

# **Child Friendly Community Survey**

# **School Brief**

Enclosed please find information about our Child Friendly Community Survey. We have included information about the survey, its general findings, and all the responses that specifically pertain to schools.

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## Survey Background

**Who**: DeltaKids is a coalition of the non-profit and government partners who work with Delta children and families. Together we plan, implement, and support opportunities for the optimum development of children from conception to age twelve.

**What**: DeltaKids conducted a Child-Friendly Community Survey. The survey was inspired by the work of the Society for Children and Youth of BC and was funded by the United Way. Information about the general findings and specific results about Schools is enclosed.

**Why**: We offer this data in the hope that it will assist you in your work with Delta children and families, and in the spirit of prompting further discussion, research, and collaboration. Together we can make Delta an even more family friendly community than it is already.

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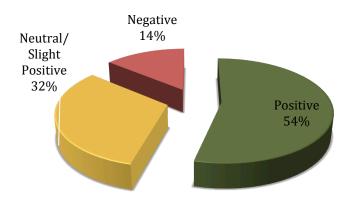
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#### **About the Survey Results 500 Parent Responses** Where: The survey was conducted (majority collected at programs and online, at community programs, recreation centres) events, and in schools during 2015 What: Qualitative questions with 54% of the time parents selected the most positive option three possible responses and the option to add comments. (community factors) Responses from 1-2 % of families in Who answered: Results are each of the Delta neighbourhoods representational of Delta families, geographically and by child's age 2.5% of each age cohort represented. newborn to 12 years old, based on group 2011 census 54 responses to age 3-5 interview Were kids asked? Yes! 31 responses to age 6-12 survey Most families report feeling very 3 questions about how welcoming welcome at school and that their ideas and responsive schools are and needs are responded to.

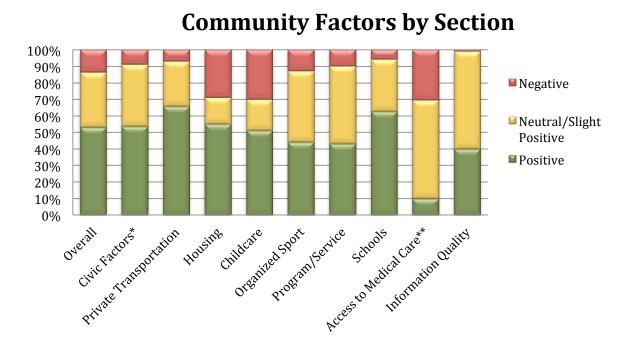
## General Survey Findings: Community Factors

The survey included questions about the children's home environment/parent beliefs, and questions about the wider community. There were 29 questions covering a broad range of factors that impact families' experience of living in Delta. The choice of answers included a positive, negative and neutral/slightly positive answer.

## **Community Factors**



These 29 questions can be grouped into 9 categories. Questions specific to schools make up the are in the school section.



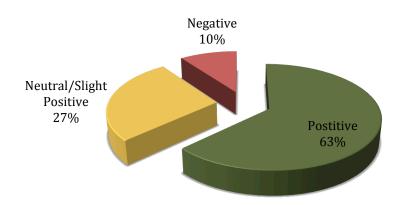
<sup>\*</sup> Civic Factors include access to play and outdoor spaces, feelings of safety, media coverage, involvement of children in decision-making, and experiences with local businesses.

