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24th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank the 117 parents who took time to contribute to our Parental Survey which was open to responses in April.

As a Leadership Team we use this information to enhance the experiences of our young people to ensure that their time at PHS is challenging, enjoyable and as supportive as possible.

There are a number of areas identified that we would like to address over the next session. Initially, we would like to highlight the following:

- School Communication:** several parents commented that the level of communication received from secondary school is significantly lower than that of primary school. In addition to our termly newsletter and social media presence, next session we are returning to issuing planners to all pupils. This will allow us to send comments to parents and vice versa. Our Daily Information is also available to view on our website (<https://www.portreehigh.highland.sch.uk>). We will also inform parents and carers on a more regular basis through email.
- Parent Council:** our Parent Council is open to all parents and carers and we would actively encourage anyone interested to take part in person or on-line. The next Parent Council meeting is on **Tuesday 4th June at 6pm**, when we will be looking at the School Improvement Priorities for next session.
- Mobile Phone Policy:** by looking at research and following support from the majority of parents, we wish Portree High School to be a 'mobile phone-free school'. We are currently working on a new Mobile Phone Policy to begin next session, where phones should be switched off whilst in the building and placed in lockers or bags. We have noted concerns from parents and carers that there may be circumstances where phones are necessary, for example for medical reasons. In such cases arrangements will be made with individual pupils and their parents or carers

Timetable Change and End of Study Leave

Our senior pupils have been on study leave this month, with the final examinations being held on Wednesday 29th May. We would request that all pupils who are returning to school for next session should be back in school on Thursday 30th May for an induction programme. The new timetable will start on Monday 3rd June for all pupils.

Best wishes,

Tony Breen, Head Teacher

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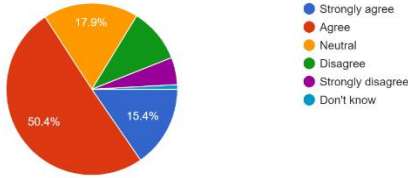
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READY, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT

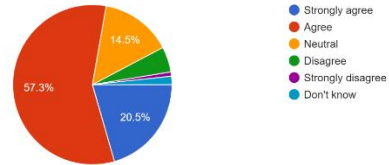




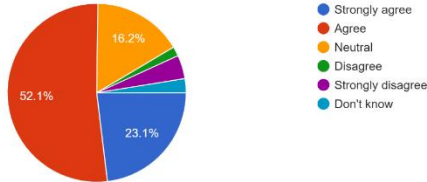
4. My child likes being at Portree High School
117 responses



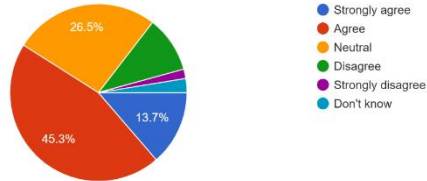
5. Staff treat my child fairly and with respect
117 responses



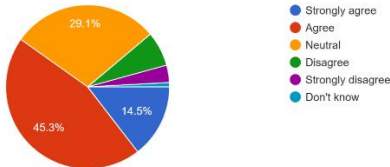
6. I feel that my child is safe at Portree High School
117 responses



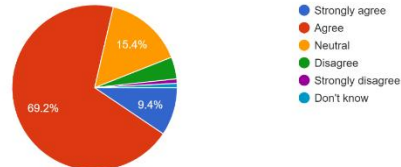
7. The school helps my child to feel confident
117 responses



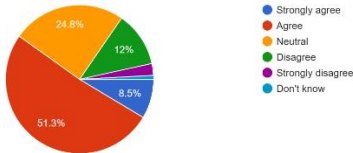
8. I feel staff really know my child as an individual
117 responses



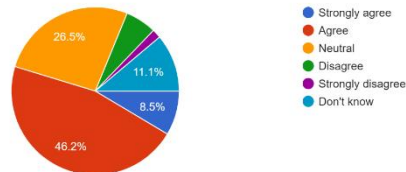
9. My child finds their learning activities challenging enough
117 responses



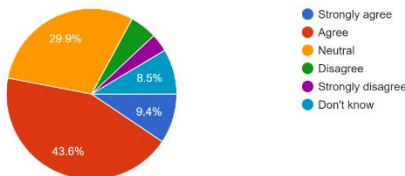
10. My child receives the help he/she needs to do well
117 responses



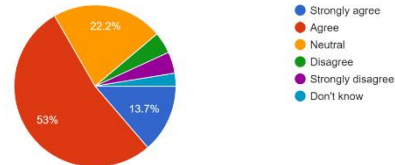
11. My child is encouraged by the school to be healthy and take regular exercise
117 responses



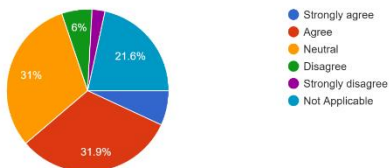
12. The school supports my child's emotional wellbeing
117 responses



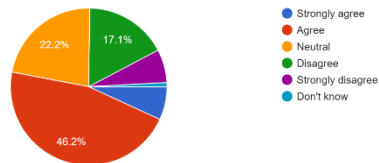
13. My child is making good progress at the school
117 responses



