

NPC Small Schools Survey

Total Responses 757

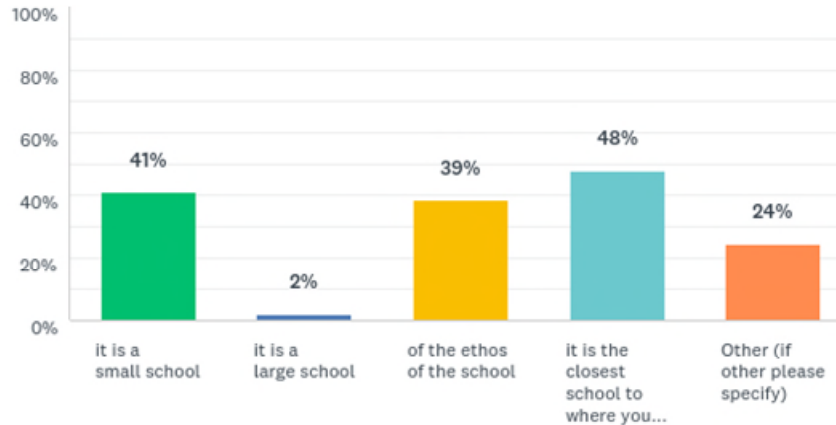
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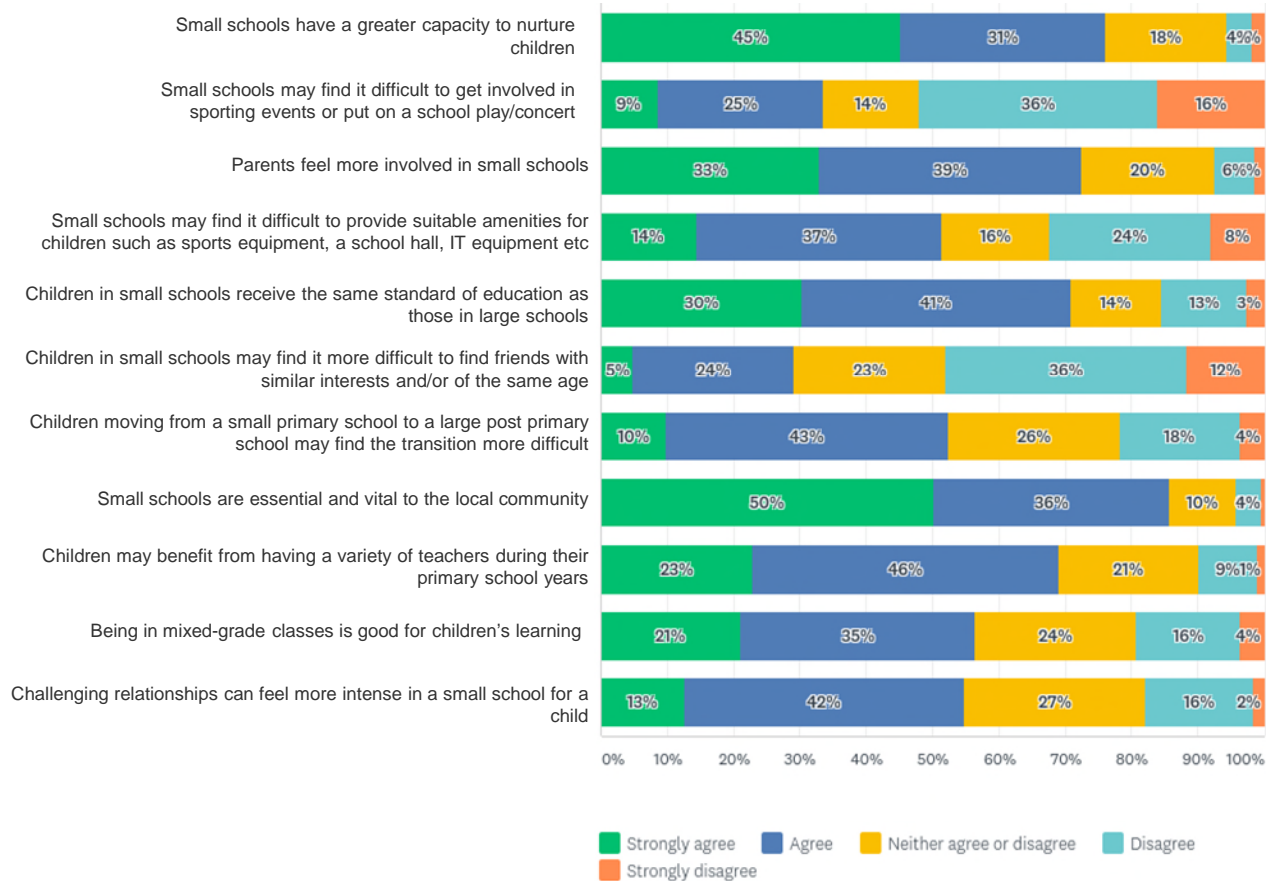


**Supporting Parents
Supporting Children**

Q5: Did you pick the school your child attends because - please pick all/any that apply



Q6: Please indicate to what extent you agree with the following



Q7: If you would like to add any further comments please do

Administrative and financial burden is high in small schools. Staff motivation may diminish owing to lack of opportunities for progression. One bad teacher can damage the school. Small schools can promote intolerance towards outsiders ... larger schools are more equitable.

4 of my children went to our little school and it's the best school in town. Children and parents are very close. And families are always involved in all the school activities. Teachers are easily approachable and very helpful

Although my child does not attend a small school, I attended a small primary school. In my experience, I believe small schools can offer the same if not higher level of education to its pupils. However, may not build the same level of social skills and therefore pupils, especially if inherently introverted and/ or shy, may find the transition to secondary more challenging.

As with any school, I feel that all of the above answers can be qualified by "depends on the school and staff". There are fabulous small schools and not so good small schools, same applies to bigger schools. I certainly feel the relationship part, both peer and with teachers, is more challenging in a small school

I love our local small school, it's like private education. The teacher child relationship is age group, which is great they learn perfectly from the older kids and aren't afraid to talk to them like it can be in larger schools. I love our school and so much stronger and if there were higher numbers. There are no levels, each child interacts with every teachers and so do my children. School is a small school is an all round experience.

Concluding thoughts!

Parents overwhelmingly value small schools.

There are challenges, for example challenging relationships and transitions.

Possible ways forward may involve schools working together sharing facilities, staff, leadership and governance.