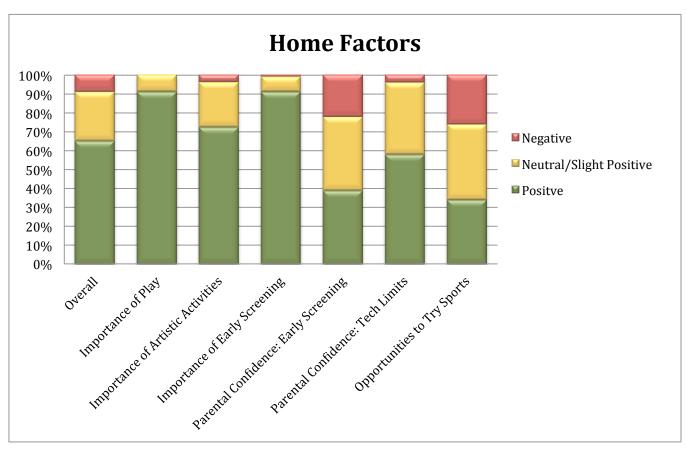
<sup>\*\*</sup> The questions in 'Access to Medical Care' did not follow the typical question format. For most of those questions, the most positive response was a neutral one.

### General Survey Findings: Home Factors

Six Home Factors were surveyed. The survey asked about the importance of play, the importance of artistic/creative opportunities for children, the importance of early screening, parental confidence knowing when to access early screening, parental confidence setting limits on technology, and whether children had opportunities to try various sports activities. There were three possible answers: a positive response, a neutral/slight positive response, and a negative response.

#### **Home Factors**





# **10 Highest Rated Community Questions**

On average, parents responded to questions about their community with the most positive response available 54% of the time. These are the top ten community factors.

Rank		Item	Response
1		How convenient is it to drive a car around your community with children?	84%: Convenient
2	School	How welcome do you feel at your child's school?	78%: Very Welcome
3		My child has regular access to outdoor spaces where he/she can explore, create and interact with the environment.	77% : Agree
4		How welcome do you feel with children in Delta stores, restaurants and other businesses?	76%: Very Welcome
5		There are lots of different places in my community for children to play.	69% : Agree
6		How convenient is it to walk around your community with children?	67%: Convenient
7		My community is a safe place to raise children.	67% : Safer than Average
8		How available are recreation programs for children?	62% : Many Programs are Available
9		There are many community/cultural events for my family to participate in.	59% : Agree
10		How difficult was it to get your current home?	58% : Relatively Easy

# **10 Lowest Rated Community Questions**

On average, parents responded to questions about their community with the least positive response available 14% of the time. These are the ten lowest rated factors.

Rank		Item	Response
1		How easy has it been to access Doctors in the community while living in Delta?	46%: Difficult
2		How easy has it been to access Mental Health Workers in the community while living in Delta?	40%: Difficult
3		Compared to other family activities, how stressful is it to shop, eat out, or take care of family business when you are with your children?	30%: More Stressful
4		My community involves children and youth in making decisions that affect the whole community.	20%: Disagree
5		How easy has it been to access pre-natal care in the community while living in Delta?	18%: Difficult
6		How hard has it been to make arrangements for the care of your children when you as parents are not able to provide care?	18% : Very Hard
7		How easy has it been to access Public Health Nurses in the community while living in Delta?	16%: Difficult
8	P	How available are groups and services that offer help to parents when they want it?	15%: Few Programs are Available
9		How convenient is it to ride bicycles around your community with children?	15%: Not Convenient
10		Is your child able to participate in the sports that you would like him/her to?	13%: No

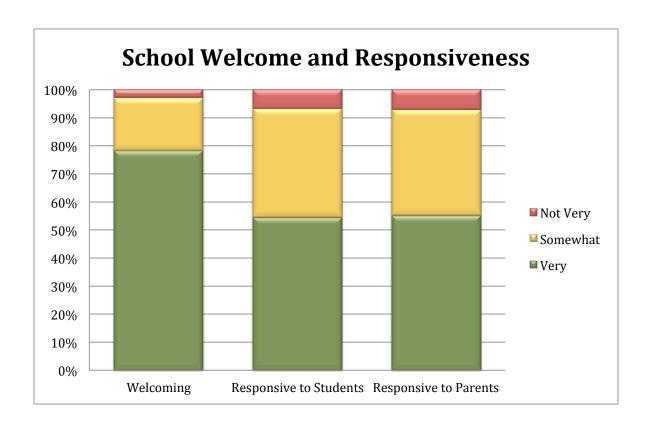
## **School Specific Survey Findings**

The parent survey asked parents how welcome they feel at their child's school as well as how responsive that school is to their own ideas and needs as well as those of their children. School welcome was rated as the second highest community factor in the survey. School responsiveness was rated similar to the survey average.

