

# Parental Involvement and Engagement

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# Why it matters

‘Parental involvement is about supporting pupils and their learning. It is about parents and teachers working together in partnership to help children become more confident learners’.

**(Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act Guidance, 2006)**

# Impact on children's learning

“What happens in school with parents is ok, but what happens at home, between parents and children, is far more effective. Parental engagement with children's learning – parents taking an interest in their children's learning, talking to them about what they are learning, showing that they as parents value schools and schooling – is what will help raise achievement. Getting parents into school is fine but it's a step on the journey, not the end point”

Dr Janet Goodall (2018)

# Learning Together

Scotland's national action plan on parental involvement, parental engagement, family learning and learning at home 2018 – 2021

**Informing**

**Collaborating with**

# Learning Together aims

**To ensure that parents are supported to be fully involved in the life and work of their children's early learning and childcare setting or school;**

- ▶ encourage and support **collaborative partnerships** between practitioners, parents and families;
- ▶ get the **right support** in place so that **parents can engage in their child's learning**;
- ▶ expand access to **family learning opportunities** which meet participants needs;
- ▶ **improve** the quality of all **communication** between practitioners, staff, parents and families, and;
- ▶ **improve** the **skills** of leaders, front-line practitioners and support staff.

# Learning Together themes



## Learning at home

Learning in and out of the home  
Space and time to learn  
**Family learning** – whole family  
Positive role models  
Positive attitudes to learning

## Engagement

Talking about learning  
Moral support and guidance  
Encouraging learning in home, school and everyday life

## Involvement

Parent council  
Parent evenings  
Helping with homework  
Sharing skills and experience

Informing

Collaborating with

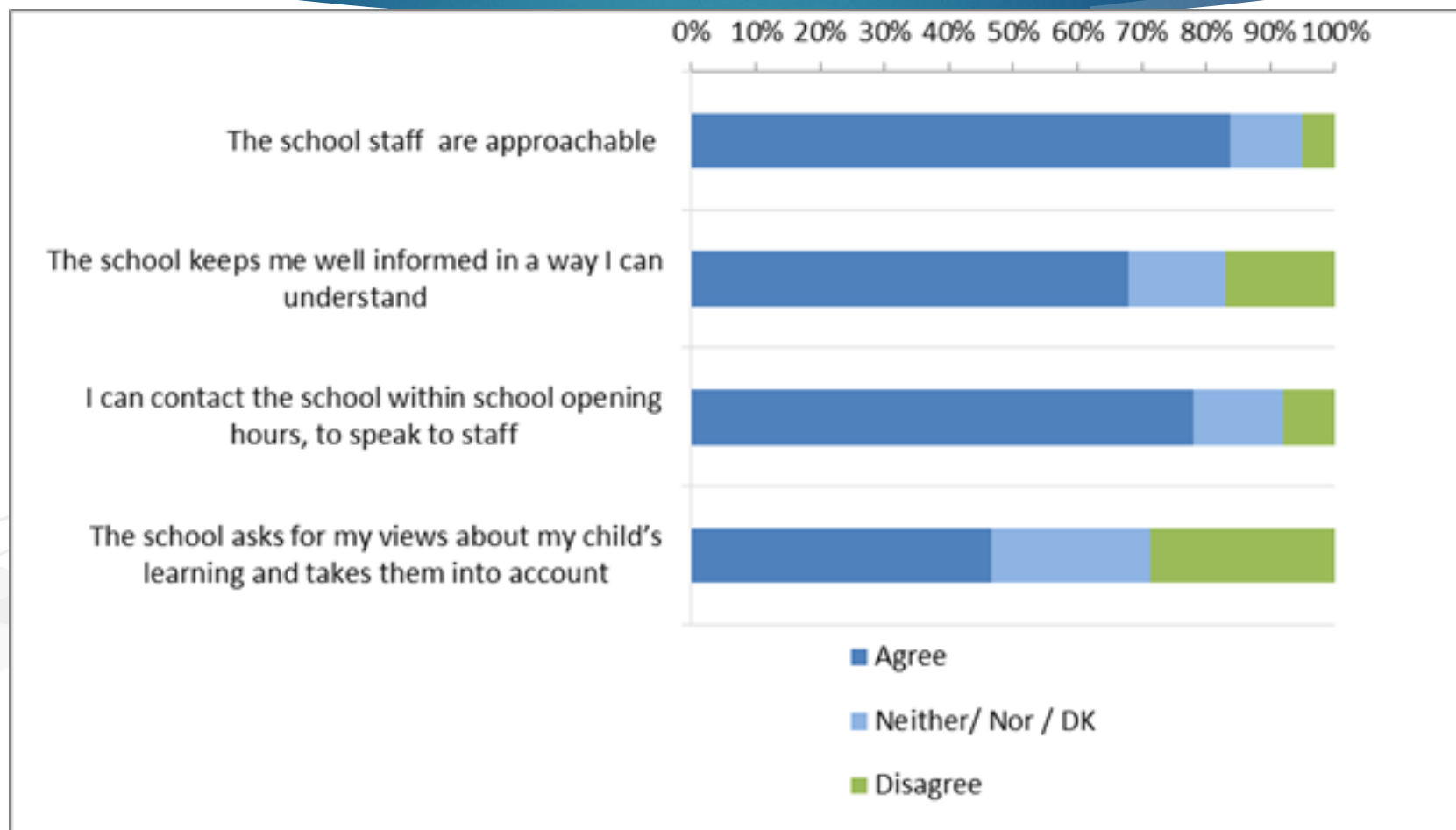
# Parental Involvement and Engagement Census

