

WIRRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A Business & Enterprise School for Boys

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Dear Parents,

2010 / 2011 was the third academic year in which we conducted parent surveys at each of our Parents' Evenings.

This booklet contains the analyses for each year group last year. This information, together with the written comments that some parents added have proved helpful in both monitoring parents' perceptions about our school and assisting with forthcoming developments.

I am grateful to those parents who completed a survey form last year. You will see from the tables that the number of returns varied across the year groups. Clearly, the higher the return, the more representative the surveys are of parents' views.

Each year we report on the previous year's survey outcomes while inviting a new round of survey responses; in this way we can monitor how perceptions change from year to year. Included in this booklet is a summary of our current developments; many of which are well underway. You will be aware that our Ofsted inspection concluded that our school is "outstanding", placing us in the top 15% of all schools nationally. No school is 'perfect' and while we can all be justifiably pleased to receive an 'outstanding' judgement for overall school effectiveness; there is always scope for further improvement.

On the basis of comments made in the 2010 /2011 surveys we have introduced a number of key developments that we hope that parents will welcome. Firstly, Parents Evenings have been modified so that staff are grouped into larger spaces (the Dining Hall, LRC, Sixth Form Centre, and Main Hall); we hope that this will reduce movement time between appointments. Secondly we have introduced a new electronic payment system where by parents can pay for visits etc. using an 'online' facility. Thirdly, we have changed our school meals provider and the tendering process for this involved the boys through the School Council. Finally, during 2011/12 we will be setting up a new Lost Property Service; we hope that this will reduce the amount of lost property that is left unclaimed each term.

Many thanks to those parents who complete surveys each year and I hope that you will continue to do so.

Yours sincerely,

David Hazeldine
Headteacher

Year 7 Parent Survey: April 2011

	Strongly agree (No.)	Strongly Agree %	Agree (No.)	Agree %	Disagree (No.)	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree (No.)	Strongly disagree %	Unable to Comment (No.)	U/C%	Total
My son enjoys attending this school (<i>is he content, settled and happy here?</i>)	67	77.9	19	22.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	86
The school keeps my child safe (<i>e.g. secure environment, school procedures and rules</i>)	58	67.4	27	31.4	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	86
My school informs me about my child's progress (<i>e.g. through parents evening, progress bulletins and reports</i>)	42	48.8	40	46.5	2	2.3	1	1.2	1	1.2	86
My child is making enough progress at this school (<i>e.g. as seen through progress reports and teacher's comments</i>)	46	53.5	38	44.2	1	1.2	0	0.0	1	1.2	86
The teaching is good at this school (<i>based on what you know about your son's progress etc</i>)	55	64.0	28	32.6	1	1.2	0	0.0	2	2.3	86
The school helps me to support my child's learning (<i>e.g. through parents evenings, information evenings and guides</i>)	40	46.5	42	48.8	1	1.2	0	0.0	3	3.5	86
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle (<i>e.g. through taking part in sport, PE, lessons in PSHE, etc</i>)	43	50.0	41	47.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.3	86
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (<i>e.g. through focusing on high attainment, advice about careers etc</i>)	35	40.7	27	31.4	2	2.3	0	0.0	22	25.6	86
The school meets my child's particular needs (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, Heads of Year etc</i>)	40	46.5	37	43.0	2	2.3	0	0.0	7	8.1	86
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour (<i>e.g. through clear expectations and sanctions</i>)	43	50.0	38	44.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	5.8	86
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, heads of year, surveys etc</i>)	38	44.2	28	32.6	2	2.3	0	0.0	18	20.9	86
The school is led and managed effectively (<i>e.g. through the standards set by the headteacher and senior staff</i>)	49	57.0	31	36.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	7.0	86
There is wide range extracurricular opportunities (<i>e.g. sport, music, overseas visits, charity work, school trips etc.</i>)	57	66.3	26	30.2	2	2.3	0	0.0	1	1.2	86
The school is well respected in the community (<i>the school's reputation in the minds of local people</i>)	71	82.6	13	15.1	1	1.2	0	0.0	1	1.2	86
The school keep me informed of developments / events (<i>e.g. through Nuntius, parent mail, web site</i>)	70	81.4	14	16.3	2	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	86
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	70	81.4	15	17.4	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	86

Total number of responses: 86 / 155 (55%)

For each statement, the response (Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree / Unable to Comment), with the highest score is highlighted in **bold**.

