have not experienced any problems with it.
- ▶ Think you've done amazingly throughout all of this. Kept children and parents well informed. Children have been kept safe and well and made the new normal very easy for them. Have nothing but praise for how it's all been handled. Thank you 😊

Parental comments

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- ▶ Differentiation of home learning tasks would be appreciated to ensure sufficient challenge.

Our home learning tasks tend to follow the mantra 'low ceiling, high threshold.' This means that all tasks have a low entry point so that all pupils can access the first part of the learning. The task/activity should then progress in difficulty, ensuring challenge is evident for all pupils.

- ▶ Would like to be informed of all cases of COVID 19 even if not in year group in school and not only tell the year group as I found out off someone putting it on fb which would have been better to inform everyone.

As soon as we are informed of a positive covid19 case within the school community, we immediately phone public health who inform us of our next steps and who to contact as a priority. If you are not contacted, please be assured that is because the positive case poses no close contact risk to your child.

- ▶ Children most benefit from face to face contact. SeeSaw require full attention from parents. While Zoom/Video based classess are making it feel more like in school experience. The same for children in isolation. Video transmtion from class would make them feel more included.

As mentioned in our remote learning correspondence to parents, the activities set on Seesaw are designed to be as independent as possible. PPTs have voice-overs to facilitate this and we encourage pupils to contact us through Seesaw, or parents via our work email addresses, if further support is required. Ultimately, we aspire for pupils who are isolating to be able to join the lesson remotely from their own home, though we are unable to offer this at this time.

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- ▶ It would be great if a virtual parents evening could be offered to parents. Many forms of media available to do this – teams, zoom, WhatsApp video call etc.

We did consider this option, however decided that in-line with other schools, we would send out an interim report instead. If we are still in a similar position for the Spring parents evenings however, we will adopt a phone call or video call virtual parents evening.

- ▶ I think everything the school has done seems to be working really well. The only thing that bothered me is I have 2 children who go to school and they both start and finish at different times – I'm lucky enough in the morning that they both are allowed in at the same time which is 8.30 rather than wait 20 mins but they both finish at different times so one of them has to walk home on their own so I can pick the younger one up at 3.10 which isn't a big problem but would be better if they finished at same time.

To help parents with staggered pick-up times as per government guidance, (as well as drop-off times), parents should collect any siblings at the *latest* pick up time. The sibling who is waiting to be picked up will remain with their class teacher inside their classroom until they are collected with their brother or sister.

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- ▶ Excellent controls and effective measures in place have made my child and myself feel safe, secure and supported. Thorough communication has filtered through effectively. Face masks worn by parents in the playground could provide an additional measure perhaps. A big well done and thank you for everything that has been put in place.

We did send out a parent mail requesting that parents wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting children. We are unable to legally enforce this, but thank those parents who are complying with this request.

- ▶ Quite a few of us can't access the information sent about home learning as we use phones not laptops or tablets and it is a PowerPoint presentation file.

To view a powerpoint presentation on a mobile device, you can download the Microsoft Powerpoint app for free from the App store. Alternatively, you could email the office to ask for a paper copy to be printed as with any correspondence.

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- ▶ I feel the staggered drop off and pick up times set by the school are a really good idea, however there is still congestion at the exit at the side of the school at both drop off and pick up due to parents gathering. It's a narrow area and many times I have been forced to squeeze through as I can't physically get past any other way. This is not a negative directed to the school and is outside of the school demises but an observation and my experience. Despite the communications from school there are regularly more than 1 parent/carer dropping children off. If the majority can abide by the rules why can others not? It's frustrating.

We will send another parent mail asking parents once again not to congregate and cause congestion at the exit and remind them only one parent should be dropping off/picking up.

- ▶ Similarly at pick up time in the yard parents particularly in the key stage 2 yard stand in such a way you have to zig zag through with your children in order to get past. Maybe there could be a designated walk through area marked out with parents not standing there, perhaps near the field so behind these parents and then other parents have a set place they can walk without needing to manoeuvre through and get what I would class as too close.

We will look at the way this system works again on our full return to school on 8th March.