

<b>70 per cent of parents feel that politicians do not know a great deal about education.</b>	
Agree or disagree: Politicians know a great deal about education	
Base	1002
Mean Score (4=Strongly agree, 1=Strongly disagree)	1.98
Standard Error	0.03
No reply	-
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Strongly agree	52
	5%
Slightly agree	172
	17%
Slightly disagree	405
	<b>40%</b>
Strongly disagree	296
	<b>30%</b>
Don't know	77
	8%
<b>Around three quarters (72 per cent) feel that our leaders are not in touch with the education system</b>	
Agree or disagree: Politicians are in touch with the education system	
	1002
Mean Score (4=Strongly agree, 1=Strongly disagree)	1.93
Standard Error	0.03
No reply	-
	-
Strongly agree	36
	4%
Slightly agree	163
	16%
Slightly disagree	421
	<b>42%</b>

Strongly disagree	301
	<b>30%</b>
Don't know	81
	8%
<b>Nearly half (47 per cent) say that politicians want an education system which does not meet their child's needs.</b>	
Agree or disagree: Politicians want an education system which does not meet my child's needs	
	1002
Mean Score (4=Strongly agree, 1=Strongly disagree)	2.67
Standard Error	0.03
No reply	-
	-
Strongly agree	139
	<b>14%</b>
Slightly agree	329
	<b>33%</b>
Slightly disagree	296
	30%
Strongly disagree	58
	6%
Don't know	180
	18%
<b>Despite the 1997 Labour Party Manifesto identifying education as the Party's number one priority, over a third of parents (35 per cent) feel that Labour has failed to live up to its promises</b>	
In 1997 Labour identified education as one of their key priorities as part of their election campaign, do you think that Labour had kept its promises on education?	
	1002
Mean Score (4=Completely, 1=Not at all)	1.87
Standard Error	0.03

No reply	-
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Completely	25
	2%
Mostly	171
	17%
A little	395
	39%
Not at all	346
	35%
Don't know	65
	6%
<b>And although the Tories were voted the party most likely to improve education if they were elected (with 29 per cent of the vote, compared to Labour 19 per cent and Lib Dem 11 per cent) 55 per cent of parents do not believe that the Conservatives will fulfil their pledge to make education a priority if elected.</b>	
Which political party would be most likely to improve education over the next 5 years if they were elected?	
	1002
No reply	-
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Labour	194
	<b>19%</b>
Conservatives	294
	<b>29%</b>
Liberal Democrats	115
	<b>11%</b>
SNP	18
	2%
Plaid Cymru	10
	1%

Green Party	5
	0%
UKIP	1
	0%
BNP	7
	1%
Other	-
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The Conservative party has identified education as a key priority in the run-up to the next election. How strongly do you believe it would remain a key priority if they are elected?	
	1002
Mean Score (4=Very strongly, 1=Not at all strongly)	2.27
Standard Error	0.03
No reply	-
	-
Very strongly	53
	5%
Quite strongly	296
	30%
Not very strongly	391
	<b>39%</b>
Not at all strongly	158
	<b>16%</b>
Don't know	104
	10%
<b>Topping Edge's poll of parents' education priorities were:</b>	
• A focus on basic skills – 64 per cent	
• Greater investment in teachers – 59 per cent	
• Investing in buildings and facilities – 51 per cent	
• More practical and vocational learning options in schools – 50 per cent	
• More apprenticeships – 44 per cent	

What do you think the priorities for the next five years in education should be?	
	1002
No reply	-
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Replacing underperforming schools with Academies	168
	17%
Investing in buildings and facilities	516
	<b>51%</b>
Investing in colleges and further education	375
	37%
Making exams harder	220
	22%
Recruiting teachers with experience of the world outside education	416
	42%
More practical and vocational options in schools	501
	<b>50%</b>
Better careers advice	400
	40%
Investing more in teaching	588
	<b>59%</b>
Focus on basic skills e.g. literacy and numeracy	640
	<b>64%</b>
Abolishing SATs	405
	40%
More apprenticeships	442
	<b>44%</b>
More places at university	233
	23%
Other	82
	8%