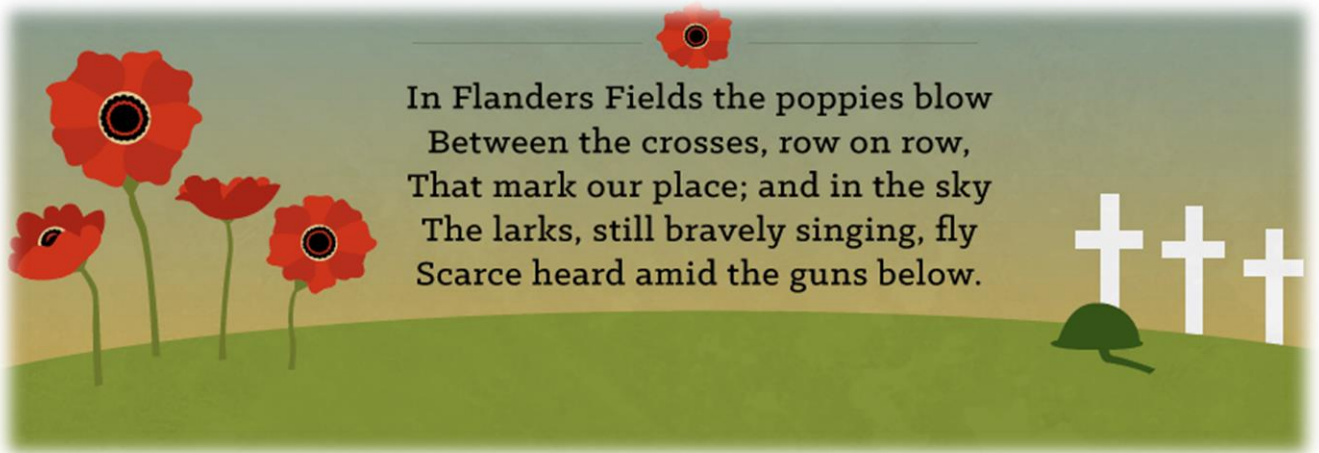




The Wee Friday Note

Friday 10th November 2023



In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

1. Industrial Action on Thursday 16th November & impact on school

Unions representing non-teaching staff have called for a day of industrial action (strike) on Thursday 16th November. Non-teaching staff are support staff that are essential to the safe and effective running of schools, and they do many different roles within our schools. As a result of this action taking place, Cregagh PS, like many other schools, will not be able to operate due to a shortage of key staff. Consequently, Cregagh PS will be closed to ALL pupils on Thursday 16th November.

2. School Open Day Events – Wednesday 15th November

Mini Open Afternoon for Pre-Schoolers
Wednesday 15th November
5:00-6:00pm

Starting P1 in 2024?

Come along to our themed Open Afternoon made especially for pre-schoolers & see why Cregagh Primary is the school for your family!

Farm Trail & Petting Zoo

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CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Together We Succeed

SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday 15th November
6:00pm-7:30pm
your family will be very welcome!

Cregagh Primary School has served the East & South Belfast community since 1939.

Excellent standards of pastoral care, teaching and learning - along with our modern and bright school buildings - make us an ever-increasingly popular first choice primary school.

If you, like us value **LEARNING, FAMILY & COMMUNITY** we are the right choice of school for you!

- ✓ Caring & inclusive
- ✓ Small school warmth
- ✓ Engaging curriculum
- ✓ High academic results
- ✓ Wrap-around pastoral care
- ✓ Technology-embracing
- ✓ Collaborative working with parents & community
- ✓ Award-winning

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FUTURE P1 PARENTS: get in touch with your details and we will send a full pre-application info pack to your home!

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- 🌀 The petting farm will be at CPS for **both** Open Day events 😊
- 🌀 The 5-6pm 'Mini Open Afternoon' is designed for families with children due to start P1 in September 2024.

3. Rise & Shine & Be on Time!

Remember, classroom lessons at Cregagh PS start at 8:55am (not 9am) 😊

4. Christmas Trips

Every December, our P1-3 children go to the cinema to enjoy a festive movie and the older children visit the pantomime. Because these trips are quite expensive (although we try our best to keep the costs down as much as we can), we like to give parents the facility to pay for the cost of these trips off in smaller instalments. This can be done online using the *ParentMoney* App for the P4-7 pantomime trip and the P1-3 cinema trip.