Parents were free to identify with a school regardless of the age of their child. In total 413 out of 500 identified with a school and completed the question. 195 survey respondents had at least one child 3 or younger. Preschool parents identified with neighbourhood schools, StrongStart schools and preschools.

- Q1: How welcome do you feel at your child's school?
  - a. Very welcome
- b. Somewhat welcome

- c. Not very welcome
- Q2: How responsive is your child's school to the ideas and needs of students?
  - a. Very responsive
- b. Somewhat responsive
- c. Not very responsive
- Q3: How responsive is your child's school to the ideas and needs of parents?
  - a. Very responsive
- b. Somewhat responsive
- c. Not very responsive



## **Appendix I: Parent Survey Comments**

Question: How welcome do you feel at your child's school

Pre school

Strong start

Port Guichon is very good

Currently at creative kids preschool in surrey....aside from the parent participation preschool in sunshine hills, I wasn't interested in what was available in north delta. Also wind and tide is supposed to be great but only offered in Ladner and tsawwassen

have always been on PAC

Other parents make me feel unwelcome due to my child having ADHD

Wind and Tide preschool. My kids are not school age yet.

Teachers yes; principal, less so.

\*\* need to enforce Police Background check on all school volunteers.

He's not yet in K but we play at the playground every day

we have chosen private and they are very helpful public schools don't have enough resources children go to 2 different schools; 1 very welcome, 1 somewhat welcome

We have an amazing school, but the principal is a cold fish. He's not very welcoming or friendly at

Parents are not friendly

First steps preschool

Holly

Preschool at the Rec. Centre

We homeschool

Moved due to unhealthy school environment. Christmas celebrations were not mentioned yet the time was taken out of Math to celebrate Diwali.

preschool

preschool

Ladner Elem. is amazing. I have 3 children there.

N/A

Baby

not in school yet

## Appendix I: Parent Survey Comments

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Question: How responsive is your child's school to the ideas and needs of students?
I think
don't know if school solicit their ideas
Some ideas are taken on but every idea seems like there is an overly bureaucratic approach. It seems frustrating.
kids are asked but I don't think many ideas are implemented
responsive preschool, Gray elem not very responsive
Devon Gardens staff and PAC are very receptive.
I don't know
South Park is a wonderful school.
Hard to comment, on this one, still
With new directive leadership, I've heard it's improving.
very, very, very responsive!
starting Kindergarten Sept
Question: How responsive is your child's school to the ideas and needs of parents?
I think
Pac meetings weekday mornings which excludes most working parents
input is taken seriously but they lack the financial resources necessary to provide additional support for my child
we have a disconnect between the principal and the PAC
Our school had a very abrasive vice principal until this year. His replacement is less abrasive, but makes NO attempt to connect with me as a parent. I think delta needs to require warmer reception of families at schools for parents with more than one child to be able to volunteer too. Ita
The administration here can be rigid and seem unfriendly
status quo seems to be the way at most schools, takes quite a bit of encouragement and support to change things up
Child's preschool very responsive, older childElem. not very responsive
To PAC, yes; individuals less
PAC/teachers are great.
They are responsive as they can be with resources they have
The principal is a huge barrier to
Not at all happy with at at 's negativity is present in newsletters, daily interactions, and affects our family. We cannot wait for a new proactive principal
Don't know yet as we are new to school grade 1

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Just in strong start

Responsive to a select few parents

### Responses Where School Mentioned Comments page 1 of \_

Question: What's the best part about where you live

My school. (3 year old)

Playground, school (5 year old)

All the parks being close together along with schools being close to just about everywhere (3 year old)

Schools (3 year old)

It's safe area, good for kids, schools are near (3 year old)

Question: What would you like to change about where you live?

