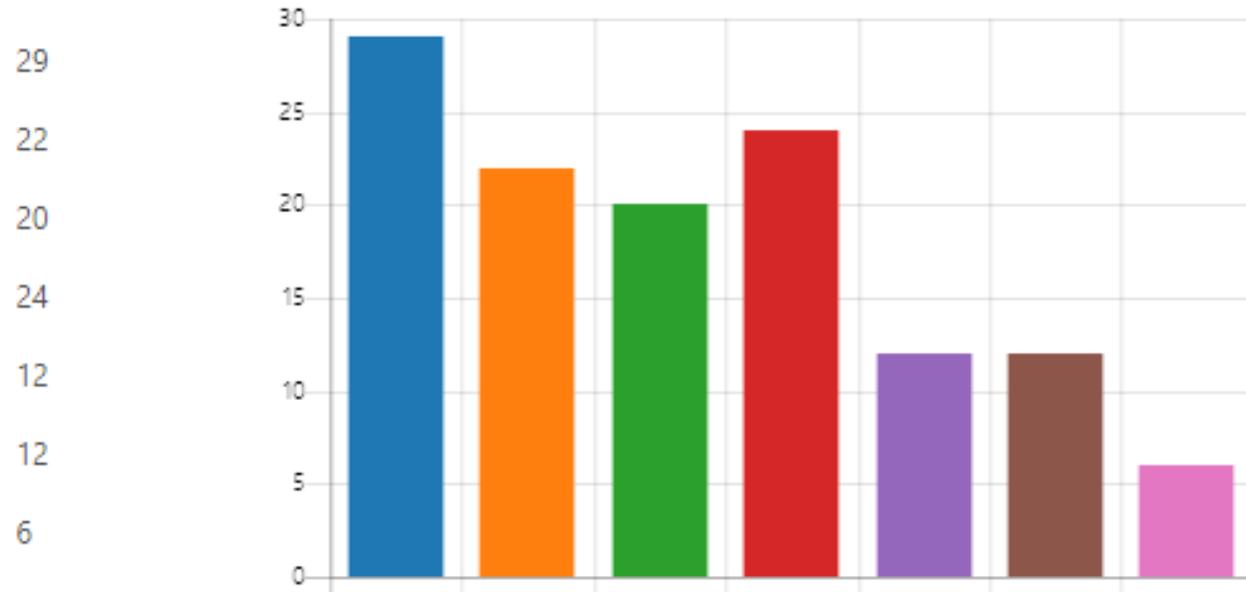


# Parent Survey Autumn 2020

Thank you to the 125 parents who responded

## 1. My child is in

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12
- Year 13



## Recommending Theale Green School

24. I would recommend TGS to another parent



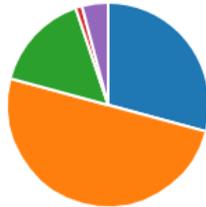
91% of parents would recommend TGS to another parent, compared with 73% two years ago.

We will further analyse the comments of parents who do not feel able to recommend TGS.

## Lockdown Engagement: 2, 4, 5

2. During the lockdown period staff at TGS worked hard to keep my child engaged with school

Strongly Agree	28
Agree	48
Disagree	15
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	4



Different families had different experiences of lockdown and home schooling and whilst 80% of families felt that staff had worked hard to engage learners remotely, 15% disagreed.

We have published this week our developed plans for remote learning in the event of further school full or partial closure; this plan and training videos for parents are all available on the website.

All students have had further training this term in remote use of Office365. We are pleased that many families took part in the plethora of events and challenges shared on social media with the PE and House Teams

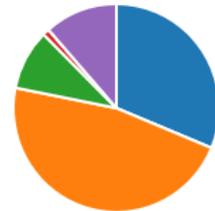
4. During the lockdown period the school set plenty of work

Strongly Agree	20
Agree	47
Disagree	17
Strongly disagree	3
Don't know	9



5. During the lockdown period the school used the House system, PE/Sport, challenges and competitions to help my child remain enthusiastic

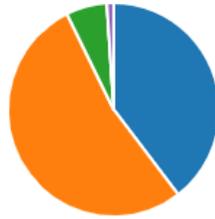
Strongly Agree	30
Agree	45
Disagree	9
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	11



## Lockdown communication and general communication: 3, 10, 11

3. During the lockdown period communication was good

Strongly Agree	38
Agree	51
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	1

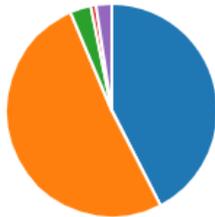


We are pleased that so many parents appreciated the efforts of staff in maintaining strong communication during lockdown, and also the fact that 95% parents agreed that communication about our return to school helped parents / carers to prepare.