Questionnaire was designed to cover the main areas within the **Learning Together**: National Action Plan on Parental Engagement.

Key themes:

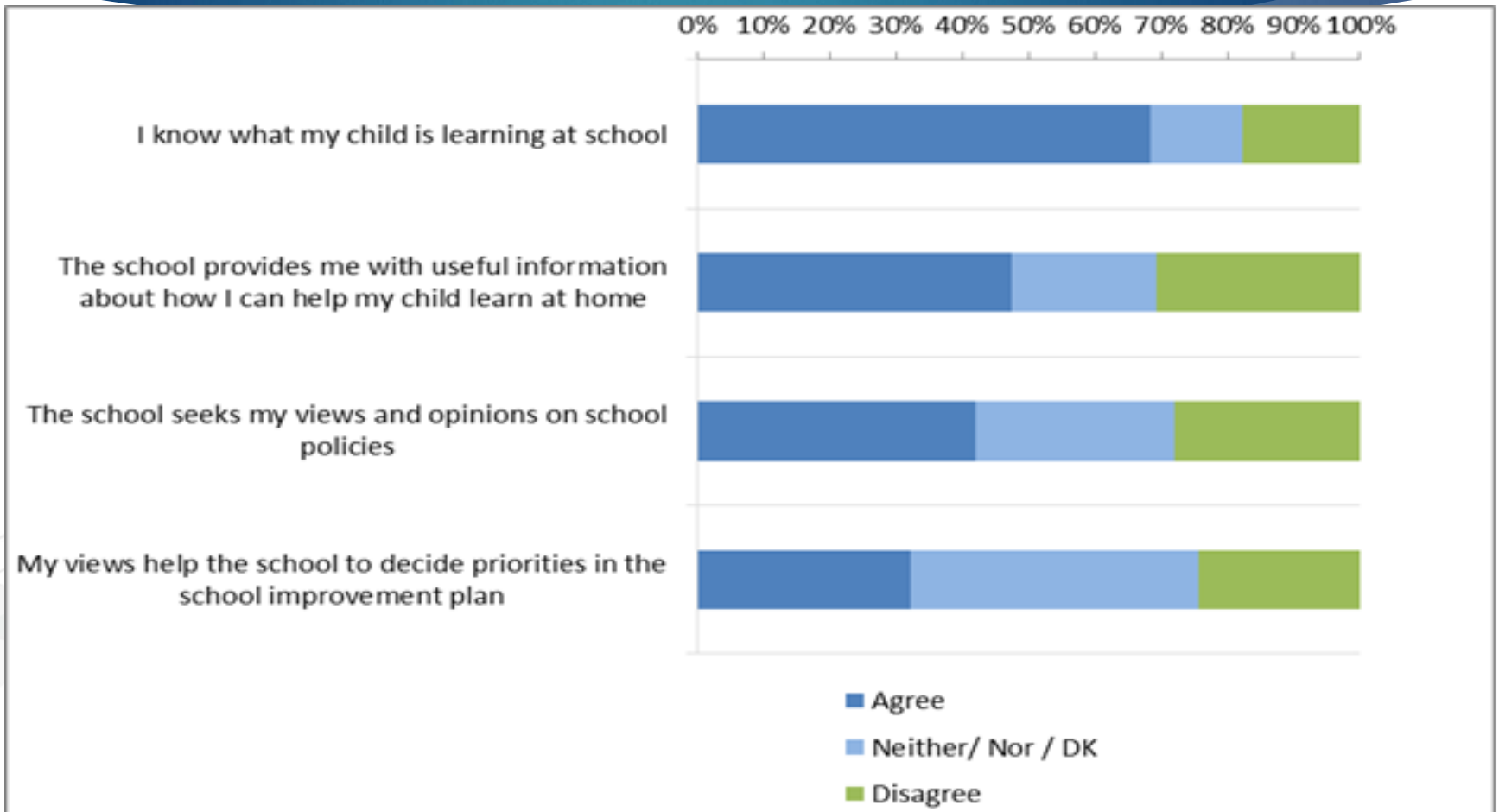
- ▶ **Parental Involvement**
- ▶ **Parental Engagement**
- ▶ **Learning at home / in the community**
- ▶ **Family Learning**