5. School Fund

School Fund remains at £20 *per family* per school year. This can be paid through our online payment system School Money in either one or several instalments. Speak to Miss Murphy our school secretary (90 401246) if you need help doing this. Thank you to everyone who has already paid some or all their school fund contribution – it is greatly appreciated.

*** IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR ***

Saturday 11 th November	SEAG Paper One
Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)
Wednesday 15 th November	CPS Open Day Events (incl. mobile petting farm)
Thursday 16 th November	CPS closed to pupils due to industrial action
Thursday 23 rd November	Family Bingo! (PSA event)
Saturday 25 th November	SEAG Paper 2
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Market (PSA event)
Friday 8 th December	P1-P3 Nativity Mount Merrion Parish Church
Wednesday 13 th December	P4-P7 Carol Service St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Tuesday 19 th December	Pantomime trip for P4-P7 Waterfront Hall, Belfast Class parties with Aldo the Magician & Disco
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term – 12 noon finish



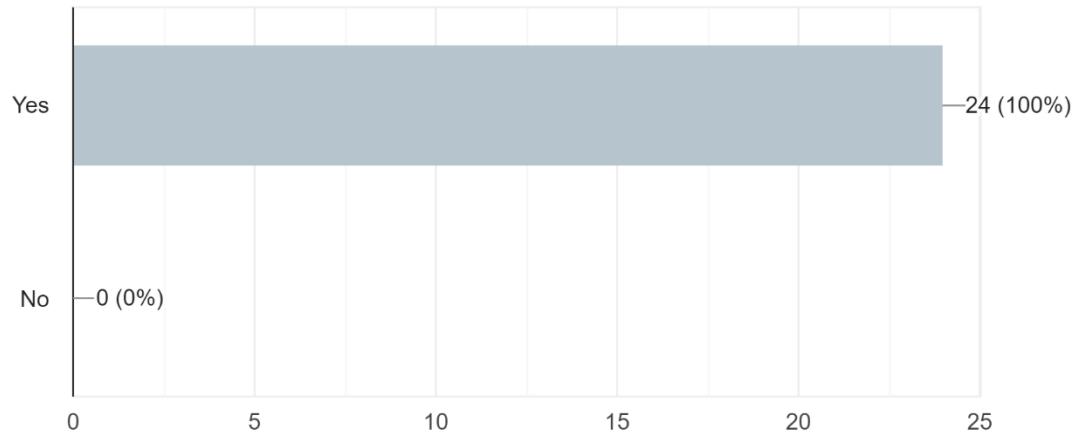
CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS' SURVEY FOLLOWING OCTOBER 2023 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Created using Google Forms. Survey closed Monday 30th October 2023
24 families responded, representing c. 40 pupils.

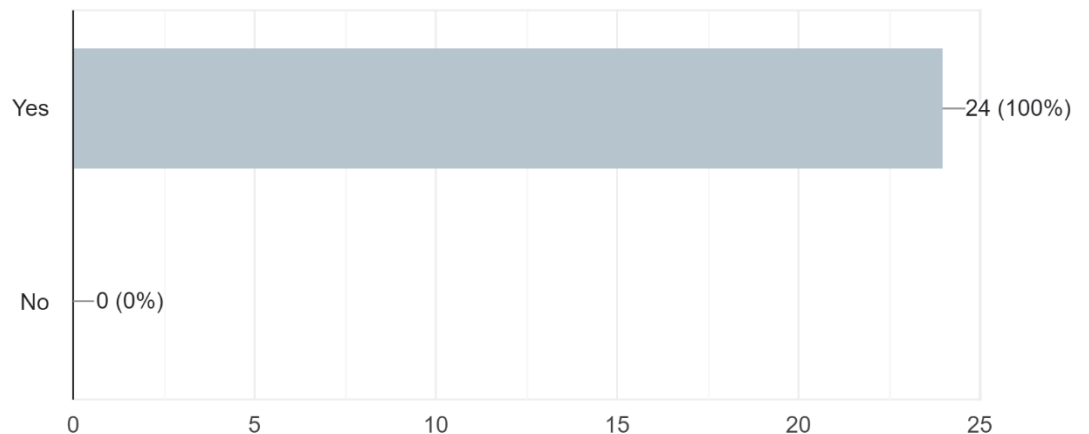
Were you able to arrange a suitable day & time for your Parent-Teacher Interview, okay?