I would like to live nearer my school (4 year old)

Question: From your house, where can you and your family walk?

Grandma and Grandpa's, soccer, preschool, the brown park (4 year old)

We can walk to the school playground, around the neighbourhood (5 year old)

From home to ND Secondary School (5 year old)

School, playground, stores (5 year old)

Park, school (5 year old)

To the park, to preschool, to Safeway (3 year old)

To the school, park, my friend's house (4 year old)

To parks, school, town shopping mall (2 year old)

Around the block, the school park, the pool (5 year old)

School, high school, parks, downtown (4 year old)

We can walk to the beach, school and White Spot (5 year old)

Park, school (3 year old)

School's park, shopping (3 year old)

School (4 year old)

To Kindergarten (5 year old)

Bog and pools and school and waterpark (3 year old)

To neighbourhood park and local schools (5 year old)

Bank, playgrounds, library, schools, shopping mall, restaurants, doctor, fire station, swimming, tkd.

(3 year old)

Library, school, swimming, tkd, fire hall, restaurants, friends houses (5 year old)

Playground when the school is closed (4 year old)

#### Responses Where School Mentioned page 2 of

Question: Where do you feel safe?

School (3 year old)

At swimming lessons, at he library, playing with Mommy, at StrongStart (5 year old)

At home, at school (5 year old)

Home, School (5 year old)

At home, my mom's and at school (5 year old)

Home, school, library, firehall (3 year old)

Question: Where do you use these (pictures of art materials)

School, home, library, grandpa's house (5 year old)

School, home, friends, grandma's, library (3 year old)

When we're working at school (5 year old)

School and preschool (5 year old)

StrongStart (4 year old)

StrongStart (4 year old)

StrongStart (3 year old)

StrongStart, school, home, at grandpa's (4 year old)

At school (5 year old)

School, home, daycare, granny's (5 year old)

In my house, school, after care, Girl Guides (5 year old)

At school. With Grandpa when he comes over. At daycare (5 year old)

My house. Strong Start. The Hub. Pre-school. (4 year old)

At home at school and before and after care (5 year old)

At my desk and at school (5 year old)

School, home, 4 cats (5 year old)

School and home (5 year old)

Home, school and daycare (5 year old)

Home and school (5 year old)

At StrongStart program (5 year old)

At home and at school (5 year old)

School and at home (3 year old)

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Question: Do you know where your school is?	
Not applicable	(3 year old)
right there, down road.	(3 year old)
across the road	(4 year old)
I will go to the school I already go to. Called Hellings and my sister goes there too.	(5 year old)
Yes	(3 year old)
Delta	(5 year old)
Pinewood	(5 year old)
Far away	(4 year old)
That's a hard one. I don't know where Hawthorne is.	(5 year old)
Yes.	(5 year old)
yes, Devon Gardens	(5 year old)
Yes	(5 year old)
Sort of, The name is Devon Gardens	(5 year old)
No	(4 year old)
No answer	(3 year old)
Yes, the preschool where my brother goes. I will go there when I am big.	(3 year old)
Close to Delta Christian	(4 year old)
Wind and Tide	(4 year old)
No answer	(3 year old)
My brother goes to my school.	(3 year old)
My brother's school is my school.	(4 year old)
Yes I go there	(5 year old)
School is where my big sister goes.	(2 year old)
yes	(5 year old)
yes, siblings go there	(4 year old)
Delta.	(5 year old)
Up the hill and turn	(5 year old)
Pebble hill traditional	(5 year old)
At Pebble HIll	(5 year old)
Delta Montessori	(4 year old)

