

Omnibus Survey: Responses to Questions on Parents and Families January 2009 to March 2010

TNS-BMRB

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Introduction

1. This document contains summary results from those questions included on behalf of the then Department for Children, Schools and Families in TNS-BMRB's monthly Omnibus survey. The purpose was to enable the Department to test and collect quickly parents' views on specific topics or themes in relation to parenting and family support services.
2. Through the Omnibus, TNS-BMRB interview a nationally representative sample of 2,000 adults across Great Britain each week. Between January 2009 and March 2010 (with the exception of January 2010), for one week of interviewing per month the Department was able to include 10-15 specific questions in the Omnibus survey. Approximately 500 of the 2,000 adults interviewed were eligible to be asked the Department's questions as they were parents in households with resident children aged 0-19. All interviews were conducted face to face in-home. A random location sampling methodology was used.
3. Some questions were included on an ad-hoc one off basis in order to obtain rapid "quick dip" information on immediate policy issues. Others were repeated on more than one occasion to provide useful tracking and progression in terms of parental opinion for key areas of interest or to increase the effective sample size month by month of parents being asked these questions.
4. Given the relatively low Base sizes for each question caution should be taken when analysing/drawing conclusions from the data. The number of respondents asked each question is shown after each table. All data are weighted to make the findings representative of the sample population as a whole (i.e. parents of children aged between 0-19).

January 2009

Background

This section provides a brief summary of findings from the January 2009 Omnibus Survey. Fieldwork took place between 15th -21st January 2009. 582 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1 As a father, are you confident you can easily access the services you need to help with your role as a parent. e.g. on supporting your children with their schoolwork, participating in other activities with your child and, if appropriate, support with parenting skills?

Table 1	Fathers
	%
Yes	94
No	5
Don't know	1
Weighted	248
Unweighted	221

Base: All fathers (248)

Question 2 Which, if any, of these methods have you personally used to get parenting support in the past 12 months?

Table 2	Fathers %
School	38
Friend/relative	31
Internet/Online	21
Health Visitor	13
Children's Centre	8
Families Information Service	5
Employer	5
Telephone Helpline	3
Other	1
None	29
Don't know	1
Weighted	248
Unweighted	221

Base: All fathers (248)

Question 3 How helpful was the parenting support you received?

Due to small base sizes the number of respondents is shown instead of a percentage.

Table 3...Friend/relative	Fathers
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Very helpful	49
Quite helpful	26
Not very helpful	26
Not at all helpful	3
Weighted	78
Unweighted	68

Base: All fathers who sought advice from this source (78)

Table 4...Internet/Online	Fathers
Very helpful	18
Quite helpful	32
Not very helpful	2
Not at all helpful	-
Weighted	53
Unweighted	46

Base: All fathers who sought advice from this source (53)

Table 5...Telephone helpline	Fathers
Very helpful	2
Quite helpful	5
Not very helpful	1
Not at all helpful	-
Weighted	8
Unweighted	7

Base: All fathers who sought advice from this source (8)

Table 6...School	Fathers
Very helpful	49
Quite helpful	38
Not very helpful	8
Not at all helpful	-

Weighted	95
Unweighted	88

Base: All fathers who sought advice from this source (95)

Table 7...Local Authority Children's Centre	Fathers
Very helpful	9
Quite helpful	5
Not very helpful	4
Not at all helpful	1
Weighted	20
Unweighted	18

Base: All fathers who sought advice from this source (20)

Table 8...Local Authority Families Information Service	Fathers
Very helpful	3
Quite helpful	8
Not very helpful	3
Not at all helpful	-
Weighted	15
Unweighted	14

Base: All fathers who sought advice from this source (15)

Table 9...Health visitor	Fathers
Very helpful	19
Quite helpful	13
Not very helpful	-
Not at all helpful	2
Weighted	33
Unweighted	32

Base: All fathers who sought advice from this source (33)

Table 10...Employer	Fathers
Very helpful	7
Quite helpful	3
Not very helpful	-
Not at all helpful	3
Weighted	13
Unweighted	11

Base: All fathers who sought advice from this source (13)

Question 4 As a father, what do you see as the key challenges in engaging with your child / children, e.g. in supporting your child / children with their schoolwork or participating in recreational activities?

