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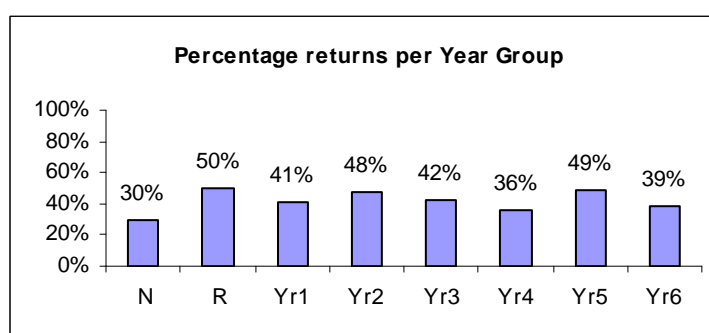
After School Clubs: Parents Questionnaire Results

During mid January 2008 we asked parents for their views on after school clubs and the possibility of setting up a breakfast club. All returns will be used to further develop provision and gauge demand.

Returns (1 per family)	140
Number of children represented	181
Percentage of children represented	42%

Q1: What Year Group / Groups are your child/children in?

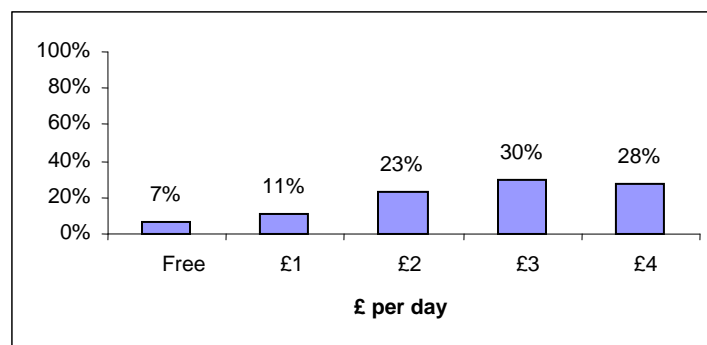
E.g. 50% of children in reception returned their questionnaire.



Findings

Overall 42% of children were represented in the returns. This is quite a narrow base from which to form a judgement. We would anticipate that other parents who did not return the questionnaire is as equally interested.

Q2: How much would you be willing to pay for an after school club on a weekly basis? (Monies to be paid in full on a half termly basis)



Summary

81% of parents would be willing to pay £2 or more

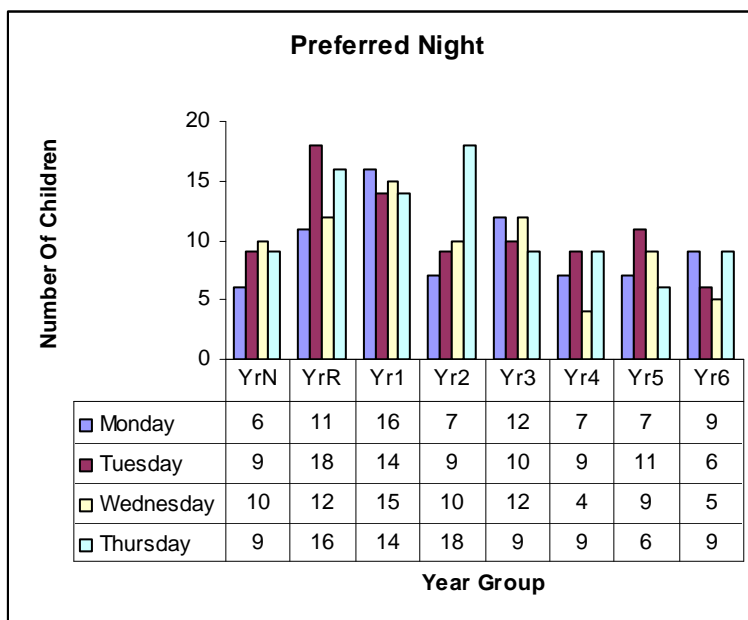
58% of parents would be willing to pay £3 or more

Some parents were willing to pay more than £4 depending on the quality of the provider

