

Year 9 Parental Survey Results  
 Spring 2022  
 49 surveys completed



“My child is working at an appropriate level and performing well in the subjects that they are studying”

	Strongly Agree/Agree%	Disagree/Strongly Disagree %
English	92	8
Mathematics	90	10
Science	92	8
Art & Design	89	11
Computing	88	12
Dance/Drama	94	6
Food	98	2
Geography	94	6
History	94	6
PE	94	6
RE	96	4
Spanish	84	16
Technology	96	4

Statements

	Strongly Agree/Agree%	Disagree/Strongly Disagree %
My child enjoys being at school	78	22
My child feels safe at school	84	16
My child is making good progress at school	92	8
I receive valuable and appropriate information about my child's progress	92	8
The discipline is good at school and unacceptable behaviour is dealt with	80	20
The school expects my child to work hard and do his or her best	98	2
The school provides regular information regarding Covid - 19 updates.	98	2
If my child experienced a problem at school, there is someone available to help them	90	10
The school has responded well to any concerns I have raised	84	16
Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties: The school provides specialist support and informs me how this is helping my child to progress	98	2
My child receives the extra help and support that they need from teachers and support staff	88	12
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	84	16
My child enjoys the meals provided at school.	71	29
How did you rate the on-line booking system via School Cloud? And did you find the system easy to use	94	6
I found the virtual parents' evening beneficial and it provided me with useful information	88	12
The school provides good careers education, information, advice and guidance so my child understands the options and progression opportunities available	96	4
Did you attend the face to face Options Evening? If so, did you find the information provided by subject teachers useful in helping your child to select the options that they would like to take	85	15
The school is well managed and organised	86	14
The school has lived up to my expectations	86	14
I would recommend this school to another parent.	84	16

## Parent Comments

\*The information given regarding options was very poor. I got half way through the options night before finding out that half of the subjects on offer were not GCSEs. It was very hard to find out which was which. There was no guidance offered to parents or pupils to identify the differences between GCSEs and BTECs or whether this would affect education in the future, especially as SAX have chosen to close their 6th form and so my daughter will need to apply to other establishments for A-Levels. One teacher tried to reassure me that the BTECs were regarded as highly as GCSEs but to someone of my age, BTECs were what the less academic children did. It's disappointing that SAX have not been very open and clear about the differences and about which subjects will be GCSE and which will be BTEC.

\*Comment about options evening...it was far too busy considering Covid, and we couldn't hear very well what was being said, and felt unsafe and claustrophobic. The letter sent home for parents evening asked only to book subjects to be considered for options unless there were any concerns. We had no concerns but our child was told an appointment should have been booked.

\*The options evening was far too busy with many people crammed into the hall. I do think that a rethink around how it is organised will mean it is far more of a useful event for parents in the future. It is brilliant to have been able to have it as a face to face event but the organisation meant that I didn't find the event anywhere near as informative as I had hoped it would be.

\*5 minutes was not long enough for parents' evening. The option's evening was disappointing. The Hall was extremely cramped and noisy so unable to hear all the teachers were saying

**South Axholme Academy Response: - Thank you for your feedback, we will take your concerns into consideration next year regarding the layout of the room. Students have been able to select taster subjects where they are not studied at KS3, and they have received assemblies in school to help them make an informed choice. We provide options for all abilities to ensure that students are able to gain further education at their selected provider. All students go on to have careers meetings to discuss their options in Year 11. We hope that you have received the options information electronically and that your child has been fully informed to enable them to select their options for study at KS4. If you feel that you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.**

\*The pastoral leader has been fantastic with my daughter and deserves special praise for this.

**South Axholme Academy Response: - Thank you for your feedback, we will pass on your comments.**

\*We were unable to attend options evening only due to workplace time constraints. School dinners baguettes are hard and apparently there is cheese in everything?

**South Axholme Academy Response: - We are sorry that you were unable to attend the Options' Evening, we hope that you have received the information sent out electronically - please see feedback below regarding school meals.**

\*It would be great if more healthy lunch options and snacks were available.

\*Wasn't able to see every teacher at parents' evening. My child has asked for packed lunches this week. Says there isn't enough food and what there is of poor quality.

\*The pupils don't feel included in any aspect of school life! Their opinions are not taken into account! The school meals are poor quality.

**South Axholme Academy Response: South Axholme Academy currently use an external company TNS. Food is freshly prepared on site daily and meets food standards expectations. From September the Trust will be taking over the delivery of food to the primary and secondary school. Consultation has already taken place with the student council and taster menus have been shared with students to gauge responses. All menus are shared weekly in the parent bulletin. If a parent would like to view the dining room and meals please make an appointment and we would be happy to organise a tasting menu and visit.**

\*We are happy with the transition back to South Axholme and my child has settled in very well. Thank you.