Table 11	Fathers %
Lack of time	41
No challenges	32
Other work-life issues	18
Access to support, advice and guidance	9
Lack of confidence in parenting skills	3

Other answers	4
Don't know	4
Weighted	248
Unweighted	221

Base: All fathers who sought advice from this source (248)

Question 5 Do you feel you have a role as a father in supporting your child / children's development, for example through play, learning or youth activities?

Table 12	Fathers
	%
Yes	93
No	7
Weighted	248
Unweighted	221

Base: All fathers (248)

Question 6 Do you think it is important for you to be actively involved as a father?

Table 13	Fathers
	%
Yes	98
No	2
Weighted	248
Unweighted	221

Base: All fathers (248)

Question 7 Overall, how involved are you as a father?

Table 14	Fathers
	%
Very involved	69

Fairly involved	28
Not very involved	3
Not at all involved	-
Weighted	248
Unweighted	221

Base: All fathers (248)

Question 8 How involved do you personally feel in your child's / children's] progress through school, nursery or college life?

Table 15	All %	Mothers %	Fathers %
Very involved	57	64	47
Fairly involved	34	29	41
Not very involved	4	2	6
Not at all involved	3	4	2
Don't know	3	2	4
Weighted	582	334	248
Unweighted	593	372	221

Base: All parents (582)

Question 9 Please could you tell me how far you agree or disagree with each of the following statements

- I feel confident in my ability to support my child's / childrens' learning and development

Table 16	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	77	75	78
Slightly agree	19	22	18
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2	2
Slightly disagree	1	1	1
Strongly disagree	-	-	-
Don't know	-	-	1
Weighted	582	248	334
Unweighted	593	221	372

Base: All parents (582)

- I would like to be more involved in my child's / children's] learning and development

Table 17	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	44	46	43
Slightly agree	25	26	25
Neither agree nor disagree	20	19	21
Slightly disagree	5	2	7
Strongly disagree	5	6	4
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	582	248	334
Unweighted	593	221	372

Base: All parents (582)

Question 10 To get information and advice on parenting issues, would you prefer to use services delivered:

- Face to face – one to one
- Face to face – in a group of parents
- On line / internet
- By telephone
- By written material
- By e-mail
- By text
- Other, please specify
- IT DEPENDS (DO NOT READ OUT)
- DO NOT NEED ADVICE ON PARENTING ISSUES (DO NOT READ OUT)
- Don't know

Table 18	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Face to face – one to one	44	43	45
By written material	28	23	31
On line / internet	26	28	24
Face to face – in a group of parents	23	21	26
By e-mail	12	11	13
By telephone	10	12	9
DO NOT NEED ADVICE ON PARENTING ISSUES	3	6	2

By text	2	1	2
IT DEPENDS	1	1	1
Other answers	1	1	1
Don't know	3	3	3
Weighted	582	248	334
Unweighted	593	221	372

Base: All parents (582)

Question 11 To find out information specific to your child, e.g. on your child's progress at school, or health issues, would you prefer to use services delivered
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Face to face - one to one
Face to face - in a group of parents
On line / internet
By telephone
By written material
By e-mail
By text

Table 19	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Face to face – one to one	60	56	64
By written material	23	21	24
Face to face – in a group of parents	16	17	15
By telephone	12	11	13
By e-mail	11	13	10
On line / internet	9	12	6
DO NOT NEED ADVICE ON PARENTING ISSUES	2	3	1
By text	1	1	2

IT DEPENDS	1	1	1
Other answers	-	-	-
Don't know	3	2	3
Weighted	582	248	334
Unweighted	593	221	372

Base: All parents (582)

Question 12 Some people seek or use advice on parenting skills (e.g. on dealing with their child's behaviour or any other issue that may affect them as a parent), how often do you seek or use advice on parenting skills?

