

Parentkind SATs Parent Poll Results (March 2022)

Key Findings

- 86% of parents do not consider SAT results as important when choosing a school for their child, with 70% not looking into a prospective school's SAT results at all
- 80% of parents disagree that SATs provide parents with useful information about their child's achievement/progress in school
- 95% of parents reported that SATs had a negative impact on their children's wellbeing
- 86% of parents disagree that SATs are a useful way for government to hold schools to account for their performance
- 89% of parents disagree that SATs help to improve school standards
- 89% of parents would support SATs being replaced by an alternative measure, e.g. ongoing teacher assessment, checked by external monitors

Methodology

Parentkind's SATs poll was carried out online between 8th March and 21st March 2022, with recruitment through social media and via partner organisations. 1,727 parents across England responded.

Full Results

1. Which best describes how you have you have, or have not, used information about a school's SATs results when choosing a school for your child?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Schools' SATs results were a very important measure in choosing a school for my child		0.87%	15
2	Schools' SATs results were an important measure in choosing a school for my child, alongside other factors		2.14%	37
3	Schools' SATs results were something I considered in choosing a school for my child,		11.12%	192

1. Which best describes how you have you have, or have not, used information about a school's SATs results when choosing a school for your child?

	but it was not a particularly big factor in my choice			
4	I looked at schools' SATs results, but did not consider them a factor in choosing a school for my child		15.46%	267
5	I did not look at SATs results when choosing a school for my child		70.41%	1216
			answered	1727
			skipped	29

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree that SATs provide parents with useful information about their child's achievement/progress in school?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		1.20%	21
2	Somewhat agree		8.00%	140
3	Neither agree nor disagree		9.72%	170
4	Somewhat disagree		20.13%	352
5	Strongly disagree		60.15%	1052
6	Don't know		0.80%	14
			answered	1749
			skipped	7

3. What impact, if any, do you think SATs have on children's wellbeing?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strong positive impact		0.63%	11
2	Somewhat positive impact		0.97%	17
3	No particular impact		3.20%	56
4	Somewhat negative impact		27.30%	478
5	Strong negative impact		67.22%	1177
6	Don't know		0.69%	12
			answered	1751
			skipped	5

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree that SATs are a useful way for government to hold schools to account for their performance?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		2.97%	52
2	Somewhat agree		5.48%	96
3	Neither agree nor disagree		5.25%	92
4	Somewhat disagree		16.10%	282
5	Strongly disagree		69.75%	1222
6	Don't know		0.46%	8
			answered	1752

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree that SATs are a useful way for government to hold schools to account for their performance?

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5. To what extent do you agree or disagree that SATs help to improve school standards?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		1.43%	25
2	Somewhat agree		3.37%	59
3	Neither agree nor disagree		5.19%	91
4	Somewhat disagree		17.07%	299
5	Strongly disagree		72.37%	1268
6	Don't know		0.57%	10
			answered	1752
			skipped	4

6. To what extent would you agree or disagree with SATs being replaced by an alternative measure, e.g. ongoing teacher assessment, checked by external monitors?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		68.63%	1203
2	Somewhat agree		20.48%	359
3	Neither agree nor disagree		4.91%	86
4	Somewhat disagree		2.00%	35

6. To what extent would you agree or disagree with SATs being replaced by an alternative measure, e.g. ongoing teacher assessment, checked by external monitors?

5	Strongly disagree		3.02%	53
6	Don't know		0.97%	17
			answered	1753
			skipped	3