24 responses



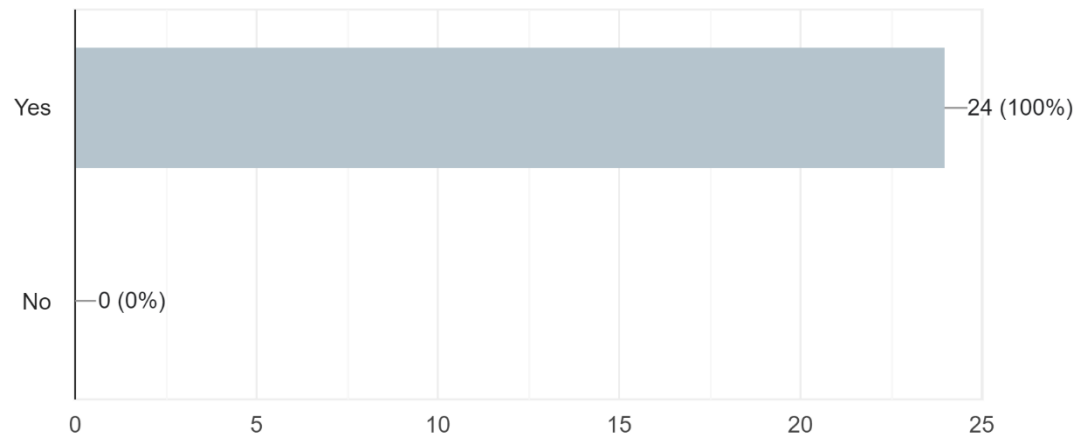
Did you find the discussion with the teacher(s) useful?

24 responses



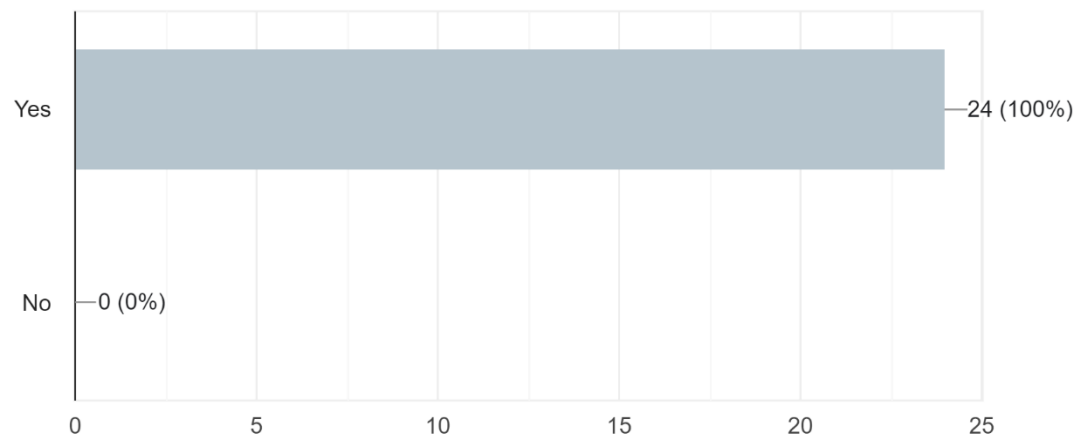
Do you feel you learned an adequate amount about how your child is doing in school at present?