We continue to keep our communication very high on our priority list to support students, parents/carers and staff. All communication questions resulted in 92-95% agreement.

10. Communication at the school supports me as a parent/carers

Strongly agree	53
Agree	64
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	3



11. Communication about a safe return in September has helped me as a parent/carers

Strongly agree	62
Agree	56
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	4



## Safe and happy: 6, 7

### 6. My child is happy at this TGS

Strongly Agree	58
Agree	57
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	2
Don't know	4



90-92% of children feel happy and safe at Theale Green School. We have recently introduced a new system for reporting and recording all safeguarding concerns and incidents and four staff are trained as Designated Safeguarding Leads.

We continue to promote our culture of a “family” and “community” ethos within the school.

### 7. My child feels safe at this TGS

Strongly agree	51
Agree	62
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	2
Don't know	4



## Behaviour: 8

### 8. The school makes sure pupils behave well at TGS

Strongly agree	36
Agree	70
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	13



85% of parents say that students behave well. This is a notable increase. Whilst 10% of parents don't know, only 5% of parents disagree.

Continuing to promote the highest of expectations for behaviour is part of our development plan and is a particular action from this survey

## Leadership and Management: 9

9. TGS is well led and well managed

Strongly agree	63
Agree	53
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	7



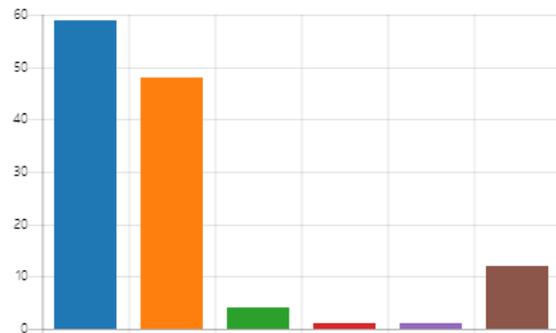
92% of parents say the school is well led and managed, with 50% answering “strongly agree”. 2% disagree and 6% don’t know.

This is a very significant increase over a three year period and continues to be a key area of our strategic development plan in terms of building a strong leadership structure throughout the school.

## Return after lockdown: 12

12. The school prepared well for a safe return which has reassured my child

Strongly agree	59
Agree	48
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	1
My child was not concerned	12

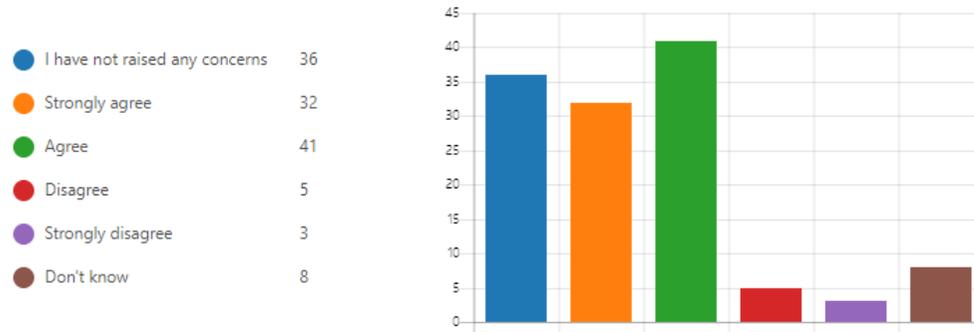


10% children were not concerned about returning whilst 86% felt the school prepared well to alleviate concerns. Only 4% did not feel the school prepared well.

Our Risk Assessment and plans are under continuous review and reducing the spread of CV-19 is a responsibility we take exceptionally seriously.

## Concerns: 14

14. When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with effectively

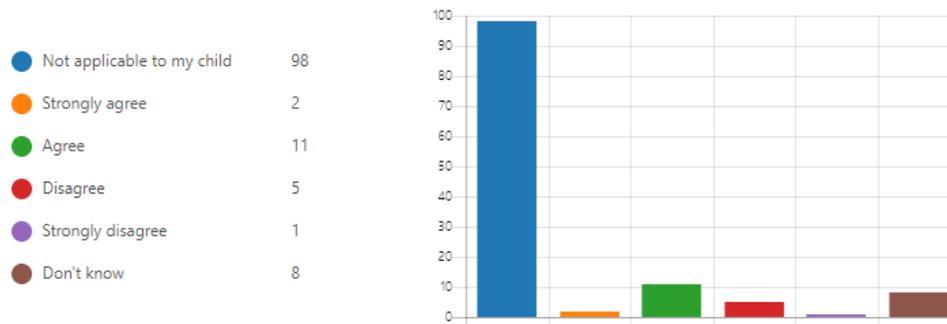


87% of parents have not had any concerns or feel that their concerns have been dealt with well.

