



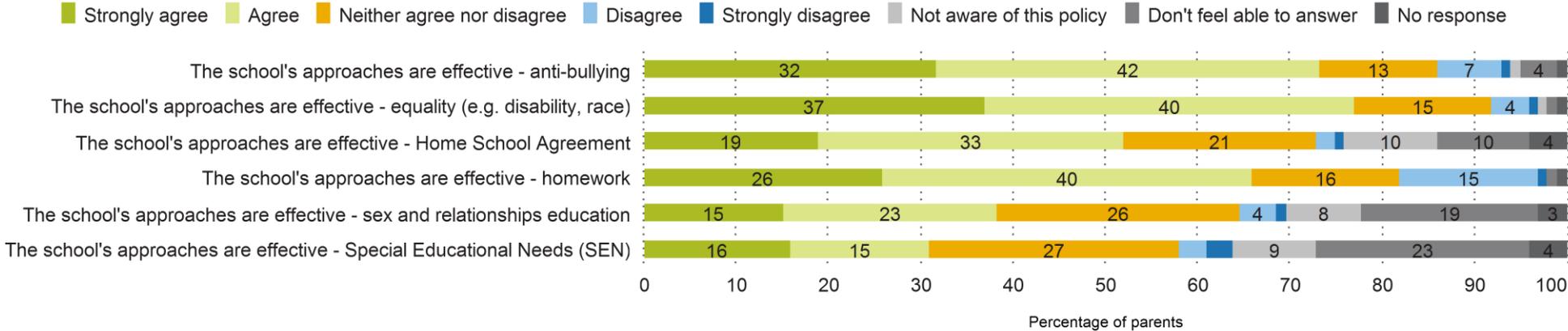
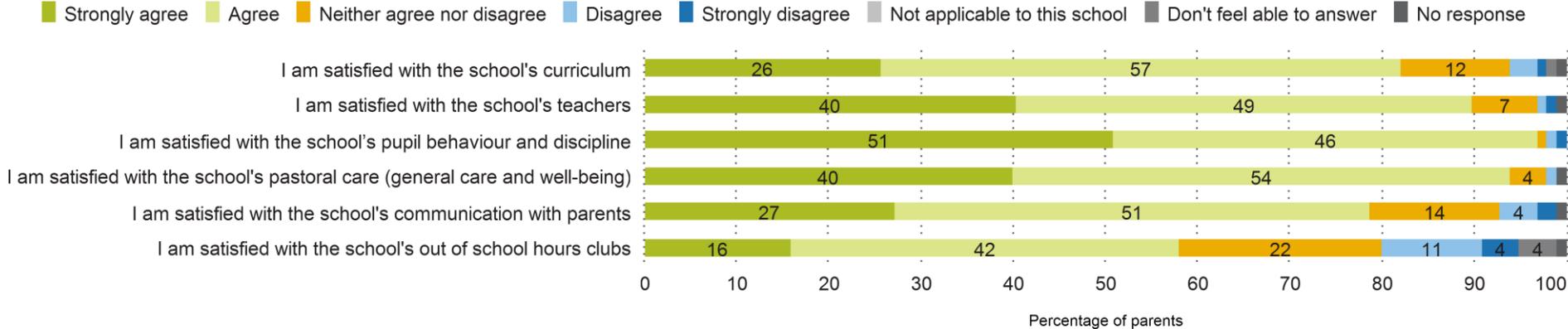
St Joan of Arc Catholic Primary School