# Results - involvement

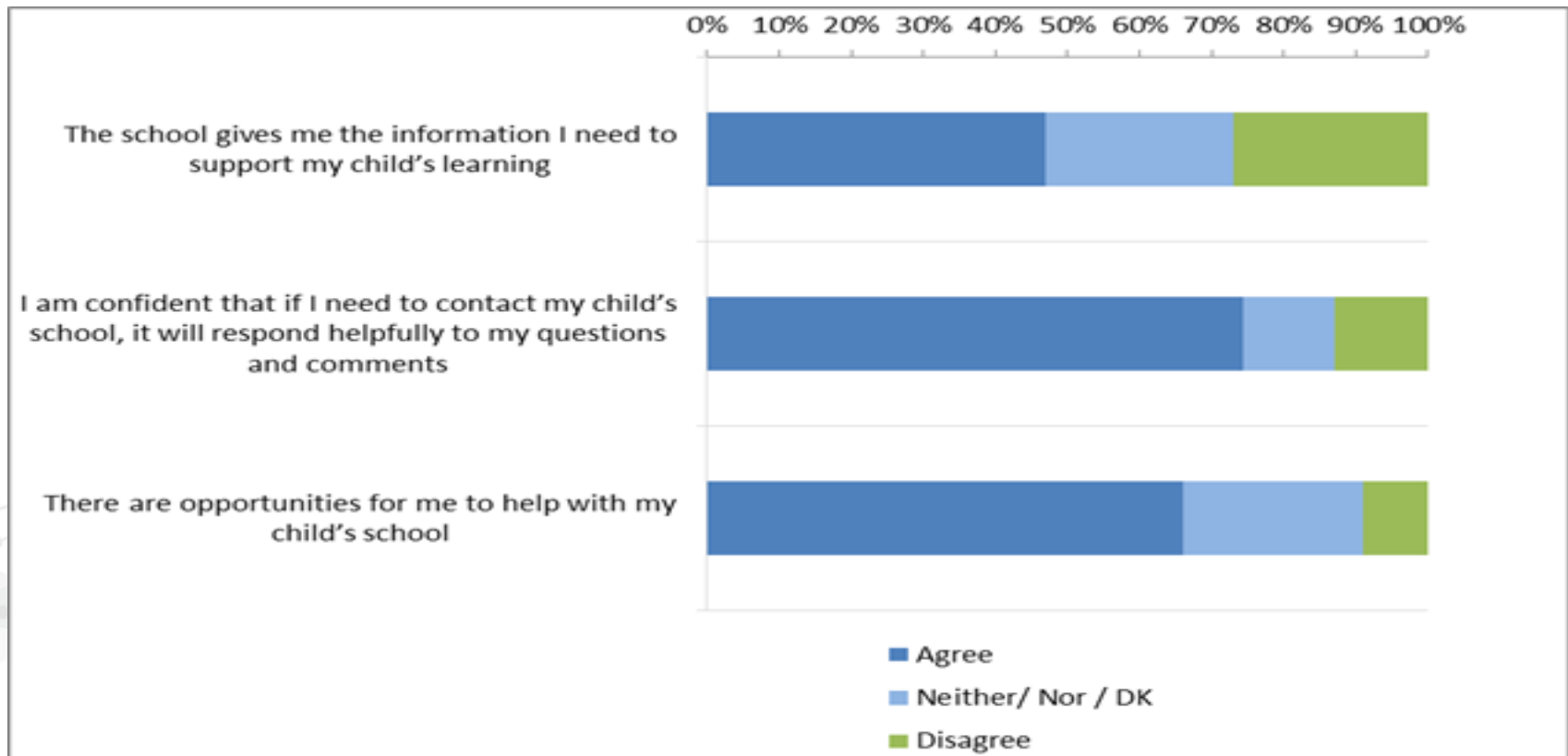




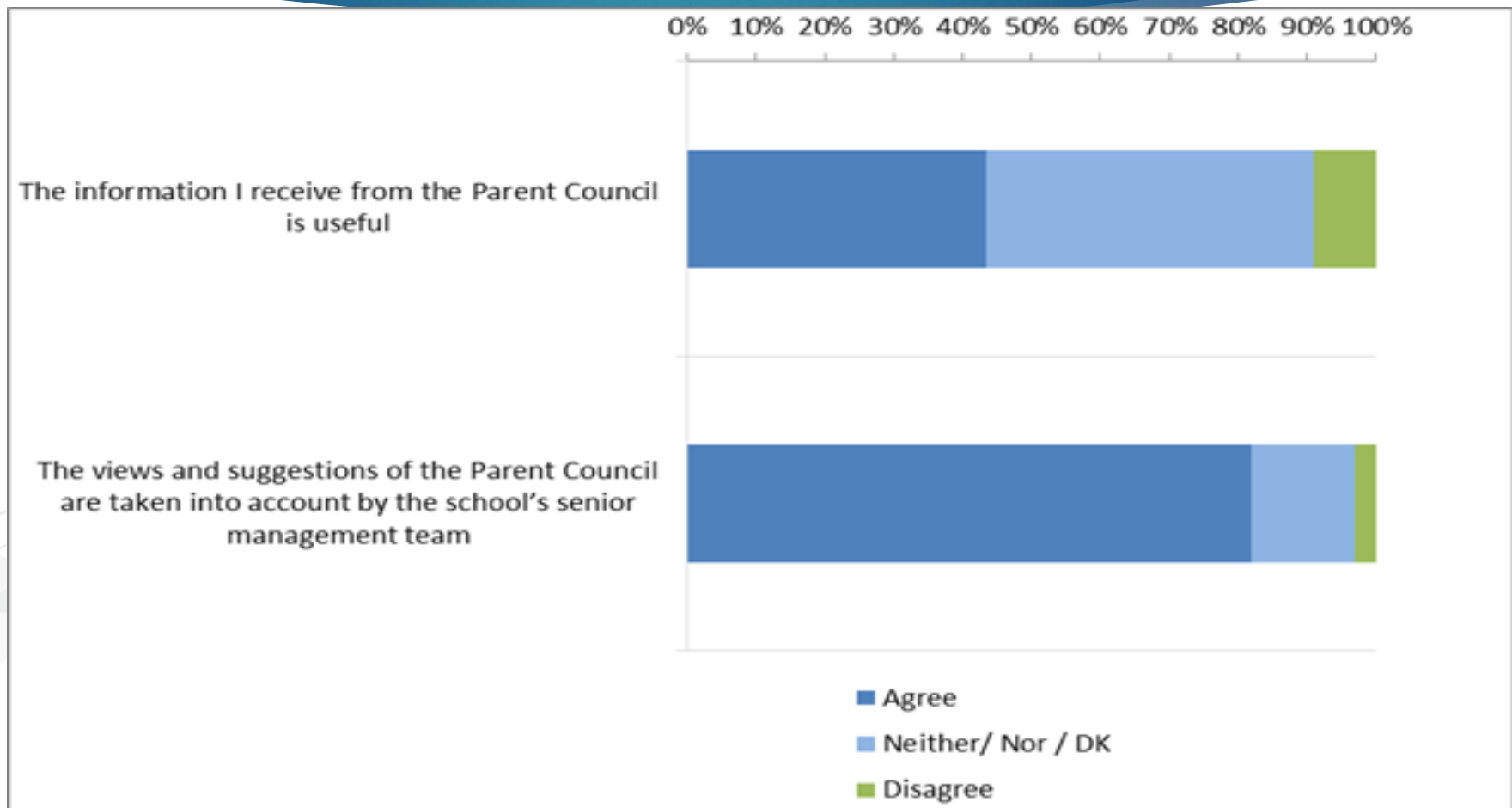
