

Would you like to see any of the following changes made to the current school system?
Please select all that apply

		Age of child: 11	Age of child: 12	Age of child: 13	Age of child: 14
	1028	65	215	188	196
No reply	-	-	-	-	-
A 'made-to-measure' (i.e. tailored to my child) school day for my child which develops all my child's talents and abilities	389 38%	32 49%	73 34%	65 35%	83 42%
A broad curriculum, which gives my child experience of life skills and the world of work	623 61%	36 55%	125 58%	118 63%	120 61%
An increased mix of practical and vocational learning alongside the current academic provision	497 48%	33 51%	98 46%	94 50%	96 49%
A greater importance placed on preparing children for the world of work	446 43%	22 34%	84 39%	85 45%	94 48%
A greater link between businesses and schools	450 44%	21 32%	83 39%	88 47%	87 44%
More work experience	398 39%	16 25%	64 30%	81 43%	77 39%
I would not like to see any changes	85 8%	7 11%	19 9%	16 9%	16 8%
Other: More 'real life' skills e.g. cooking, sewing, budgeting	10 1%	1 - 2% -		3 - 2% -	
Other: Better teaching staff	9 1%	1 2%	1 0%	1 - 1% -	
Other: More attention paid to bright children, rather than just those who have problems	6 - 1% -	- -		1 1%	2 1%
Other: Fewer exams	5 0%	1 - 2% -		1 1%	1 1%
Other: More emphasis on sporting activities/PE	4 0%	1 - 2% -		2 - 1% -	

Other: Make exams more difficult	4 - 0% -		1 0%	3 - 2% -	
Other: More discipline	4 - 0% -		1 0%	2 1%	1 1%
Other: Recognise that children are different and have different needs	4 - 0% -		1 0%	1 - 1% -	
Other: More emphasis on the basics e.g. reading, writing and arithmetic	5 - 0% -	- -	- -	- -	
Other (less than 4 mentions of each)	39 4%	1 2%	6 3%	10 5%	7 4%

Research was carried out by PCP. Total sample size was 1,028 parents of 11 to 16 year olds cur

Age of child: 15	Age of child: 16	Year group of child: Year 7	Year group of child: Year 8	Year group of child: Year 9	Year group of child: Year 10	Year group of child: Year 11	Gender of child: Male	Gender of child: Female
223	141	196	197	200	219	216	535	493
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137 61%	87 62%	112 57%	124 63%	117 59%	139 63%	131 61%	315 59%	308 62%
110 49%	66 47%	93 47%	104 53%	86 43%	119 54%	95 44%	255 48%	242 49%
100 45%	61 43%	79 40%	85 43%	87 44%	103 47%	92 43%	231 43%	215 44%
111 50%	60 43%	77 39%	82 42%	89 45%	110 50%	92 43%	230 43%	220 45%
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rently attending state secondary school in the UK. Fieldwork was undertaken between 4th to 8th

Region: North East England	Region: North West England	Region: Yorkshire and Humbersid e	Region: East Midlands	Region: West Midlands	Region: East Anglia	Region: South East	Region: South West	Region: London
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32 56%	57 49%	42 47%	37 46%	41 46%	39 54%	99 51%	47 47%	49 49%
24 42%	54 46%	31 35%	32 40%	48 54%	30 42%	86 45%	35 35%	54 54%
23 40%	45 38%	40 45%	36 44%	37 42%	28 39%	93 48%	24 24%	53 53%
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May 2009. The survey was carried out online. The figures are rep

Region: Scotland	Region:		Age of parent: 35 or under	Age of parent: 36 to 45	Age of parent: 46 or over	Gender of parent: Male	Gender of parent: Female	Marital status of parent: Single	Marital status of parent: Married
	Wales and Northern Ireland								
	61	70	99	615	314	417	611	72	690
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	35 57%	36 51%	44 44%	268 44%	138 44%	181 43%	269 44%	33 46%	291 42%
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	2%	4%	1%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%

Marital status of parent: Co-habiting	Marital status of parent: Divorced/s eparated/w idowed	Number of children aged 11 to 16: 1	Number of children aged 11 to 16: 2 or more
140	126	771	257
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53 38%	58 46%	278 36%	111 43%
96 69%	79 63%	468 61%	155 60%
66 47%	69 55%	376 49%	121 47%
62 44%	62 49%	341 44%	105 41%
56 40%	70 56%	346 45%	104 40%
57 41%	53 42%	302 39%	96 37%
12 9%	9 7%	64 8%	21 8%
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