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Question: Do you know where your school is?	
He knows how to get there because we walk there everyday	(3 year old)
Yes	(3 year old)
Yes	(4 year old)
Yes	(4 year old)
Yes	(5 year old)
Canada, Ladner	(5 year old)
Yesright across from the firehall at preschool	(3 year old)
No	(4 year old)
Yes, its in Canada when I walk with Mommy or Daddy	(5 year old)
Yes	(3 year old)
Delta	(5 year old)
Yes	(5 year old)
Yes	(3 year old)
Yes	(5 year old)
McCloskey - one of my sisters is at another school now.	(4 year old)

#### Responses Where School is Mentioned page 1 of 3

Question: What is the best part about where you live?

The best part about my community is that there is a school nearby. (6 year old)

School is very close (7 year old)

The school and parks and stores are close (6 year old)

That it's safe and that I have a park in my back yard. Also living near the ocean is awesome because it only takes like 10 minutes or less to walk there and searching for snakes and other animals is always fun. But I have one complaint its that there is a drug hangout area at the back of my old school the school is called BeachGrove the area the teenagers hang out in is in the back forest and I don't want any kids stepping on needles or falling on them. (10 year old)

My neighbourhood and school (10 year old)

I like how the neighbourhood is close to my school and i live near my friends. (12 year old)

Question: What do you like about your house?

I like that it is close to schools (10 year old)

Question: If you could what would you change about where you live?

Create venues where kids can create after school clubs like chess clubs, science clubs, game clubs, etc. (10 year old)

Question: Other than your parents, who else helps look after you?

My brother. Daycare. My teacher and my friends (7 year old)

Ouestion: Where do you like to play?

School I guess (12 year old)

The park. At home. School. Daycare. Dance (7 year old)

At school, Grandma & grandpa's house, At home on the trampoline, riding bikes on the sidewalk, Playground & annieville waterpark (7 year old)

Parks. The beach. School playground. Westview Park at the big tree. (9 year old)

At school park that's the only place (7 year old)

Usually in my house, or at school in the playground (6 year old)

My favorite parks are Centennial, Boundary Bay and my school park (8 year old)

School playground (11 year old)

School. Backyard/park. Going swimming using the free pass. (10 year old)

We like to play at Imperial park, and the playground at Centennial beach. And my school playgrounds and sometimes Beach Grove. (7 year old)

Around town, parks, my school playground, my room, my backyard, baseball fields. (12 year old)

#### Responses Where School is Mentioned page 2 of 3

Question: Where do you feel safe?

At home, friends, school, family (8 years old)

My house, at school, Recreational centres (12 years old)

In school, my room, home (10 years old)

Home daycare and school (7 years old)

Home and school (10 years old)

Home. Cabin. School. Daycare. (6 years old)

School. Home. Skating. Daycare. (9 years old)

At home, at school, at my friend's house, my grandma's house, my nana's house and my auntie's house. (6 years old)

Around my mom and dad, at school and after care (8 years old)

At home the most but most of the time at school. Except when kids are mean to me at school, then I don't feel safe there. I missed some school last year because I was too scared to be there because of bullies. They think they are so cool but they are not. Some kids are really mean to other kids, I'm not sure why. (11 years old)

At home, with my friends, at school. (10 years old)

At my house. At my school too. (7 years old)

at home and school (9 years old)

Mom house, dad's house, grandpas house, school (8 years old)

Question: Where can you be creative?

In school (10 year old)

School and daycare (7 year old)

School, art class, at home in craft room (7 year old)

School and at home (10 year old)

Daycare, school, with Grandma (6 year old)

School, daycare (6 year old)

School, home, Grandma's (6 years old)

Dance, home, school and Girl Guides (8 year old)

School, home, Grandpa's house (8 year old)

#### Responses Where School is Mentioned page 3 of 3

Question: Who listens to you when you have ideas?