Year 8 Parent Survey: May 2011

	Strongly agree (No.)	Strongly Agree %	Agree (No.)	Agree %	Disagree (No.)	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree (No.)	Strongly disagree %	Unable to Comment (No.)	U/C%	Total
My son enjoys attending this school (<i>is he content, settled and happy here?</i>)	26	40.7	45	43.0	2	1.2	1	0.0	0	0.0	73
The school keeps my child safe (<i>e.g. secure environment, school procedures and rules</i>)	35	27.9	37	55.8	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	73
My school informs me about my child's progress (<i>e.g through parents evening , progress bulletins and reports</i>)	24	27.9	48	55.8	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	1.2	73
My child is making enough progress at this school (<i>e.g. as seen through progress reports and teacher's comments</i>)	26	30.2	46	53.5	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	73
The teaching is good at this school (<i>based on what you know about your son's progress etc</i>)	31	36.0	41	47.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.2	73
The school helps me to support my child's learning (<i>e.g. through parents evenings, information evenings and guides</i>)	25	29.1	43	50.0	5	5.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	73
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle (<i>e.g. through taking part in sport, PE, lessons in PSHE, etc</i>)	23	26.7	49	57.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.2	73
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (<i>e.g. through focusing on high attainment, advice about careers etc</i>)	23	26.7	37	43.0	1	1.2	0	0.0	12	14.0	73
The school meets my child's particular needs (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, Heads of Year etc</i>)	21	24.4	44	51.2	0	0.0	1	1.2	7	8.1	73
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour (<i>e.g. through clear expectations and sanctions</i>)	23	26.7	43	50.0	3	3.5	0	0.0	4	4.7	73
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, heads of year, surveys etc</i>)	11	12.8	40	46.5	5	5.8	0	0.0	17	19.8	73
The school is led and managed effectively (<i>e.g. through the standards set by the headteacher and senior staff</i>)	35	40.7	36	41.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.3	73
There is wide range extracurricular opportunities (<i>e.g. sport, music, overseas visits, charity work, school trips etc.</i>)	46	53.5	26	30.2	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	73
The school is well respected in the community (<i>the school's reputation in the minds of local people</i>)	48	55.8	23	26.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.3	73
The school keep me informed of developments / events (<i>e.g. through Nuntius, parent mail, web site</i>)	50	58.1	23	26.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	73
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	39	45.3	33	38.4	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	73

Total number of responses: 73 / 155 (47%)

For each statment, the response (Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree / Unable to Comment), with the highest score (modal group) is highlighted in **bold**.

