

5. Education

In this section there were 2 questions that required a Yes/No answer and then 3 questions that required a comment.

The responses to the 2 questions requiring a Yes/No answer, ignoring those who answered and who do not currently have children at school, were:

	Yes	No	Did not answer or errors
If you have children at a school in the Parish, are you satisfied with the education they are receiving?	44	5	298
Do you have any concerns about your child's journeys to and from the school?	21	26	300

The comments from the 5 that were not satisfied with their children's education included the following reasons:

- * Bullying
- * Lack of teacher commitment
- * Lack of adequate examination preparation, either GCSE or A Level
- * Lack of, or poor, discipline with associated problems

The children of all of those not satisfied were of secondary age. There were no adverse comments made regarding the primary school.

Indeed 14 respondents mentioned, in the conclusion section of the questionnaire, that the primary school was one of the main attractions of the Parish.

Of the 21 that indicated a concern regarding their child's journey to and from school, 22 comments were received. These included the following:

- * 10 mentioned traffic problems; roads too busy, traffic speed and the lack of cycle lanes.
- * 6 mentioned the bus service to Hanley Castle which they regard as unreliable and its use precludes attendance at after school clubs.
- * 5 mentioned the footways, mainly to the primary school, as being too narrow, and close to the road, and poorly maintained.
- * 1 respondent mentioned the lack of storage lockers at the primary school.

32 respondents suggested 49 courses for the community either in day or evening classes. Their most popular suggestions included:

- * Re-run the computer courses (possibly in the evening so those working could attend) - (8)
- * Local history - (6)
- * Keep fit, health improvement - (6)
- * First Aid (including herbal/homeopathic) - (4)
- * Dancing - (3)
- * Garden club/horticulture - (3)
- * Art - (2)
- * Youth club/children's club - (2)
- * Languages - (2)

Other courses suggested once each were: Bridge, Slimming, Yoga, Elderly daycare, Drama, Lip reading, Countryside skills e.g. hedgelaying, Recycling, Social Security form filling, Floral art & Flower arranging, Photography, DIY, Genealogy.