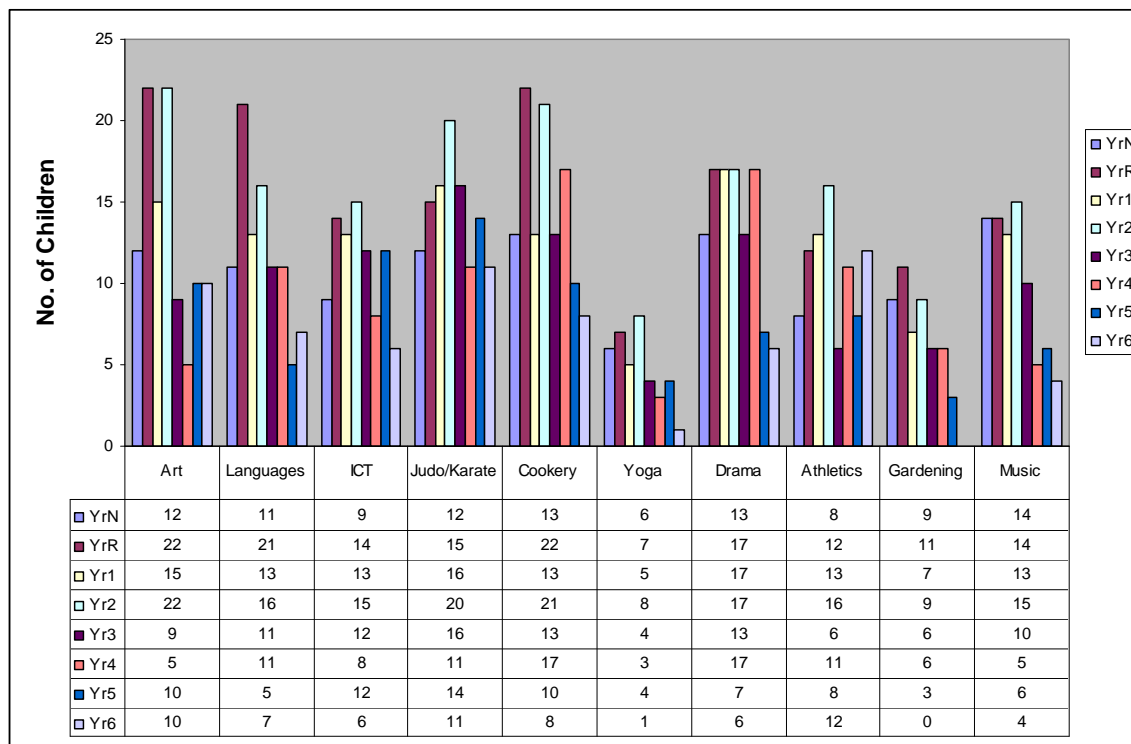
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Q3: Do you have a preferred night for your child to take part in After School Activities?



Q4: Would you be interested in your children taking part in any of the following?



Summary

Responses give us an indication of specific demand

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Q5: Are there any other clubs you feel the school could run?

The following suggestions were made

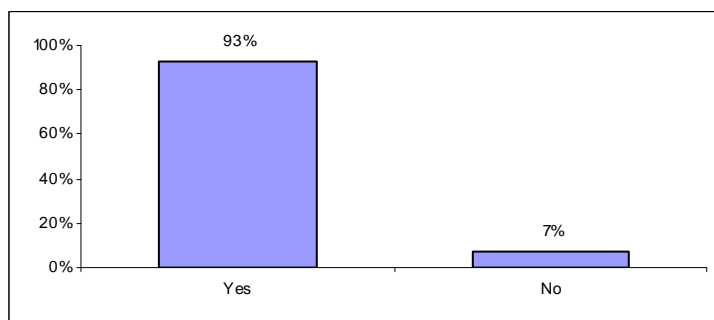
Swimming, Homework, Chess, Ballet, Music, Tennis, Gymnastics, Hockey, Magazine Club, Dance, Sewing, Craft, Mixed Age Activities, Life Skills, Basket Ball, Table tennis, Volleyball, Keep Fit, Rounders, Boxing, Wrestling, Cycling Proficiency, Fencing, Chess, Aerobics, Flamenco, Lacrosse, Skating, Trampolining, Line Dancing

Of the above, some were listed more than once and are worth looking into with external providers. Swimming, whilst mentioned by a few parents would be expensive in terms of transport, entrance fees and the cost of a coach. Time would be a significant issue.

Q6: Parents also bring skills. Would you be willing to run a club or organise a club with other parents or staff on a rota basis?

25% of returns answered this question (35 parents). Of those parents who replied, time was a key issue due to working commitments and this is naturally understandable. Others indicated that they may be willing to offer support in helping with school newspapers or magazine; arts, crafts, painting and drawing; French & Spanish; cookery, yoga, gardening, confidence building; lacrosse and basketball; music. Some parents indicated that they would like to work alongside a teacher or network with other parents.

Q7: We currently withdraw club places in the event of poor behaviour (spoiling the enjoyment of others) or children being collected late on a regular basis. Do you feel that this is a reasonable stance?