14. My child was well supported to make choices about taking the subjects that are right for them
116 responses

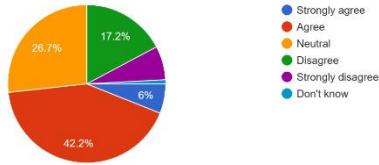


15. I receive helpful, regular feedback about how my child is learning and developing e.g. informal feedback and reports.
117 responses

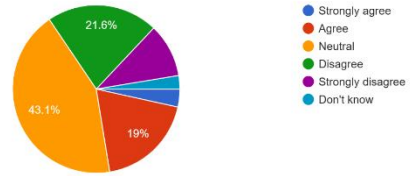




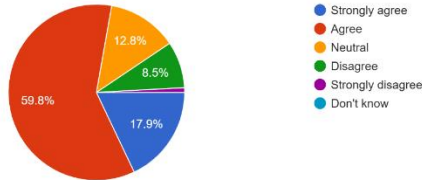
16. The information I receive about how my child is doing reaches me at the right time
116 responses



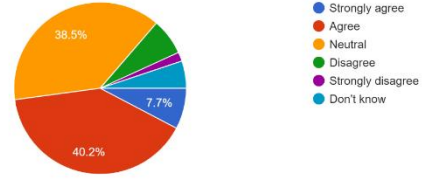
17. The school gives me advice on how to support my child's learning at home
116 responses



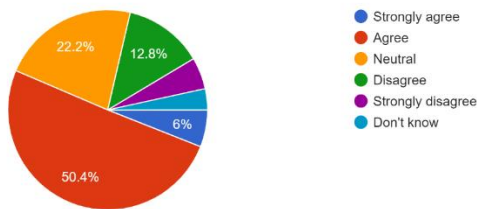
18. I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions and/or a problem
117 responses



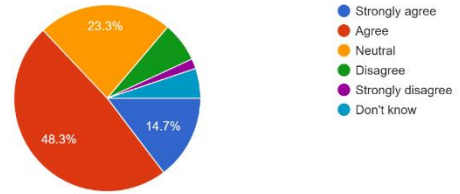
19. I feel encouraged to be involved in the work of the Parent Council
117 responses



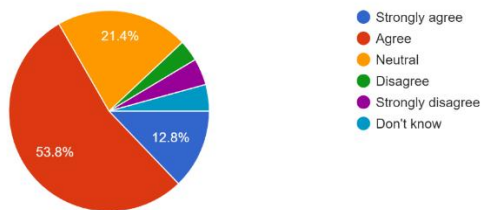
20. I am satisfied with the quality of teaching in the school
117 responses



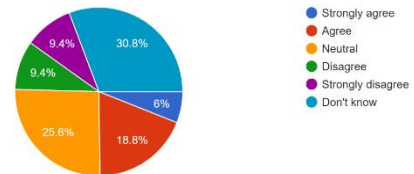
21. The school is well led and managed
116 responses



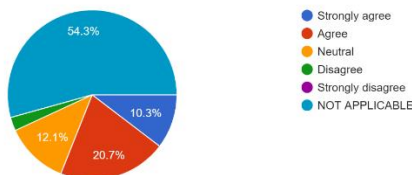
22. The school encourages young people to treat others with respect
117 responses



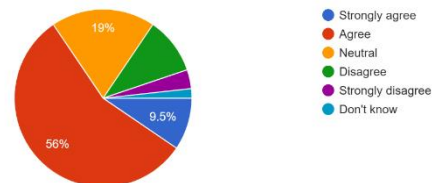
23. Portree High School deals well with bullying
117 responses



24. My child was well supported when they moved to PHS within the last year
116 responses



25. Overall, I am satisfied with the school
116 responses

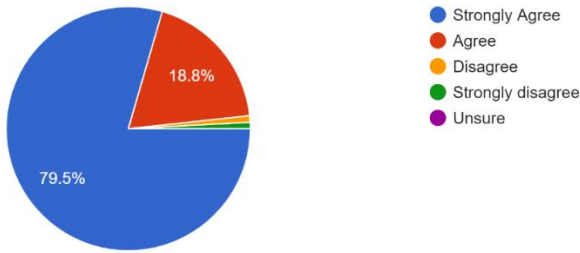




MOBILE PHONE POLICY

1. Young people need help and guidance to manage their mobile phone use.

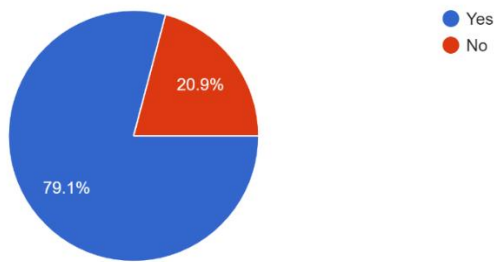
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Suggested Change to Mobile Phone Policy

Do you support this proposal?

115 responses



3. If mobile phones are in school, they should be:

116 responses



- 34.5% suggest phones should be switched off in pupils' bags during lessons, with use at break and lunch
- 46.5% suggest phones should be switched off all day, either in bags or lockers
- The majority of the remaining 19% stated phones should be switched off all day or not brought into school at all
- Two parents emphasised the requirement to be used for medical reasons, e.g. diabetes