We will analyse the comments of the 13% who either disagree or don't know to identify how we can further engage with parents who have concerns

## Bullying: 15

15. My child has been bullied at TGS and the staff have dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively



89% of parents say their child has not been bullied or that bullying has been dealt with well (compared with 43% two years ago).

We will analyse the comments of the 11% who either disagree or don't know to identify how we can explore this further.

## Teaching and Learning: 13, 22

13. TGS makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year

Strongly agree	34
Agree	61
Disagree	21
Strongly disagree	3
Don't know	6



The number of parents who agree that they are aware of what their child is being taught has risen from 63% to 76% since last year.

Last year we published the curriculum in its entirety for all parents to access on our website, so parents can see every topic being taught and when it is being taught for each subject. It is clear that a number of parents are still unaware of this information.

76% of parents say that their child is challenged at TGS through teaching. The heart of our teaching and learning strategy is challenge – we call it Lifting the Lid – and this topic will form a specific action as a result of this survey

22. The teaching is challenging and my child enjoys lessons

Strongly agree	25
Agree	70
Disagree	13
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	17



## SEND: 16, 17

16. Does your child have Special Educational Needs/Disability?

Yes	12
No	113



12 parents of children with SEND responded to the survey.

We will be analysing this data carefully, and sharing specifically and proactively our SEND strategy with all parents of SEND children, whilst looking for proactive ways to engage further.

17. My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed

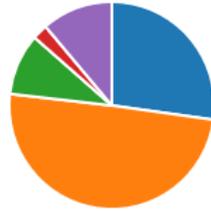
Strongly agree	3
Agree	2
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	4



## Progress reporting: 20

20. TGS lets me know how my child is doing

Strongly agree	34
Agree	62
Disagree	12
Strongly disagree	3
Don't know	14



77% parents say that the school lets them know how their child is getting on. Our survey last year was 85% for the same question, and we have made improvements as a direct result of last year's survey.

It may be that the lack of usual progress reporting and parents' evenings as a result of CV-19 has impacted on how parents are feeling, and we are looking at this closely for the term ahead

## Aspirations: 18, 19

18. TGS has high expectations for my child

Strongly agree	41
Agree	62
Disagree	7
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	15

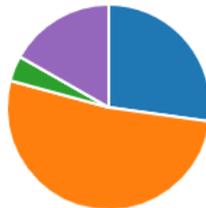


Most parents say that the school has high expectations of their child and that their child does well at TGS.

This is a significant increase over the last two years. Both Aspiration and Ambition are key parts of our Strategic Development Plan.

19. My child does well at TGS

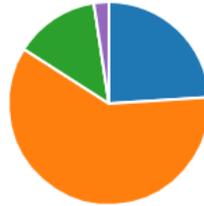
Strongly agree	34
Agree	65
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	21



## Range: 21

21. There is a good range of subjects at this school

Strongly agree	30
Agree	75
Disagree	17
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	3



84% of parents say that there is a good range of subjects, and this is of course a reflection of the smaller year groups in the higher end of the school.

The reintroduction of Food and IT was welcomed at KS3, as have been additional BTEC in the Sixth Form; as we continue to grow, so will our range of subjects

## Wider Personal Development: 23

23. The school supports my child's wider personal development

Strongly agree	24
Agree	56
Disagree	12
Strongly disagree	2
Don't know	31



65% of parents say that TGS supports their child's wider personal development.

This is a slight reduction on last year, and this is possibly a reflection of the lack of normal activities due to CV-19.

However, a large number say they don't know, and this will form part of our response to the survey.

1. Analyse all individual comments and build into action plan
2. Share Anti-Bullying Ladder with community
3. Share web link where the whole curriculum is shared with parents / community and regularly remind parents of where to find it.
4. Set up a clear communication plan to enable parents to clearly understand how they will be kept up to date with their child's progress in light of CV-19 restrictions
5. Set up a small focus group to share the T&L strategy of Lifting the Lid to explore the idea of "challenge"
6. Ensure communication is integral in SEND strategic plan and proactively share with SEND parents
7. Provide ongoing and regular updates to parents of Wider Personal Development activities