Year 9 Parent Survey: March 2011

	Strongly agree (No.)	Strongly Agree %	Agree (No.)	Agree %	Disagree (No.)	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree (No.)	Strongly disagree %	Unable to Comment (No.)	U/C%	Total
My son enjoys attending this school (<i>is he content, settled and happy here?</i>)	34	41.5	42	51.2	4	4.9	1	1.2	1	1.2	82
The school keeps my child safe (<i>e.g. secure environment, school procedures and rules</i>)	46	56.1	33	40.2	2	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.2	82
My school informs me about my child's progress (<i>e.g through parents evening , progress bulletins and reports</i>)	43	52.4	39	47.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	82
My child is making enough progress at this school (<i>e.g. as seen through progress reports and teacher's comments</i>)	35	42.7	42	51.2	5	6.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	82
The teaching is good at this school (<i>based on what you know about your son's progress etc</i>)	32	39.0	49	59.8	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	82
The school helps me to support my child's learning (<i>e.g. through parents evenings, information evenings and guides</i>)	31	37.8	48	58.5	3	3.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	82
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle (<i>e.g. through taking part in sport, PE, lessons in PSHE, etc</i>)	33	40.2	45	54.9	2	2.4	0	0.0	2	2.4	82
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (<i>e.g. through focusing on high attainment, advice about careers etc</i>)	35	42.7	36	43.9	1	1.2	1	1.2	9	11.0	82
The school meets my child's particular needs (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, Heads of Year etc</i>)	29	35.4	45	54.9	5	6.1	0	0.0	3	3.7	82
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour (<i>e.g. through clear expectations and sanctions</i>)	29	35.4	38	46.3	9	11.0	1	1.2	5	6.1	82
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, heads of year, surveys etc</i>)	20	24.4	40	48.8	4	4.9	0	0.0	18	22.0	82
The school is led and managed effectively (<i>e.g. through the standards set by the headteacher and senior staff</i>)	40	48.8	36	43.9	1	1.2	0	0.0	5	6.1	82
There is wide range extracurricular opportunities (<i>e.g. sport, music, overseas visits, charity work, school trips etc.</i>)	45	54.9	34	41.5	3	3.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	82
The school is well respected in the community (<i>the school's reputation in the minds of local people</i>)	57	69.5	22	26.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	3.7	82
The school keep me informed of developments / events (<i>e.g. through Nuntius, parent mail, web site</i>)	56	68.3	24	29.3	2	2.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	82
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	48	58.5	26	31.7	3	3.7	2	2.4	3	3.7	82

Total number of responses: 82 / 153 (54%)

Modal group is indicated in **bold** for each response

Year 10 Parent Survey: November 2010

	Strongly agree (No.)	%	Agree (No.)	%	Disagree (No.)	%	Strongly Disagree (No.)	%	Unable to Comment (No.)	%	Total
My son enjoys attending this school (<i>is he content, settled and happy here?</i>)	55	55.6	43	43.4	1	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	99
The school keeps my child safe (<i>e.g. secure environment, school procedures and rules</i>)	59	59.6	39	39.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.0	99
My school informs me about my child's progress (<i>e.g through parents evening , progress bulletins and reports</i>)	49	49.5	47	47.5	3	3.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	99
My child is making enough progress at this school (<i>e.g. as seen through progress reports and teacher's comments</i>)	40	40.4	55	55.6	3	3.0	0	0.0	1	1.0	99
The teaching is good at this school (<i>based on what you know about your son's progress etc</i>)	52	52.5	44	44.4	1	1.0	0	0.0	2	2.0	99
The school helps me to support my child's learning (<i>e.g. through parents evenings, information evenings and guides</i>)	43	43.4	54	54.5	2	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	99
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle (<i>e.g. through taking part in sport, PE, lessons in PSHE, etc</i>)	40	40.4	57	57.6	2	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	99
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (<i>e.g. through focusing on high attainment, advice about careers etc</i>)	39	39.4	49	49.5	1	1.0	0	0.0	10	10.1	99
The school meets my child's particular needs (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, Heads of Year etc</i>)	39	39.4	52	52.5	2	2.0	0	0.0	6	6.1	99
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour (<i>e.g. through clear expectations and sanctions</i>)	37	37.4	49	49.5	4	4.0	0	0.0	9	9.1	99
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, heads of year, surveys etc</i>)	26	26.3	51	51.5	2	2.0	0	0.0	20	20.2	99
The school is led and managed effectively (<i>e.g. through the standards set by the headteacher and senior staff</i>)	53	53.5	43	43.4	1	1.0	0	0.0	2	2.0	99
There is wide range extracurricular opportunities (<i>e.g. sport, music, overseas visits, charity work, school trips etc.</i>)	49	49.5	47	47.5	1	1.0	0	0.0	2	2.0	99
The school is well respected in the community (<i>the school's reputation in the minds of local people</i>)	59	59.6	37	37.4	1	1.0	0	0.0	2	2.0	99
The school keep me informed of developments / events (<i>e.g. through Nuntius, parent mail, web site</i>)	54	54.5	43	43.4	2	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	99
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	57	57.6	41	41.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.0	99