Table 20	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
At least once a month or more	18	12	22
At least once very six months	14	11	16
At least once a year	9	11	8
Less often than once a year	14	14	14
Never	43	49	39
Weighted	582	248	334
Unweighted	593	221	372

Base: All parents (582)

Question 13 If female, are you confident you can easily access the services you need to help with your role as a parent. e.g. on supporting your children with their schoolwork, participating in other activities with your child and, if appropriate, support with parenting skills?

Table 21	Mothers %
Yes	90
No	9
Don't know	1
Weighted	334
Unweighted	372

Base: All mothers (334)

February 2009

Background

This section provides a brief summary of findings from the February 2009 Omnibus. Fieldwork took place between 19th -25th February 2009. 553 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1 How confident are you that you can easily access the services you need to help with your role as a parent. e.g. on supporting your children with their schoolwork, participating in other activities with your child and, if appropriate, support with parenting skills?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very confident	56	58	55
Quite confident	38	38	38
Not very confident	4	3	4
Not at all confident	1	1	1
Don't know	-	-	-
Weighted	553	229	325
Unweighted	516	182	334

Base: All parents (553)

Question 2 Which, if any, of these methods have you personally used to get parenting support in the past 12 months?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
School/extended schools	35	35	35
Friend/relative	35	28	40
Health Visitor	22	18	26
Internet/Online	22	20	23
Families Information Service	9	6	11
Children's Centre	8	6	10
Telephone Helpline	5	3	6
Employer	4	3	4
Other	2	3	2
None	25	28	23
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	553	229	325
Unweighted	516	182	334

Base: All parents (553)

Question 3 How helpful was the parenting support you received?

The tables below detail how helpful parents found the different parenting support services they had accessed in the last 12 months.

Due to small base sizes the number of respondents is shown instead of a percentage.

Table 3...Friend/relative	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	135	41	94
Quite helpful	51	20	31
Not very helpful	6	3	4
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	193	64	129
Unweighted	180	51	129

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (193)

Table 4...Internet/Online	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	37	10	27
Quite helpful	76	33	43
Not very helpful	7	2	5
Not at all helpful	2	2	-
Weighted	122	47	75
Unweighted	107	34	73

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (122)

Table 5...Telephone helpline	All	Fathers	Mothers
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Very helpful	9	1	8
Quite helpful	12	6	7
Not very helpful	4	1	3
Not at all helpful	1	-	1
Weighted	26	7	19
Unweighted	25	7	18

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (26)

Table 6...School/Extended Schools	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	106	39	67
Quite helpful	81	39	41
Not very helpful	4	-	4
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	193	79	114
Unweighted	180	59	121

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (193)

Table 7...Local Authority Children's Centre	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	24	6	18
Quite helpful	16	6	10
Not very helpful	1	-	1
Not at all helpful	3	1	2
Weighted	45	13	32
Unweighted	41	9	32

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (45)

Table 8...Local Authority Families Information	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	14	3	11
Quite helpful	26	9	18

Not very helpful	2	-	2
Not at all helpful	5	2	3
Weighted	49	14	35
Unweighted	54	13	41

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (49)

Table 9...Health Visitor	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	74	24	51
Quite helpful	46	17	29
Not very helpful	1	-	1
Not at all helpful	3	-	3
Weighted	124	40	84
Unweighted	111	30	81

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (124)

Table 10...Employer	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	6	3	4
Quite helpful	9	3	6
Not very helpful	3	-	3
Not at all helpful	2	1	1
Weighted	21	7	14
Unweighted	18	5	13

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (21)

Question 4. What do you see as the key challenges in engaging with your child / children], e.g. in supporting your child / children with their schoolwork or participating in recreational activities?