Results of Parent/Carer Surveys – Spring 2016

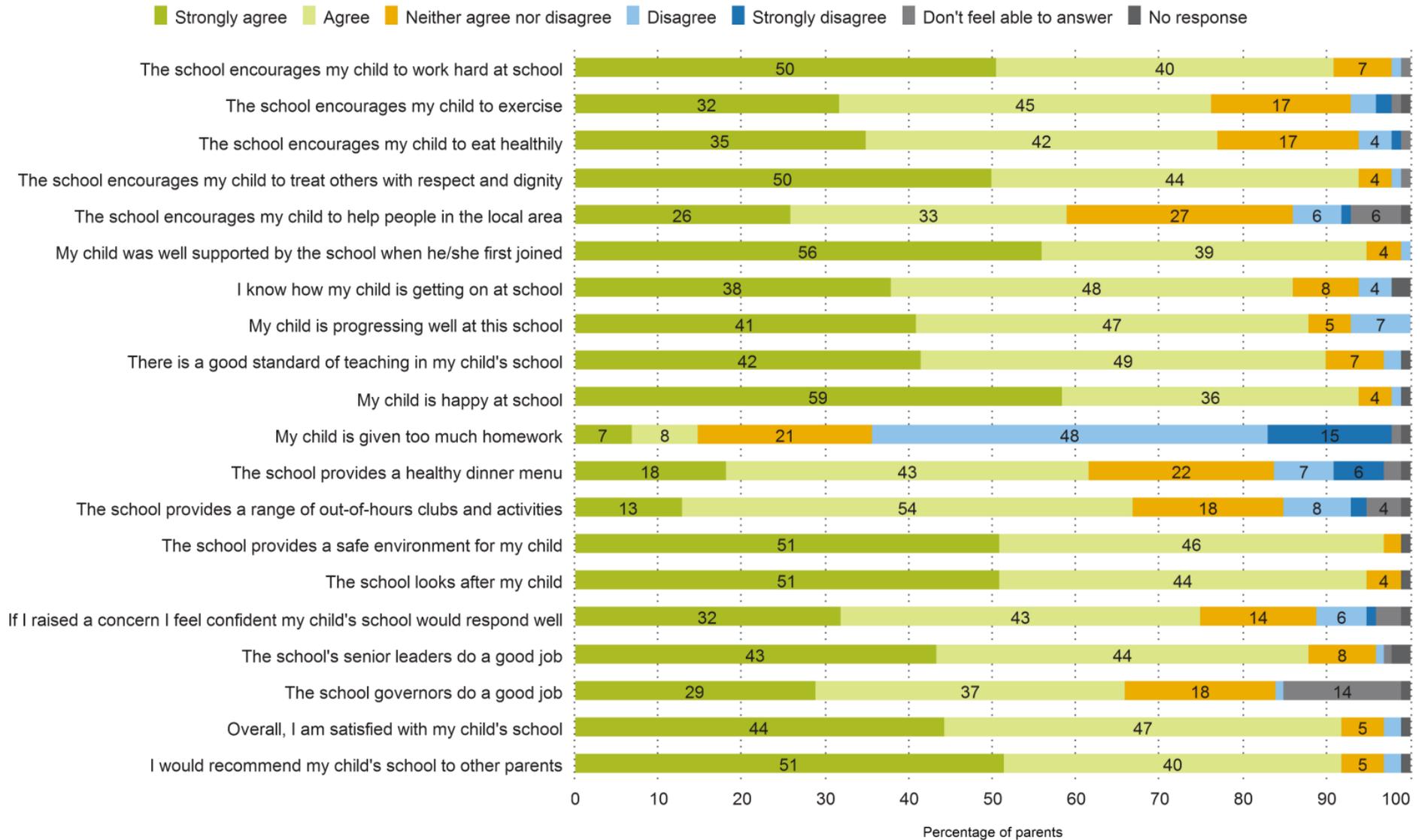
Thank you so much to everyone who completed this survey earlier in the Spring term.

We received 136 responses, which represents about one half of our families. A summary of the findings are detailed below, together with key areas where you have suggested we can improve as a school.

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We are, of course, very pleased with the results of this survey – particularly the very positive responses for pastoral care, the quality of teaching and learning and pupil behaviour. However, we are not complacent and we want to ensure that all of our families are as happy as they can be at St Joan of Arc. Based on your responses, and comparisons with other schools’ data, we have identified these key areas for improvement:

<p>I am satisfied with the school’s out of school hours clubs</p>	<p>We work with Highbury Roundhouse, to whom we contract out our after-school service. They do have limited capacity in the number of clubs they can provide on any given evening (based on using two halls and the outside areas). Unfortunately they are not able to use the main school building as it gets cleaned from 3.45-5.45pm. We will, however, continue to work with them to ensure there is a range of clubs offered which cater for all year groups.</p> <p>We will continue to offer a selection of lunchtime clubs and activities on an ongoing basis, which are delivered by staff throughout the year. Any additional provision is provided by staff on a voluntary basis, in addition to their other responsibilities.</p>
<p>The school encourages my child to exercise</p>	<p>Like many inner-city schools, space is at a premium. We already have staggered break and lunchtimes to ensure there are fewer year groups on the playground at any given time. This gives children more opportunities for active play throughout the day. We are also in the process of redesigning the Reception outdoor area to ensure that outdoor learning in Early Years is given a higher profile.</p> <p>Every year we buy into Islington Schools Competition package which enables us to enter pupils for a range of competitive sports across the borough. We are pleased that this year more competitions have been organised for pupils in Y3 & Y4, as well as those in Y5 & Y6. We had a whole school Rugby World Cup focus in the autumn term, and we will be celebrating ‘Rio 2016’ later this term. In addition to timetabled PE lessons, every class has externally- led sports coaching each term. More information about sports provision can be found on our website under the ‘Sports Funding’ section.</p> <p>We are always open to any suggestions about how we can further improve our provision in this area.</p>
<p>The School provides a healthy dinner menu</p>	<p>Our lunches are prepared by Caterlink who provide school lunches for nearly all Islington schools. This means that schools across the borough offer a similar menu each day. All our food is made on-site using fresh local produce and the menus are centrally agreed by nutritionists to ensure pupils receive a well-balanced diet. Lunch menus are available for parents to view on the school website.</p> <p>We will meet with our allocated Caterlink supervisor to discuss how they can improve school lunches even further (particularly for classes when they are on ‘last sitting’). We will also conduct a pupil survey in later this term, so that we can find out more about what the children say about lunchtime and how it can be improved.</p>
<p>My child is given too much homework</p>	<p>We know that this is an issue which stimulates a wide range of parent responses. Some parents want more homework for their children and want it set on certain days, whilst other parents do not feel that children in primary school should have any homework at all. We have to balance these opposing views with our own professional judgement and come up with a system that works well for our children.</p> <p>Our new school Parents’ Forum has been very proactive in helping us to understand some of the issues with homework from a parents’ perspective. We have listened carefully to this feedback, especially regarding the use of ActiveLearn in Maths, and will be introducing a new homework policy from September 2016.</p>

Whilst the survey was anonymous, we do want to respond to any concerns that you might have. If you would like to discuss a particular issue with us, please get in touch via the school office.