Total number of responses: 99 / 153 (64%)
 Modal group is indicated in bold for each response

Year 11 Parent Survey: January 2011

	Strongly agree (No.)	%	Agree (No.)	%	Disagree (No.)	%	Strongly Disagree (No.)	%	Unable to Comment (No.)	%	Total
My son enjoys attending this school (<i>is he content, settled and happy here?</i>)	37	53.6	31	44.9	0	0.0	1	1.4	0	0.0	69
The school keeps my child safe (<i>e.g. secure environment, school procedures and rules</i>)	45	65.2	24	34.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	69
My school informs me about my child's progress (<i>e.g. through parents evening, progress bulletins and reports</i>)	40	58.0	28	40.6	1	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	69
My child is making enough progress at this school (<i>e.g. as seen through progress reports and teacher's comments</i>)	37	53.6	31	44.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	69
The teaching is good at this school (<i>based on what you know about your son's progress etc</i>)	37	53.6	32	46.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	69
The school helps me to support my child's learning (<i>e.g. through parents evenings, information evenings and guides</i>)	33	47.8	32	46.4	2	2.9	0	0.0	2	2.9	69
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle (<i>e.g. through taking part in sport, PE, lessons in PSHE, etc</i>)	27	39.1	39	56.5	2	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.4	69
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (<i>e.g. through focusing on high attainment, advice about careers etc</i>)	34	49.3	32	46.4	1	1.4	0	0.0	2	2.9	69
The school meets my child's particular needs (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, Heads of Year etc</i>)	32	46.4	34	49.3	1	1.4	0	0.0	2	2.9	69
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour (<i>e.g. through clear expectations and sanctions</i>)	33	47.8	32	46.4	3	4.3	0	0.0	1	1.4	69
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, heads of year, surveys etc</i>)	23	33.3	31	44.9	4	5.8	0	0.0	11	15.9	69
The school is led and managed effectively (<i>e.g. through the standards set by the headteacher and senior staff</i>)	35	50.7	34	49.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	69
There is wide range extracurricular opportunities (<i>e.g. sport, music, overseas visits, charity work, school trips etc.</i>)	41	59.4	25	36.2	1	1.4	0	0.0	2	2.9	69
The school is well respected in the community (<i>the school's reputation in the minds of local people</i>)	53	76.8	16	23.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	69
The school keep me informed of developments / events (<i>e.g. through Nuntius, parent mail, web site</i>)	47	68.1	22	31.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	69
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	47	68.1	21	30.4	1	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	69

Total number of responses: 69 / 157 (47%)