Mom, Dad, teacher, Aunt, cousin (8 year old)
My mom, Best friends, teachers (10 year old)
Mom, teachers (7 year old)
My friends, teacher, my mom, my dad, my sister, my Grandma (6 year old)
my mom, or mrs \_\_\_ (school) (6 year old)
my mom and dad and teacher (9 year old)
my friends parents and almost anyone, also my teachers. (12 year old)
Mom, step mom, teacher, grandparents (8 year old)

Question: Do you have ideas you want to share right now?

Oh yasssss, I think schools should all come together and each grade could hangout and talk about what we do at our school. (8 year old)

Question: If you weren't feeling safe, who could you talk to?

Mom, dad, teacher, police, family, friends (8 year old)
My mom, my dad, teachers, my brothers, friends (7 year old)
Mom and dad. And teacher and friends (7 year old)
a parent or teacher, policeman (8 year old)
a grown up, a mom or a teacher or a policeman (6 year old)
Mom, Dad, after care, my teacher, my principal (8 year old)
My friends, my teacher, my cousins (10 year old)
My teacher. Or a neighbour. My brother if he was around. (7 year old)
my mom or dad or teacher (9 year old)

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Question: What do you like about school?	Question: If you could change school what would you do?	
Playing recess lunch math	More art,	(8 years old)
friends, how mostly everyone is nice, everyone is welcome	get the younger grades to be more polite, the younger grades already have too many electronics, some of the younger grades seem spoiled, more chinese japanese and korean people.	(12 years old)
Friends, Recess, Lunch, Teachers	Ask my mom, ask my best friends if I should go	(10 years old)
Reading	Recess all day!	(7 years old)
Get to see my friends	I don't want to change my school.	(10 years old)
My friends	Make it in to a aquarium	(8 years old)
art, math, painting	I would make a painting class. I would add another playground.	(8 years old)
My teachers	Make it shorter	(6 years old)
My friends and teachers	More time to eat my food	(10 years old)
The learning		(9 years old)
Gym. Watch movies on the screen.	That I can run around.	(6 years old)
Hot lunch. My friends.	Have more time at lunch to eat. I can't eat all mine.	(6 years old)
My friends. The Playground.	I would go to a different class. I would go to gym more times.	(9 years old)
I make stuff. Painting sometimes.	I would change my teacher.	(8 years old)
That we can go outside. Sometimes we have extra recess. Lots of art.	Make it so there was only kindergartens.	(6 years old)
recess	We wouldn't learn things that we already know like learning about plants in kindergarten, grade one and grade two.	(8 years old)
My teacher	Go to Hellings Elementary	(7 years old)
my teacher and my friends and my library	I don't know	(6 years old)
My teachers, the fun ways I get to learn, the crafts and my friend.	At school I do not like that there are 14 boys and only 7 girls. The boys get out of control often.	(8 years old)

# School Questions: page 2 of 2

Question: What do you like about school?	Question: If you could change school what would you do?	
My friends My teacher	Make it so all kids feel safe all the time Not allow bully's to come to school Adults think the lunch monitors keep kids safe from bullying but they don't	(11 years old)
I have good friends. My teacher is really nice. I feel safe	It's awesome	(10 years old)
everything	Less complaints and art.	(10 years old)
Gym, friends, music, lunch, recess, snack	Have lunch and recess all dayand gym more often	(10 years old)
I enjoy that I have a nice teacher and the school has two layers.	I would make the playground huge and I would like the school to have more bathrooms. (Cliff Drive). And the school should be painted. It doesn't look good. It has damage and scratches.	(7 years old)
Comfortable	None	(10 years old)
It is safe and teacher are responsible		(10 years old)
everything	nothing	(9 years old)
All of my friends are there and i love all of my teachers, and the work is awesome. P.S i love math	Why would i change schools?	(12 years old)
Friends	More play, less work, no homework	(8 years old)

## Appendix IV: Neighbourhood and Age Breakdown

While we can be reasonably confident in the accuracy of the Delta wide results (+/- 4.33% at 95% confidence level), the sub-population results for neighbourhoods or children's age have much larger confidence intervals. The following tables include confidence intervals calculated for the most positive response. If a sub-population's percentage is within the confidence interval for the total result a" w" is recorded. If not, an additional confidence interval was calculated for the sub-population result to determine if that range fell within or beyond the range of the overall survey result. As you will see the sub-populations are rarely different enough to be considered statistically different by this method. Nonetheless we wanted to provide the breakdown in the spirit of prompting questions, discussion, and further research.

