

Parents' Comments

The specific comments of parents, which occurred on more than one occasion, were as follows.

Many of the parent comments were very positive and many of the negative comments were qualified in light of the parents' overall satisfaction with the school.

The parents were enthusiastic in the number of comments that they made and the comments were diverse in their nature.

Many of the parents who commented said how happy and confident their children had been since starting at Aldridge School – A Science College.

Many parents commented that they were happy with the overall performance of the school.

Nineteen parents were pleased with the overall standard of education provided. However, fifteen parents expressed concerns with regard to the quality of teaching provided by some members of staff. Ten parents commented on the incidence of staff absence, staff turnover, and the use of supply teachers.

Twenty one parents commented on the disruptive behaviour of some students, and the seeming lack of control in class. The use of whole class punishments for the poor behaviour of a few students was considered to be unfair.

Six parents believed that communication between the school and parents needed to improve. Five parents requested more regular feedback on their child's progress.

The allocation and marking of homework was considered by nine parents to be inconsistent, and insufficient.

Three parents felt that the school's uniform policy needed to be more strictly enforced.

Two parents expressed concerns with regard to the incidence of bullying at the school.

Two parents commented that the Learning Support provision could be improved.

Parents praised the office staff as welcoming and friendly.

Two parents expressed appreciation to the school's librarian, for the encouragement given to students regarding reading.

Parental comments normally generate two pages of analysis within a report. One page of comments made by many parents and another highlighting comments made by a few.

Due to the low response rate in this school survey, it has not been possible to generate this distinction between the comments and hence only one page of combined analysis is included.