**South Axholme Academy Response: - Thank you for your response.**

\*English teacher appt was cancelled. No further communication about re arranging. Options' evening should be offered on a couple of evenings as I was unable to attend that one day.

\*Did not have an appointment for English as the teacher was off. Would appreciate some feedback even if it's just an email to update on progress.

**South Axholme Academy Response: - We are sorry that you were not able to meet with your child's English teacher due to absence. Should you have any specific concerns we ask you contact the relevant teacher or member of Senior Leadership Team to discuss further.**

\*Thank you to all the staff, Parents' Evening was excellent and the staff gave detailed and motivational feedback. It is evident that the quality of teaching is high.

**South Axholme Academy Response: - Thank you for your feedback.**

\*We are very disappointed that the 6th form is closing.

**South Axholme Academy Response: - Following a period of significant discussion, and taking into account the long-term viability of post-16 provision, the trustees of Isle Education Trust have taken the decision to consult on the proposal to close the 6th Form at South Axholme Academy with effect from August 2023.**

\*The school has exceeded our expectations.

**South Axholme Academy Response: - We are delighted that you feel that we have met your expectations.**

\*I would have preferred to have had a face to face parents' evening and the options night be conducted online. I felt teachers got the opportunity to tell me how my child was doing but were there were problems within subjects there was not enough time to discuss what help could or would be provided. Just not enough time to discuss any issues.

**South Axholme Academy Response: - Thank you for your feedback. As we return to a more normal way of working, post-Covid, we will consider returning to face to face meetings. This is our preferred way of meeting with parents. We appreciate parents' cooperation and attendance at the online parents' meetings. This has been a great approach whilst we were unable to meet face to face.**

\*The school ensures that my child is encouraged to perform to the best of her ability which is the main reason I applied to the school rather than the school that is on our doorstep. The teachers & management are interested in their children in their care. I cannot speak highly enough of South Axholme Academy.

**South Axholme Academy Response: - At South Axholme Academy everyone works collectively using the South Axholme Mindset, a set of values that we have all agreed together to help us to be successful in our lives. The South Axholme Mindset Expects Excellence and for students to be ready, respectful and resilient in all that they do. Due to the low numbers in catchment schools we have been able offer places to students out of area.**

\* Bullying, bad and disruptive behaviour not dealt with effectively or harshly enough and therefore these pupils continue to behave badly. Pupils that want to learn are held back when other pupils do not want to learn and disrupt lessons. Where is the deterrent? In PE, pupils that enjoy sports are overlooked in favour of those pupils who excel at sport outside of school which sadly results in destroying any love of sport the child had in the first place. On a positive note, you have some great teachers who engage with my child and feed her interest in the subjects they teach.

**South Axholme Academy Response:** - We take issues of bullying and disruptive behaviour very seriously and we urge you to contact your child's Progress and Achievement Leader should you have any unresolved issues. Unfortunately, students who are interested in being on the sport's team may not always get a position on the school team. There are regular extra-curricular clubs available for students to be involve with without being on the school team. Thank you for your positive feedback, we are very proud of the Teaching and Learning that our teachers provide at the academy.

\*Although our face to face parents evening didn't connect we were contacted that evening by our sons maths teacher/form tutor. She quickly emailed the teachers we had appointments with and nearly all got in contact. We really appreciated that phone call from her and it was totally unexpected, so thank you XXXXX.

**South Axholme Academy Response:** - We are sorry to hear that you had connectivity issues; we are pleased that you were able to speak with your child's teachers.

\*Pleased with progress on the whole. However, currently waiting for a discussion about science with my child regarding support after a discussion with XXX on March 10th.

**South Axholme Academy Response:** - Please contact the academy should you need to speak to a member of staff.

\*One of the reasons we selected this school is that we were led to believe it had a school rugby team and played regular games . I think XXX has played for the school twice and he is now about to complete Year 9. I accept there is clearly nothing you could do about covid but I am disappointed that a team cannot be pulled together for his year group

**South Axholme Academy Response:** - We have a very busy PE department, that offers a wide variety of sports and fixtures. South Axholme Academy is one of only a handful of schools within North Lincolnshire who play Rugby. As a school we enter all the local tournaments available, however, there is a reluctance from other schools to play Rugby or provide us with fixtures. If you would like to discuss rugby with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to contact your child's PE teacher.

\*I have been very pleasantly surprised by the ethos and nature of the school. The career's education programme is excellent. Girls need to be upheld as the amazing individuals that they are - can feel boy-centric.

**South Axholme Academy Response:** - At South Axholme Academy everyone works collectively using the South Axholme Mindset, a set of values that we have all agreed together to help us to be successful in our lives. Our Careers Lead has worked hard to create an informative programme.

Please note where individual students and / or staff can be identified from the comments these have not been published. Where comments are inappropriate and / or confusing they have not been published. All comments have been discussed with Senior Leaders at the Academy as well as Governing Body members.

