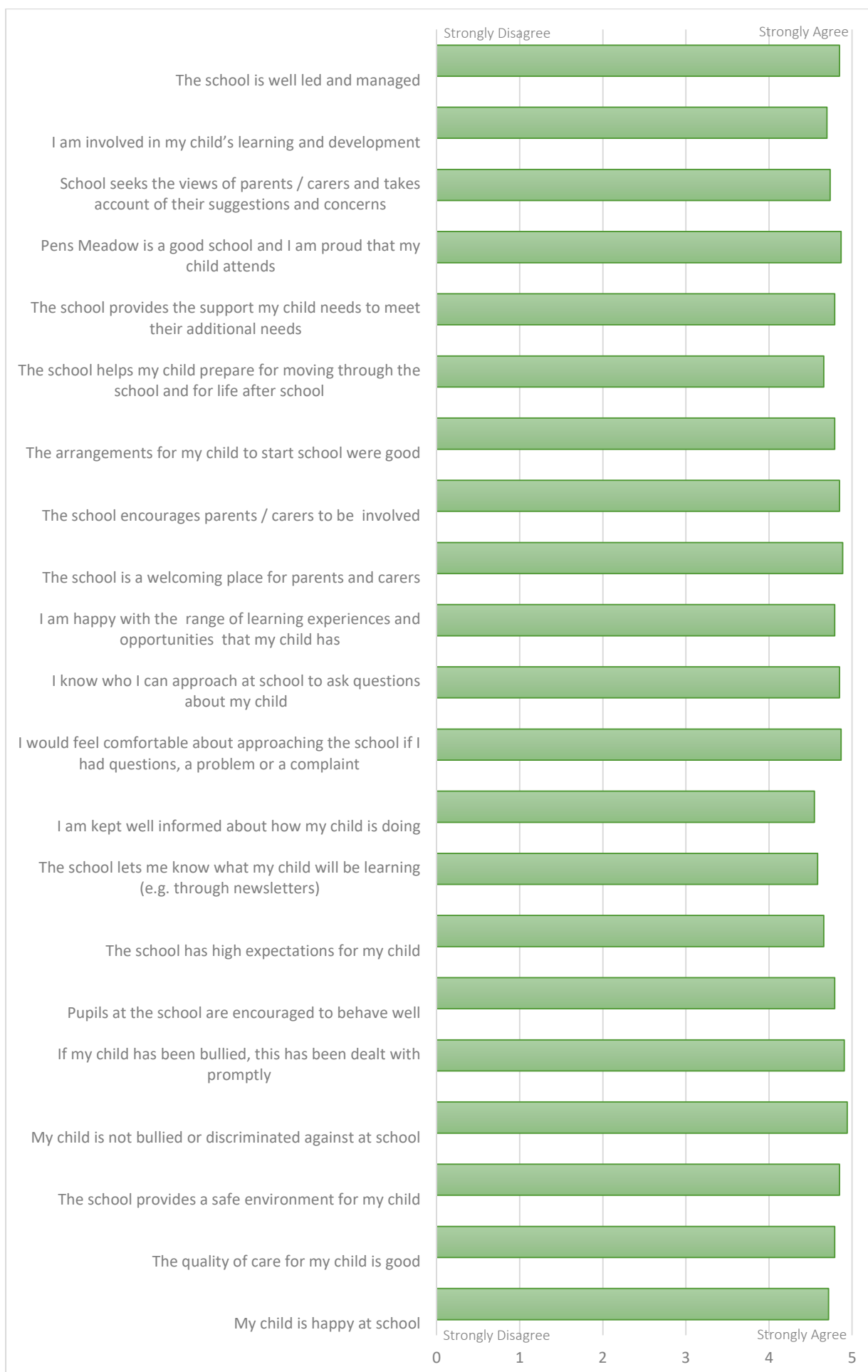


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## Improvements that parents would like to see:

More opportunities in a better purpose built building
If someone is able to help with paperwork like bus forms/ bursaries that would be really great.
I think J has been in the same class for such a long time, it is difficult with his complexities to move classes and teachers. I like that he has been able to visit other classrooms and experience different ways of teaching. It's lovely to see this enthusiasm towards him and his learning when doing this
Local authority give Pens Meadow more support i.e. new build
I cannot think of anything at the moment. But considering how good this school is and has been for the last 3yrs for my son I think they should get more funding for projects in school and for outside activities.
I would like to understand a bit more what M is doing at school. Maybe things we can do at home with her that carry's on what she has learnt about that week in school
A bit more info on things throughout day
The staff are doing well. On the side of M, I would like to see more focus and attention in all that he is doing.
More involvement with what my child is learning at school and how he is coping with it.
More community visits. More speech and language support.
Building updating. It is showing its age but doesn't affect the quality of the staffs care.
More info on what my child does each day.
M's note book seems to have gotten lost. I would like this to be found or a new one so that I can see what he's been up to throughout the day.
More information on J's day at school. He can't tell us what he's done but we still want to talk to him about it.
After school clubs for post 16
L being able to go to pens meadow until they are 25
Nothing comes to mind apart from I'd like to see this school receive more funding for activities as this school is really fantastic and I'd like to see them get better recognition and better funding for all they do to help children progress in life
More contact via home diary for parents whose children use transport
I would like to see the land being used to its full potential as there is a lot of land on site that could benefit the pupils at Post 16
School to have a new build so the school will be on one site with extra facilities
I would like the school to extend to 25 yrs. I would like more staff, more trips for all kids. I think parents should have a transition evening at the end of each year where they come and spend an afternoon with their kids and the teachers their kids will have the following year so that they know all staff. Perhaps like a transition parents evening - see the old teacher then meet the new teachers and classroom assistants. Also internet payment system for trips and lunch would be good. There is a lot of family orientated activities for younger kids and new families. There could be higher levels of Makaton and other things and sessions about dealing with puberty for parents of kids who are growing up.
A new building
For the school to be provided with additional funding from the LA to continue to adapt and improve provision further.
More homework , reading etc.
A bit more communication in his home-school book
More money given to the school so it can do even more trips into the community.
Transition from next step after school
Communication through the school is poor. Too many class and teacher changes. Not sure whether each class function as a team due to poor communication. Some teachers and TAs lack basic skills in Makaton.