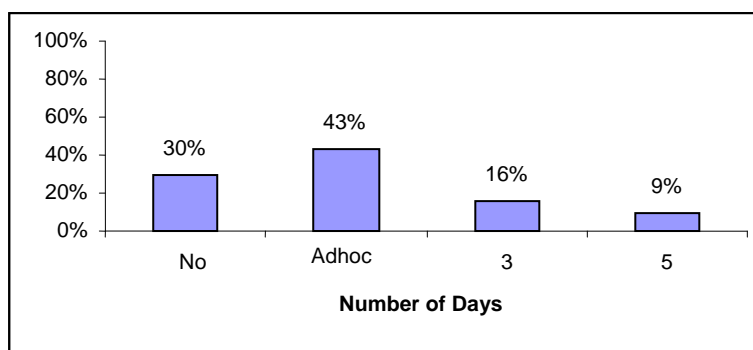
Summary

A definitive answer! Some parents indicated that clubs should be reinstated after a period of time and this is a sensible option.

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Q8: If we were to set up a breakfast club (8am onwards) would you use it?

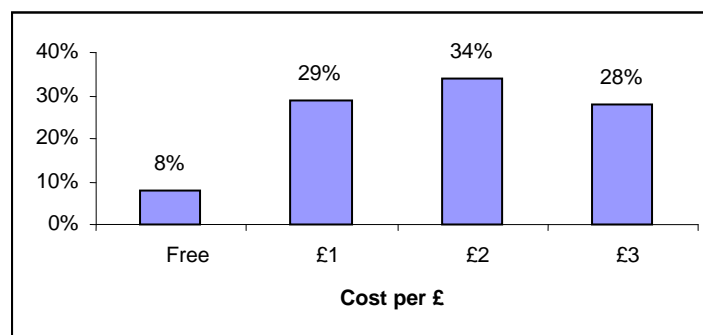


Summary

30% of respondents had no interest in Breakfast Club whilst 43% indicated they would use it on an "as and when basis". If we are to set up a breakfast club then we would require a core group of children to use it on a regular basis.

Q9: A breakfast club has running costs to cover staff and food. How much would you be prepared to pay for this provision?

The percentages indicated below are based on responses that indicated an interest in their child attending breakfast club. (30% of responses indicated they had no interest in a breakfast club)



Summary

External providers are used by a number of schools – based on the evidence gathered it is our intention to approach other schools in relation to running costs and whether there would be sufficient level of interest to ensure that it runs at full or as near to full capacity as possible.

Q10: What kind of activities would you like to see undertaken at a Breakfast club?

Responses included the following:

Yoga, Keep Fit, Art and Drawing, Reading, Audio stories, ICT, Homework and Curriculum Support, ICT, Model making, Music, Reading, Languages, Drama, Board games (including chess), Cookery

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Q11: We welcome any additional thoughts you may have or if you wish to comment on clubs your child currently undertakes please do so.

Will there be any clubs for Reception children?

As a school we generally work on the premise that the day is long enough for a 4 to 5 year old and look to initiate clubs in Year 1

Can the children learn to swim?

This would be extremely expensive in terms of swimming coaches, transport and entrance fees. In addition it would require excessive supervision.

The Street Dance teachers change a lot

We are aware of this and Dance49 are aware of our feelings on this matter!

There is a lack of consistency when offering places

Key Stage 1 football is heavily oversubscribed. Preference is given to those who couldn't participate previously and we keep a list of how many times each child has participated. If children have missed out then this is down to genuine human error and we apologise for this . . . however we are aware of only two occasions in 4 terms (160 children!)

Football club is thoroughly enjoyable and the coaches are good

Agreed!

Can more places be offered for football?

This is something we are looking into but subsidies on behalf of the school are high. If we were to do this we would need to fill 95% of the places.

Could all children from the same family take part in clubs on the same night?

In an ideal world yes, but co-ordination would be challenging e.g. with sports clubs we can only really run two a night because if it rains we have only two halls to use.

Can clubs be organised with more advance notice?

This is a fair comment and one worth considering – would parents be willing to pay before half term?

Can there be more football sessions in a half term?

This would mean the school subsidy would increase as there would be more sessions. There would need to be a price increase – we're more than happy to do this if parents are willing.

Can we have football for three 1 hour sessions per week?

No, the hall and playground needs to be used for other clubs on different evenings.

Can we have a karate club please?

Looking at the responses, judo or Karate is something we need to consider

Tag Rugby is run really well / my child really enjoys it. My child really enjoys netball.

Well done to the teachers who organise these – it is a large time commitment and means that marking etc has to be undertaken at other times.

What happened to the After School French sessions?

These were organised by a local prep school and have since ceased.

It's hard to coordinate childcare if a child is taking part in clubs.

We can see this could be an issue. Does anybody have a suitable solution?

The quality and the price of the clubs is excellent

All clubs are currently subsidised. We hope to continue to do this but it may not always be possible.