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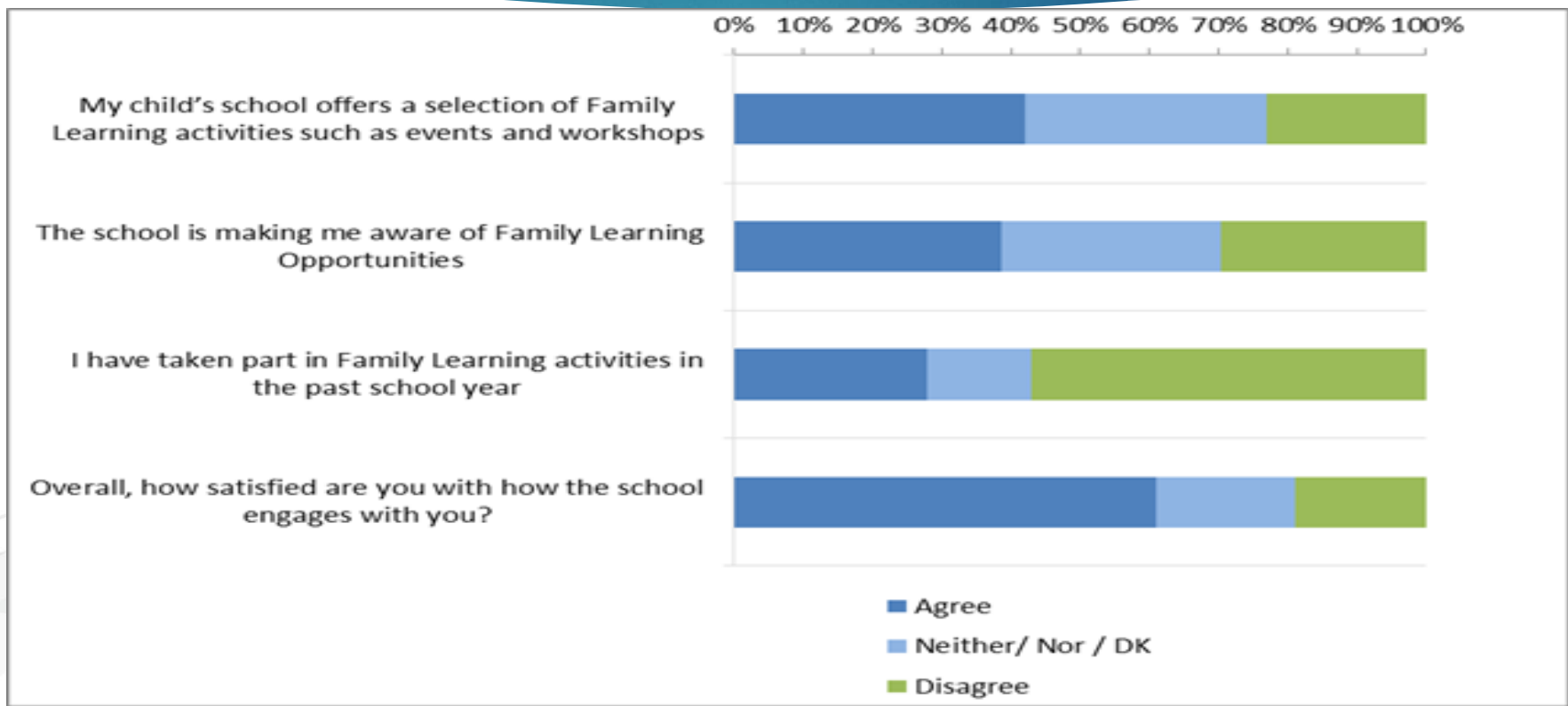
# Results - engagement



# Results – Parent Council



# Results – Family learning



# Developing our PIE strategy together

- ▶ Where are we now?
- ▶ Seek views of your parent forum – what would help?

