



# WARWICKSHIRE PARENT CARER VOICE

## School Open Evenings Feedback

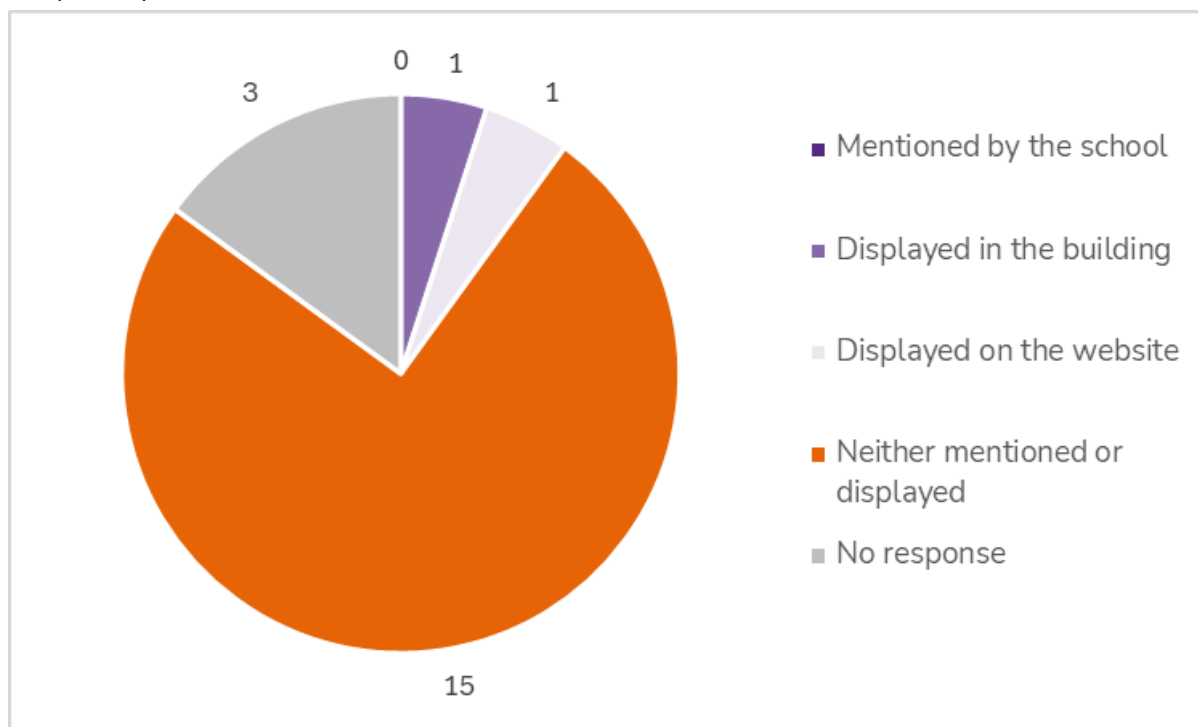
### Background

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice (WPCV) asked families who were attending school open evenings / days for the September 2025 admissions cycle to share their experiences of how inclusive they felt the setting was.

Unfortunately we only had 20 responses about 10 schools (one of which is Leicestershire School) and most schools only had one response so the data has limited benefit especially at an individual school level.

### School Inclusion Charter

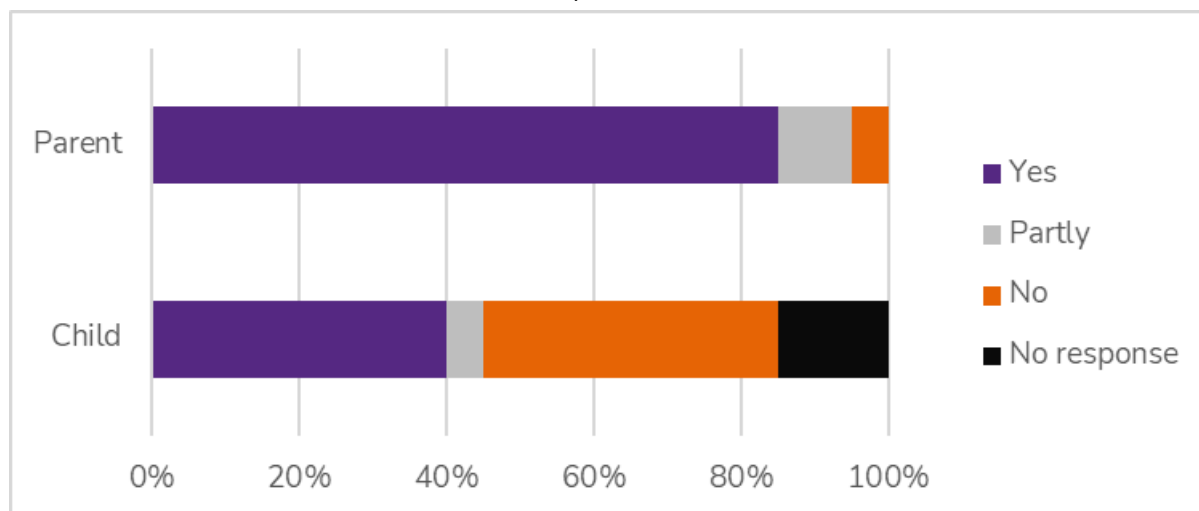
Very few parents heard or saw mention of the Schools' Inclusion Charter.