Modal group is indicated in **bold** for each response

year 12 Parent Survey: November 2010

	Strongly agree (No.)	%	Agree (No.)	%	Disagree (No.)	%	Strongly Disagree (No.)	%	Unable to Comment (No.)	%	Total
My son enjoys attending this school (<i>is he content, settled and happy here?</i>)	39	52.7	34	45.9	1	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	74
The school keeps my child safe (<i>e.g. secure environment, school procedures and rules</i>)	44	59.5	29	39.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	74
My school informs me about my child's progress (<i>e.g through parents evening , progress bulletins and reports</i>)	38	51.4	35	47.3	1	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	74
My child is making enough progress at this school (<i>e.g. as seen through progress reports and teacher's comments</i>)	27	36.5	45	60.8	2	2.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	74
The teaching is good at this school (<i>based on what you know about your son's progress etc</i>)	35	47.3	38	51.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	74
The school helps me to support my child's learning (<i>e.g. through parents evenings, information evenings and guides</i>)	24	32.4	47	63.5	1	1.4	0	0.0	2	2.7	74
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle (<i>e.g. through taking part in sport, PE, lessons in PSHE, etc</i>)	24	32.4	46	62.2	2	2.7	1	1.4	1	1.4	74
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (<i>e.g. through focusing on high attainment, advice about careers etc</i>)	39	52.7	30	40.5	2	2.7	0	0.0	3	4.1	74
The school meets my child's particular needs (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, Heads of Year etc</i>)	25	33.8	45	60.8	2	2.7	0	0.0	2	2.7	74
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour (<i>e.g. through clear expectations and sanctions</i>)	29	39.2	37	50.0	1	1.4	0	0.0	7	9.5	74
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, heads of year, surveys etc</i>)	17	23.0	36	48.6	6	8.1	0	0.0	15	20.3	74
The school is led and managed effectively (<i>e.g. through the standards set by the headteacher and senior staff</i>)	40	54.1	29	39.2	1	1.4	0	0.0	4	5.4	74
There is wide range extracurricular opportunities (<i>e.g. sport, music, overseas visits, charity work, school trips etc.</i>)	41	55.4	31	41.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.7	74
The school is well respected in the community (<i>the school's reputation in the minds of local people</i>)	47	63.5	26	35.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	74
The school keep me informed of developments / events (<i>e.g. through Nuntius, parent mail, web site</i>)	47	63.5	23	31.1	3	4.1	0	0.0	1	1.4	74
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	52	70.3	22	29.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	74

Total number of responses: 74 / 150 (49%)
 Modal group is indicated in bold for each response

year 13 Parent Survey: October 2010

	Strongly agree (No.)	%	Agree (No.)	%	Disagree (No.)	%	Strongly Disagree (No.)	%	Unable to Comment (No.)	%	Total
My son enjoys attending this school (<i>is he content, settled and happy here?</i>)	23	53.5	20	46.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	43
The school keeps my child safe (<i>e.g. secure environment, school procedures and rules</i>)	26	60.5	17	39.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	43
My school informs me about my child's progress (<i>e.g through parents evening , progress bulletins and reports</i>)	23	53.5	19	44.2	1	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	43
My child is making enough progress at this school (<i>e.g. as seen through progress reports and teacher's comments</i>)	14	32.6	26	60.5	3	7.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	43
The teaching is good at this school (<i>based on what you know about your son's progress etc</i>)	21	48.8	19	44.2	2	4.7	0	0.0	1	2.3	43
The school helps me to support my child's learning (<i>e.g. through parents evenings, information evenings and guides</i>)	14	32.6	27	62.8	2	4.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	43
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle (<i>e.g. through taking part in sport, PE, lessons in PSHE, etc</i>)	15	34.9	25	58.1	1	2.3	1	2.3	1	2.3	43
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (<i>e.g. through focusing on high attainment, advice about careers etc</i>)	15	34.9	26	60.5	2	4.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	43
The school meets my child's particular needs (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, Heads of Year etc</i>)	18	41.9	23	53.5	2	4.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	43
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour (<i>e.g. through clear expectations and sanctions</i>)	14	32.6	25	58.1	2	4.7	0	0.0	2	4.7	43
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns (<i>e.g. through discussions with teachers, heads of year, surveys etc</i>)	11	25.6	24	55.8	3	7.0	0	0.0	5	11.6	43
The school is led and managed effectively (<i>e.g. through the standards set by the headteacher and senior staff</i>)	20	46.5	23	53.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	43
There is wide range extracurricular opportunities (<i>e.g. sport, music, overseas visits, charity work, school trips etc.</i>)	22	51.2	20	46.5	0	0.0	1	2.3	0	0.0	43
The school is well respected in the community (<i>the school's reputation in the minds of local people</i>)	26	60.5	17	39.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	43
The school keep me informed of developments / events (<i>e.g. through Nuntius, parent mail, web site</i>)	20	46.5	21	48.8	1	2.3	0	0.0	1	2.3	43
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	24	55.8	18	41.9	1	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	43

Total number of responses: 43 / 140 (29%
 Modal group is indicated in **bold** for each response