Table 11	All	Fathers	Mothers
Lack of time	34	36	33

No challenges	33	30	35
Other work-life issues	17	20	14
Access to support, advice and guidance	14	14	14
Lack of confidence in parenting skills	4	3	5
Other answers	7	7	7
Don't know	3	3	4
Weighted	553	229	325
Unweighted	516	182	334

Base: All parents (553)

Question 5 What sort of role do you have in supporting your child / children's development, for example through play, learning or youth activities?

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Major role (able to provide lots of support)	84	77	89
Minor role (able to provide some/a little support)	13	19	9

No role at all (not able to provide much or any support)	1	2	1
It varies	2	2	1
Weighted	553	229	325
Unweighted	516	182	334

Base: All parents (553)

Question 6 How involved do you personally feel in your child's / children's progress through school, nursery or college life?

Table 13	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very involved	59	54	64
Fairly involved	31	34	28
Not very involved	5	7	3
Not at all involved	4	3	4
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	553	229	325
Unweighted	516	182	334

Base: All parents (553)

Question 7 Please could you tell me how far you agree or disagree with the following statement: I would like to be more involved in my child's / children's learning and development.

Table 14	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	44	44	44
Slightly agree	23	28	19

Neither agree nor disagree	22	21	23
Slightly disagree	7	6	7
Strongly disagree	4	-	7
Don't know	-	-	-
Weighted	553	229	325
Unweighted	516	182	334

Base: All parents (553)

Question 8 To get information and advice on parenting issues, would you prefer to use services delivered:

Table 15	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Face to face – one to one	51	49	52
By written material	26	27	25
On line / internet	26	28	24

Face to face – in a group of parents	25	24	26
By e-mail	18	19	17
By telephone	12	10	14
DO NOT NEED ADVICE ON PARENTING ISSUES	3	1	4
By text	2	2	3
IT DEPENDS	1	1	1
Other answers	1	1	-
Don't know	-	-	1
Weighted	553	229	325
Unweighted	516	182	334

Base: All parents (553)

Question 9 To find out information specific to your child, e.g. on your child's progress at school, or health issues, would you prefer to use services delivered:

Table 16	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Face to face – one to one	68	68	68
By written material	25	25	25
Face to face – in a group of parents	16	14	17
By telephone	14	12	16

By e-mail	13	16	11
On line / internet	13	13	12
By text	3	1	5
DO NOT NEED ADVICE	1	2	1
IT DEPENDS	-	1	-
Other answers	-	-	-
Don't know	-	-	1
Weighted	553	229	325
Unweighted	516	182	334

Base: All parents (553)

Question 10 Some people seek or use advice on parenting skills (e.g. on dealing with their child's behaviour or any other issue that may affect them as a parent), how often do you seek or use advice on parenting skills?

Table 17	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
At least once a month or more	16	11	19
At least once very six months	17	18	17
At least once a year	10	11	9
Less often than once a year	20	20	20

Never	37	40	35
Weighted	553	229	325
Unweighted	516	182	334

Base: All parents (553)

March 2009

Background

This section provides a brief summary of findings from the March 2009 Omnibus. Fieldwork took place between 19th -25th February 2009. 635 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1 How confident are you that you can easily access the services you need to help with your role as a parent. e.g. on supporting your children with their schoolwork, participating in other activities with your child and, if appropriate, support with parenting skills?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very confident	51	53	50
Quite confident	39	38	41
Not very confident	7	6	8
Not at all confident	2	2	1
Don't know	1	-	1
Weighted	635	293	343
Unweighted	645	246	399

Base: All parents (635)

Question 2 Which, if any, of these methods have you personally used to get

parenting support in the past 12 months?

Table 2: Support Services Used	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
School/extended schools	35	32	37
Friend/relative	36	32	39
Health Visitor	18	14	21
Internet/Online	27	27	27
Families Information Service	6	5	7
Children's Centre	7	4	10
Telephone Helpline	4	5	4
Employer	2	3	2
Other	2	2	3
None	26	28	23
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	635	293	343
Unweighted	645	246	399

Base: All parents (635)

Question 3 How helpful was the parenting support you received?