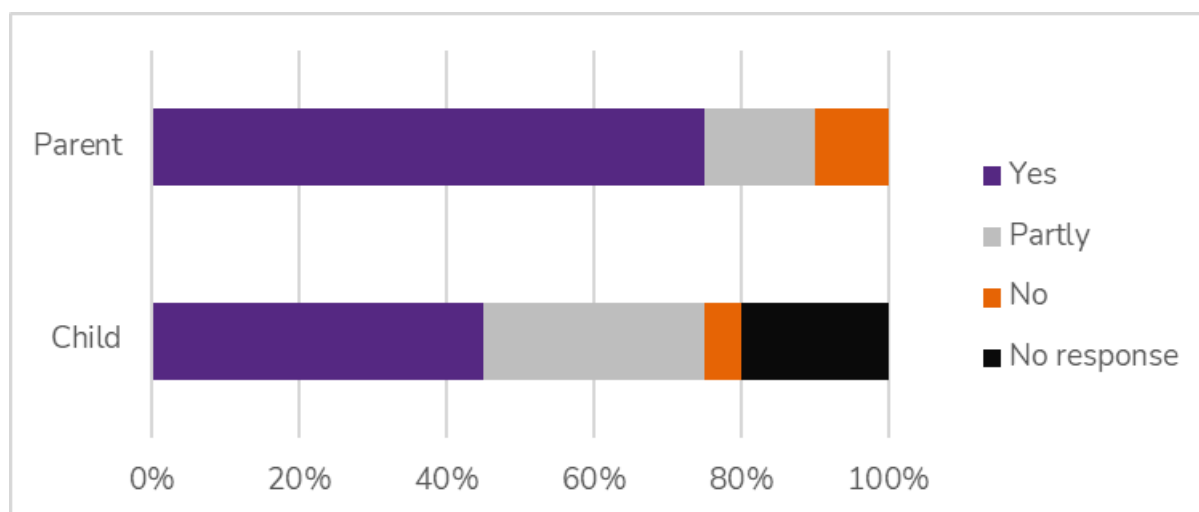
Interestingly the non-Warwickshire School was apparently the school that had the charter displayed in the building.

Having checked the school websites of all the schools that were visited the charter is visible or linked from 8 of the schools. One school has it linked if you search 'SEND charter' but does not seem to have any mention of SEND or Inclusion on its website.

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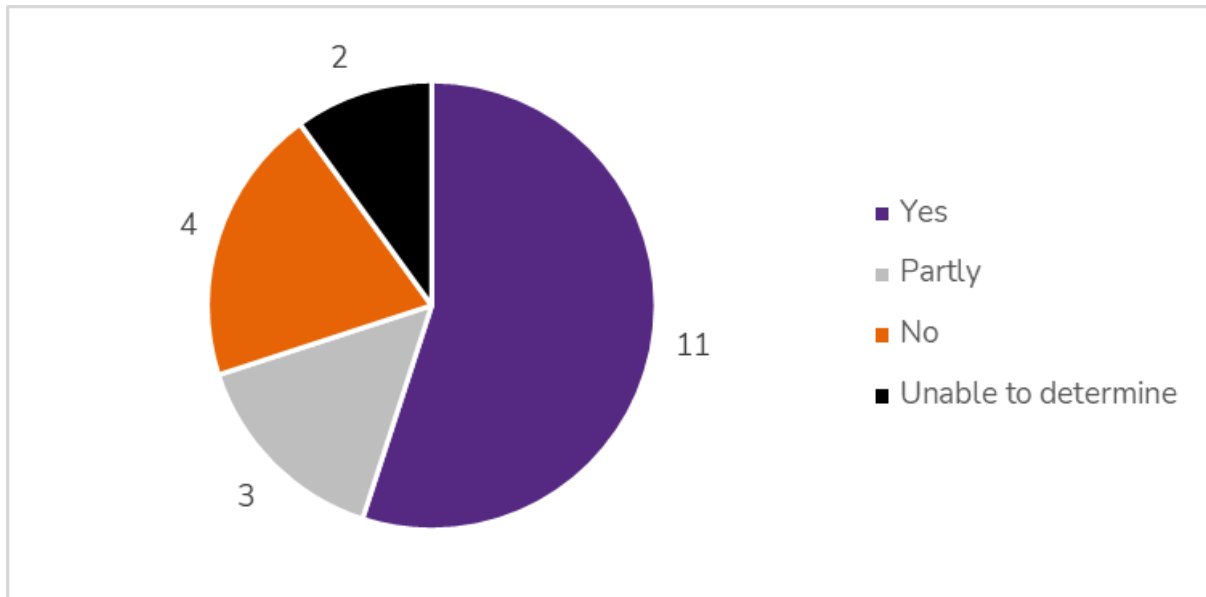