24 responses



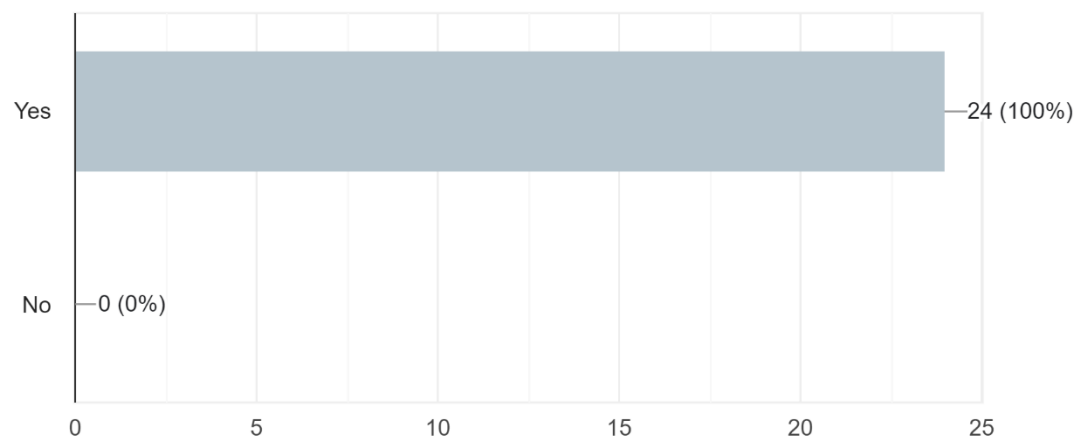
Were you given opportunity to ask the teacher(s) questions about your child's learning?

24 responses



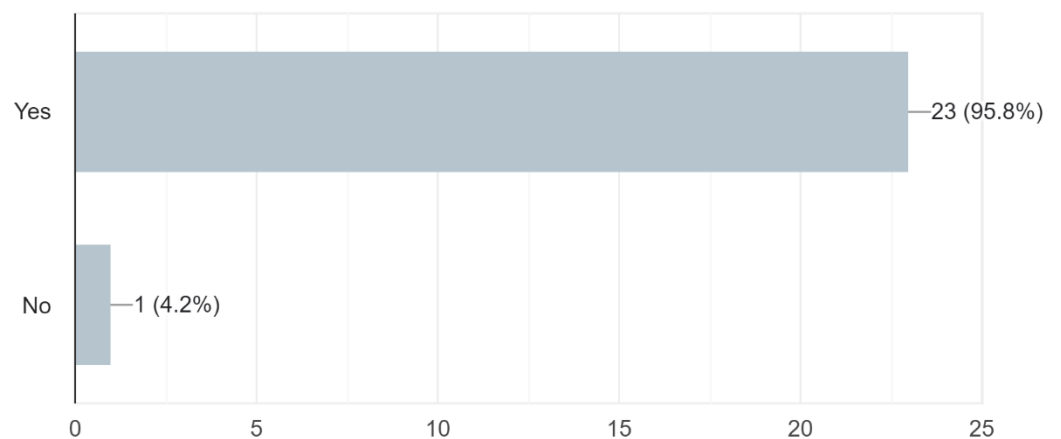
This was the 2nd opportunity this term to interact directly with your child's teacher (Meet the Teacher in September was the first opportunity). Do... these 2 meetings are sufficient for the first term?

24 responses



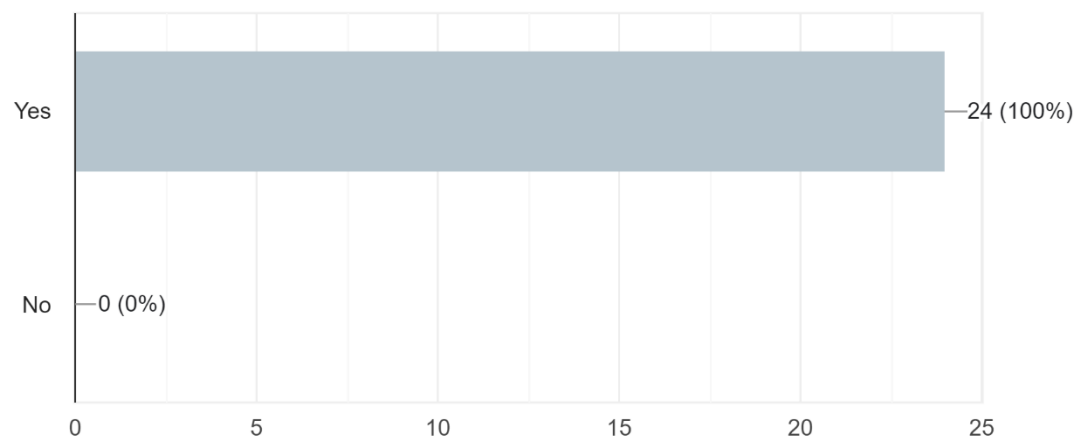
We're you given any ideas by the teacher(s) on how you can help support your child's learning at home? (with homework, reading, learning tables & spellings, etc)