The tables below detail how helpful parents found the different parenting support services they had accessed in the last 12 months.

Due to small base sizes the number of respondents is shown instead of a percentage.

Table 3...Friend/relative	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	153	65	88
Quite helpful	72	28	44
Not very helpful	4	2	2
Not at all helpful	-	1	-
Weighted	229	95	134
Unweighted	224	75	149

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (229)

Table 4...Internet/Online	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	73	38	35
Quite helpful	92	36	56
Not very helpful	6	3	3
Not at all helpful	2	2	-
Weighted	172	78	94
Unweighted	157	58	99

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (172)

Table 5...Telephone helpline	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	21	13	9
Quite helpful	6	3	3
Not very helpful	1	-	1

Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	28	16	12
Unweighted	22	9	13

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (28)

Table 6...School/Extended Schools	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	121	46	75
Quite helpful	89	40	49
Not very helpful	8	6	2
Not at all helpful	3	1	1
Weighted	221	93	128
Unweighted	217	73	144

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (221)

Table 7...Local Authority Children's Centre	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	24	5	19
Quite helpful	21	6	14
Not very helpful	-	-	-
Not at all helpful	2	-	2
Weighted	47	11	36
Unweighted	54	11	43

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (47)

Table 8...Local Authority Families Information	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	20	5	15
Quite helpful	16	10	6
Not very helpful	1	-	1
Not at all helpful	2	-	2
Weighted	40	15	24

Unweighted	42	13	29
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Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (40)

Table 9...Health Visitor	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	77	32	45
Quite helpful	32	8	24
Not very helpful	2	1	2
Not at all helpful	1	-	1
Weighted	112	40	72
Unweighted	111	30	81

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (112)

Table 10...Employer	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	7	4	3
Quite helpful	7	3	4
Not very helpful	-	-	-
Not at all helpful	1	-	1
Weighted	15	7	8
Unweighted	11	4	7

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (15)

Question 4 What do you see as the key challenges in engaging with your: child / children, e.g. in supporting your child / children with their schoolwork or participating in recreational activities?

Table 11	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
No challenges	38	34	42
Lack of time	37	44	32
Other work-life issues	15	17	14

Access to support, advice and guidance	8	8	7
Lack of confidence in parenting skills	3	3	3
Teenage attitude/getting them to do it	2	2	2
Other answers	3	3	4
Don't know	4	3	5
Weighted	635	293	343
Unweighted	645	246	399

Base: All parents (635)

Question 5. What sort of role do you have in supporting your child / children's development, for example through play, learning or youth activities?

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Major role (able to provide lots of support)	82	78	86
Minor role (able to provide some/a little support)	13	16	10

(DO NOT READ OUT) It varies	3	4	2
No role at all (not able to provide much or any support)	1	1	1
Don't know	-	1	-
Weighted	635	293	343
Unweighted	645	246	399

Base: All parents (635)

Question 6 How involved do you personally feel in your child's / children's progress through school, nursery or college life?

Table 13	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very involved	55	51	66
Fairly involved	32	39	27
Not very involved	4	6	3
Not at all involved	4	4	3
Don't know	1	-	1
Weighted	635	293	343
Unweighted	645	246	399

Base: All parents (635)

Question 7 Please could you tell me how far you agree or disagree with the following statement:

- I would like to be more involved in my child's / children's learning and development

Table 14	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	42	45	40
Slightly agree	24	28	21
Neither agree nor disagree	21	17	25

Slightly disagree	7	6	7
Strongly disagree	5	3	8
Don't know	-	1	-
Weighted	635	293	343
Unweighted	645	246	399

Base: All parents (635)

Question 8 Which of the following extended services does your child's / children's school offer?

This includes activities/services on site or those accessed through other schools or providers in your local area.