Feedback to about the accessibility of the sessions included:

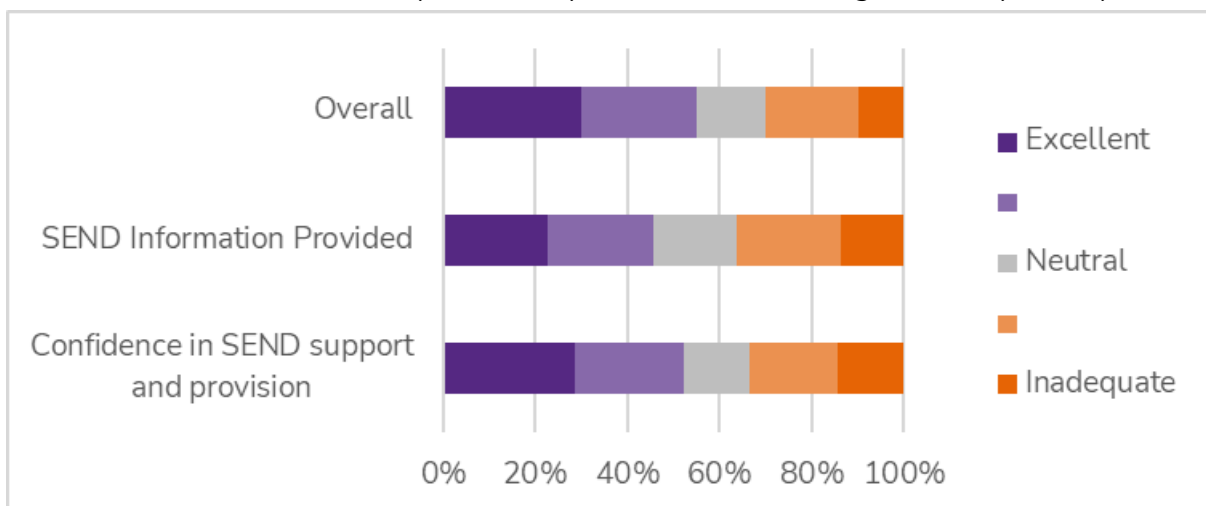
- *“Head teacher talk was relatively long (longer than expected) and didn’t make it easy for children with limited attention to leave without being very obvious.”*
- *“I have a disability and thus school has multiple steps and no accessible disabled space”*
- *“It would have been nice if SEND families could be given an opportunity to tour outside of the main open evenings, or if there was a way to access information with senco team separately from everyone hustling and bustling about”*
- *“Scale of open morning was overwhelming for my son”*

- “No adjustment. Huge staircase which child struggled with and then had to come back down which was even slower.”
- “No offer made for any alternatives but then we didn't ask either”

There was mixed confidence about whether the school was open to making reasonable adjustments for children with SEND (e.g. uniform or behaviour policy adjustments).



Overall the data shows a very mixed experience of attending school open days.



## Suggestions

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice have the following suggestions for schools:

- Make sure that the Warwickshire Schools' Inclusion Charter is clearly displayed (we suggest in the reception area and in the SEND department) and the school commitment to it is mentioned
- Having a separate SEND tour outside of open evenings that is less busy and more focussed on the messages SEND families need about the support their child can expect
- Having a shorter head teacher talk available for SEND families (either on the day or by a video recording) who cannot be able to access a long one in the school hall due to their needs
- Providing a list of suggested reasonable adjustments that could be made to the open evening in advance so that they can prepare
- Remember access for disabled parents and making reasonable adjustments for them as well as the children