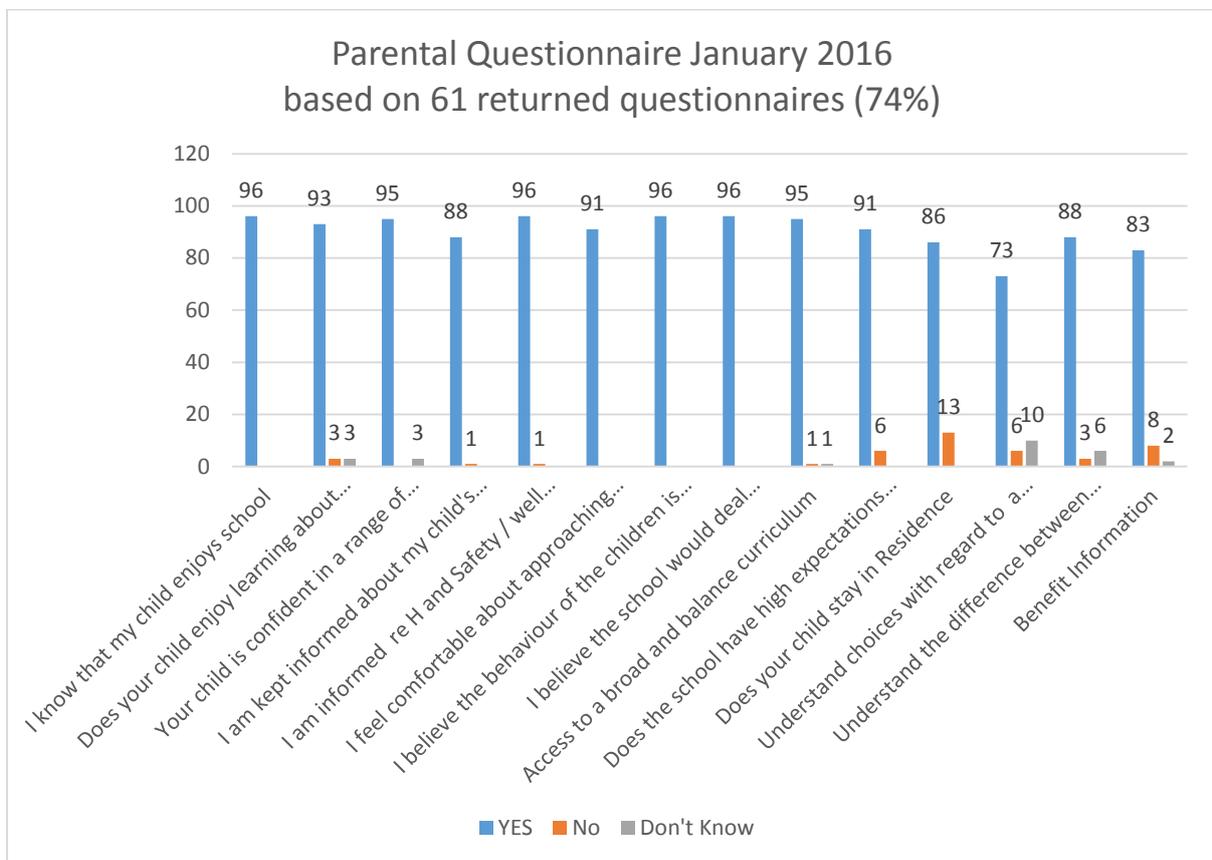




## Parent Questionnaire January 2016

Governors of our school commission a survey each year to ascertain the views of parents, and to give parents the opportunity to comment on their experience of the provision at Penn Hall School. This does not in any way change the 'Open Door' policy of governors or the Senior Leadership Team



### How do you know this?

#### Question 2

She is learning to socialise better with other children  
 A huge difference he has more of an understanding of people and their emotions  
 Although she can't talk she shows enthusiasm through body language and takes an interest in new things  
 He is getting excited about learning  
 He asks questions about day to day life

- Question 3** My child is so much better with people, more sociable, more confident  
He has good ideas but can find it hard to share them sometimes  
He is more confident and independent since attending Penn Hall School
- Question 6** There was a stage when my child was unhappy but was comfortable to explain, and was happy again straight away - excellent parent communication
- Question 8** All children are treated as individuals but boundaries are also obviously in place
- Question 9** My child has done numerous activities - there is always something for him to look forward to and enjoy
- Question 10** I want the best education possible and I feel the school is on the same page.  
My child has come on leaps and bounds since starting Penn Hall School
- Question 12** She will talk about eating fruit to stay healthy, and riding her bike to stay fit and healthy  
My child points out 'good and bad' choices with food and snacking when he sees it
- Question 13** We think our child understands to a degree but sometimes doesn't choose the right choice!

## **Additional comments**

Penn Hall has been a huge part of M's development, he is more confident and thank you to the school is more vocal in his own way

I am very happy with the progress K has made since he started at Penn Hall School and I look forward to what he's going to achieve

L is very happy at school and she has formed good relationships with all pupils and staff. She is always very keen to go to school each day and she misses everyone at school dearly especially during the long summer break

K started Penn Hall in Nov, transitions were fantastic, and follow up information has been thorough and his behaviour has improved since being at Penn Hall

I have always felt that I can approach school about anything. Their kindness and welcoming attitude always makes you feel comfortable

The whole school works very hard to provide J with an extremely high level of education.

They support him in all his needs and work together as a great team.

The range of formal and informal learning opportunities is fantastic

School has been a real good place for H and she has become a lovely young person with their help. I have never regretted moving her from mainstream school

Penn Hall has allowed my child to gain in independence in a safe and secure environment. He now believes in himself as a learner, passing GCSEs and having the chance to take more. He does not see his disability as a barrier to learning.

I think that the size of the school impacts what can be offered so choice is restricted. More focus should be on technology.

Disappointed that certain subjects can't be dropped. Further up the school when no longer appropriate ie Art. But informal aspects of learning is excellent - fantastic trips (education)

	Yes	Tea Visit	No	
Does your child enjoy the opportunities to stay in the Residence facility?	73%	8%	15%	Largely EY children

### Sample comments

He seems to be more relaxed about tasting new foods when he has stayed

It is helping him to become more independent

Chance to spend time with friends - not just family

Already looking forward to next visit. Loves being with her friends and making new ones

My child is on his second visit, he signed to say he wanted to sleep for 10 nights!

This will increase his independence and communication outside his comfort zones

Is always happy to see the suitcase for residence

It is a good opportunity for us both parent and child

Helps immensely with independence

He is nervous but fully supported by staff

Will help him with his transition to college

He loves being with his friends

My child's independence has grown and he feels safe in the care of others

Being taught life skills eg cooking

He has grown in confidence, gained more confidence enabling more opportunities for his future

My child always seems more grown up and more independent when he comes home

Time away to mix with peers and develop relationships with new carers

My child has a great time and eats and sleeps well

J's transition to Penn Hall has been a complete success. We have watched him grow in confidence. He is a lot happier in himself and has gained a lot more

Independence. His communication has massively improved due to continuing

Speech and Language input. The residential hostel has enabled J to see

beyond us - his parents and the independence he can have and deserves

to have moving to a specialist residential college where the excellent work achieved by Penn Hall can continue.