## Things that parents like about Pens Meadow School:

Open door policy.
It's a good School.
Staff on hand to help with any queries.
They will always communicate and support parents to resolve any issues or concerns they have.
This is a good school which encourages students to work to the best of their abilities and develop new skills.
J's one to one meets all of his needs and knows him very well providing excellent expert care and makes me feel at ease knowing he is under their care.
Family feel. We are confident the school meets her needs as she is happy and eager to come to school and it's evident she is changing.
Warm friendly environment. They even support parents with paper work and help understand letters if there not sure of anything. Staff are 1st class.
Efficient, good communication, I feel welcomed and well informed of my child's learning and they are open to suggestions.
How welcoming and friendly it is.
The way my son is involved in activities with all the kids and it left on his own in class.
The enthusiasm and professionalism of the staff is second to none. T hasn't been attending for long but so far it has surpassed our expectations. The welcome we had from first contact was fabulous, and we are astounded at how much support is available to us now. The drop off routine runs really smoothly. The activities seem to really engage all of the children and the teacher seems able to tailor each activity to meet each child's need, I can't imagine how difficult that must be. Already we are noticing positive changes at home that we put down to his attendance at Pens Meadow.
Pens Meadow is the best school, the teachers are very good and helpful.
They are in best position to show love, care, support to the pupils and the parents / carers as well.
My son comes out happy.
Good communication.
They help my son to learn and grow.
The opportunities they provide for my child and the exceptional staff :)
The dedication of staff to the children and the school. It is a welcoming, happy environment. The staff go beyond duty in their commitment to the pupils, they are never too busy to answer any questions and always take the time to greet you and to have a quick chat. Pens Meadow is a lifeline for us, I never have concerns for E's wellbeing when she is in school, I am contacted immediately if there are any problems. Because I transport E to and from school, I see for myself her excitement and joy when we arrive every morning.
Being able to speak with staff and management at any time with concerns. They listen to concerns and worries, Doors are always open. Staff are all very friendly and approachable.
The warm, welcoming and happy environment.
I get regular updates via Facebook private group and updates via the parent app which is awesome. They also look after M to the highest degree of safety and care.
The interaction through social media accounts and the family feeling.
M is encouraged and supported. Problems are noticed and dealt with quickly.
Open door policy.
Knowing that J is safe and his needs are met. We understand there will be barriers but believe the school will handle them appropriately. J is involved in all subjects and is learning life skills.
The supportive loving environment Pens Meadow gives, have not seen at any other school to this day.
It is a friendly school where my son loves going to.
The school is amazing, the staff are wonderful and I think having a family outreach team is a very good asset.
How happy and how mature my son has become from day 1, everyone is polite. This school is the best he has been to. I thoroughly recommend to anyone considering their child attending.
The staff are outstanding.
Being part of such a good school and how they go that extra mile. Pens Meadow are like one big family always have time for parents and children. It's outstanding.

It's a very friendly family school.

Friendly approachable staff, I am made to feel welcome and part of a family.

E likes going out and about.

So welcoming feels like a family.

Because my son is very happy here.

A loves going to school and it is evident she is learning through information school shares with us and also seeing it from A herself.

The smooth transition, no problems so far.

The open door policy and welcoming atmosphere. It means that I can trust them to care for my child and reassures me that I can communicate and sort out any concerns I have very quickly, as my son is lacks communication skills and so cannot do this for himself.

The college style feel.

R is happy to go to school and his happiness is all that matters.

My child is happy and all his individual needs are met well.

It's a very welcoming and safe place for all pupils.

It is a very small school and not too overwhelming for the pupils and my child .

My son loves to come every day.

Enterprise encourages the young adults to be involved in raising funds for school so they can see the rewards of their efforts and achievements .

The commitment to 'education' in the broadest and only meaningful sense. T is not slavishly subjected to a curriculum decided elsewhere, his is involved in education that is both relevant and challenging.

They really listen to both the child and the family. They are incredibly nurturing. They act swiftly when new information is communicated to them. They are open and transparent about how they work so parents can truly trust them to do the best for the children.

My son is happy and it is a good environment

Informed daily how and what he's in school, via home/school book.

Open door policy. Will listen to any issues I have.

The best thing is that they support the children.