Survey respondents identified their neighbourhood based on these descriptors:

These neighbourhoods are the same used by the Human Early Learning Partnership at UBC for their research http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/

#### Which community do you live in?

- -Annieville residents from 92A to 96 AVE replace 112 St with 114 ST-
- North Delta West of 112th ST (west is closer to Highway 91)
- North Delta East of 112th ST (east is closer to Scott Road/120 ST)
- Sunshine Hills
- Ladner
- Tsawwassen

#### How welcome do you feel at your child's school?

% Response by Neighbourhood (no statistically significant differences)

	Total	NDE	NDW	SH	LA	TS
Very welcome	78.21	83	78	77	75	72
Somewhat Welcome	18.89	17	19	21	22	20
Not-very welcome	2.91	0	3	2	3	8
# Responses	413	100	74	61	72	86
Confidence Interval	3.95	(+/- 7.31)	w	W	W	w

#### % Response by Age of Child (no statistically significant differences)

	0-11	12-23	2-3 years	4-5	6-8	9-11	12-14	15-18
	months	months		years	years	years	years	years
Very welcome	84	77	80	81	78	76	76	80
Somewhat Welcome	16	14	17	16	20	22	18	13
Not-very welcome	0	9	3	3	2	2	6	7
# Responses	32	22	116	181	178	105	34	15
Confidence Interval	(+/- 12.4)	W	W	W	W	W	W	w

# Appendix IV: Neighbourhood and Age Breakdown

#### How responsive is your child's school to the ideas and needs of students?

% Response by Neighbourhood (no statistically significant differences)

	Total	NDE	NDW	SH	LA	TS
Very Responsive	54.5	61	51	53	54	49
Somewhat Responsive	38.82	34	43	40	40	40
Not-very Responsive	6.68	4	6	7	6	11
# Responses	389	93	68	58	68	84
Confidence Interval	4.91	(+/- 9.84)	w	W	W	(+/- 10.62)

% Response by Age of Child (no statistically significant differences)

	0-11 months	12-23 months	2-3 years	4-5 vears	6-8 years	9-11 years	12-14 years	15-18 years
Very Responsive	57	52	59	59	53	50	57	47
Somewhat Responsive	40	38	39	35	40	39	31	40
Not-very Responsive	3	10	2	6	7	11	11	13
# Responses	30	21	106	168	178	104	35	15
Confidence Interval	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	(+/- 25.22)

#### How responsive is your child's school to the ideas and needs of parents?

% Response by Neighbourhood (no statistically significant differences)

	Total	NDE	NDW	SH	LA	TS
Very Responsive	55.16	58	54	53	57	47
Somewhat Responsive	37.78	38	38	45	38	39
Not-very Responsive	7.05	4	8	2	6	14
# Responses	397	93	72	60	69	83
Confidence Interval	(+/- 4.85)	W	w	W	W	(+/- 10.66)

#### % Response by Age of Child (no statistically significant differences)

	0-11 months	12-23 months	2-3 years	4-5 years	6-8 years	9-11 years	12-14 years	15-18 years
Very Responsive	57	52	59	59	53	50	57	47
Somewhat Responsive	40	38	39	35	40	39	31	40
Not-very Responsive	3	10	2	6	7	11	11	13
# Responses	30	21	106	168	178	104	35	15
Confidence Interval	W	W	w	W	W	W	W	(+/- 25.22)