24 responses



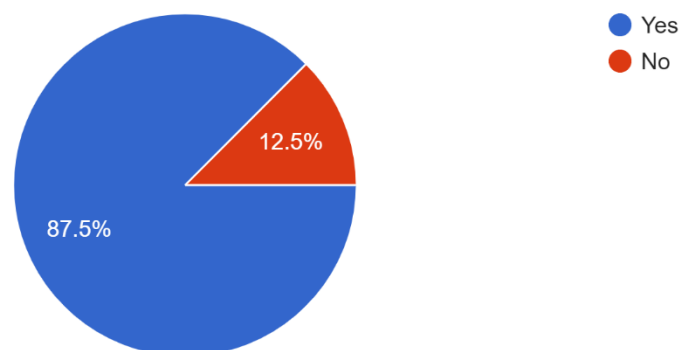
In general, do you as a parent feel the staff at Cregagh Primary School are easy to talk to when you need to?

24 responses



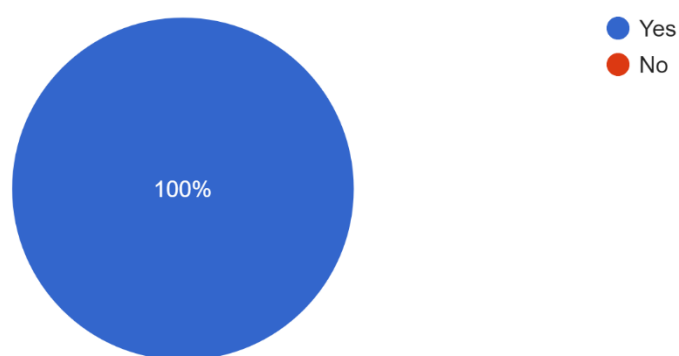
Do you know that Cregagh PS has a dedicated Parent-Worker (Lois Corbett) who can help parents with anything from advice on parenting to applying for Free School Meals ?

24 responses



Overall, would you say you are happy with the levels of contact and support provided to your child and family by Cregagh Primary School?

24 responses



Do you have any further general comments about our school that you would like to share with us?

10 responses

- *Daughter loves the school. Keep doing what you're doing!*
- *[Teacher's name] was fantastic at Taylor's interview, I came away a very happy parent*
- *I am really happy that my child is attending Cregagh Primary School. All the staff are amazing and my little boy loves going to school.*
- *Very good school and my child enjoys going everyday with no complaints.*
- *Amazing school, very happy and thankful for all the hard work teachers do.*
- *No*
- *Would be nice to have events e.g like music day where children can showcase their talents*
- *Thanks alot for your support 🙏*
- *We are overjoyed with how [redacted] has settled in. We cannot thank you enough for making her feel so welcome and part of your wonderful community*
- *More learning support is needed but I understand that this is a funding issue within the EA but children are suffering as a result. My children are happy in the school and I would highly recommend Cregagh Primary School*

School Response:

Thank you very much for your responses; which will all be given careful thought. Overall, we are very pleased & it is so nice for staff feel appreciated.

- *The idea of a "music day" (or similar) will be explored and hopefully we can do something with this.*
- *The last response does a very good job of highlighting the lack of funding across Northern Ireland's schools & its impact. We would certainly love to be able to provide additional Learning Support hours; this year it was very difficult to provide 3 days. I would stress that all children receive "learning support" from their class teachers, as work is differentiated for all pupils. No child is left floundering. Out-of-class Learning Support does not make a difference to all children, but it certainly can to others. Certainly, more funding would allow us to provide additional teaching hours for children who we know would benefit from their assessment data and classroom observations.*