Table 15	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Breakfast clubs	35	34	35
After school activities	62	64	60
Holiday provision	23	29	18
Childcare	9	9	9
Parenting support	34	32	35
Access to health / social care	27	27	27
Opening facilities for community use	28	31	25
None of these	19	19	19
Don't know	8	8	8
Weighted	635	293	343
Unweighted	645	246	399

Base: All parents (635)

Question 9 Thinking now about the extended services you said are offered by

your child's / children's school, how satisfied are you with them overall?

Table 16	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very satisfied	46	50	42
Fairly satisfied	39	40	37
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	11	8	14
Fairly dissatisfied	4	2	5
Very dissatisfied	-	-	1
Don't know	-	-	1
Weighted	465	214	251
Unweighted	483	181	302

Base: All parents whose child's school offers extended services (465)

Question 10 And have you been consulted on the type of extended services you would like to see?

Table 17	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	31	29	33
No	69	71	67
Don't know	-	-	1
Weighted	635	293	343
Unweighted	645	246	399

Base: All parents (635)

April 2009

This section provides summary tables from the April Omnibus Survey, which took place between 23rd -29th April. 604 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. How confident are you that you can easily access the services you need to help with your role as a parent. e.g. on supporting your children with their schoolwork, participating in other activities with your child and, if appropriate, support with parenting skills?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very confident	56	58	55
Quite confident	37	34	39
Not very confident	5	6	4
Not at all confident	2	2	2
Don't Know	*	*	*
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 2. Which, if any, of these methods have you personally used to get

parenting support in the past 12 months?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Friend/relative	40	36	43
School/extended services	37	39	35
Internet/Online	31	30	31
Health Visitor	24	18	28
Local Authority Children's Centre	10	9	12
Local Authority Information Service	9	8	10
Telephone Helpline	6	7	5
Employer	5	6	4
Other answers	3	3	3
No answer	22	26	18
Don't Know	*	-	*
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 3: How helpful was the parenting support you received from...

The tables below detail how helpful parents found the different parenting support

services they had accessed in the last 12 months.

Due to small base sizes the number of respondents is shown instead of a percentage.

Table 3...Friend/relative	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	144	51	94
Quite helpful	85	34	51
Not very helpful	11	6	5
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	241	91	149
Unweighted	244	81	149

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (241)

Table 4...Internet/Online	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	64	27	37
Quite helpful	113	48	65
Not very helpful	8	2	6
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	185	77	108
Unweighted	181	63	118

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (185)

Table 5...Telephone helpline	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	18	10	7
Quite helpful	12	3	9

Not very helpful	7	5	2
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	37	19	18
Unweighted	36	16	20

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (37)

Table 6...School/Extended Schools	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	110	46	64
Quite helpful	97	49	48
Not very helpful	14	5	10
Not at all helpful	2	1	1
Weighted	223	100	123
Unweighted	232	92	140

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (223)

Table 7...Local Authority Children's Centre	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	27	6	21
Quite helpful	29	13	16
Not very helpful	5	2	3
Not at all helpful	1	1	-
Weighted	63	22	41
Unweighted	68	21	47

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (63)

Table 8...Local Authority Families Information	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	18	6	12
Quite helpful	28	11	17
Not very helpful	8	4	4
Not at all helpful	1	-	1

Weighted	54	20	34
Unweighted	60	19	41

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (54)

Table 9...Health Visitor	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	73	25	48
Quite helpful	57	17	40
Not very helpful	9	-	9
Not at all helpful	4	3	1
Weighted	143	45	98
Unweighted	148	38	110

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (143)

Table 10...Employer	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	19	7	11
Quite helpful	10	5	4
Not very helpful	-	-	-
Not at all helpful	1	1	-
Weighted	30	14	16
Unweighted	28	12	16

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (30)

Question 4: What do you see as the key challenges in engaging with your child/children?

Table 11	All	Fathers	Mothers
	%	%	%
Lack of time	39	40	38
Other work-life issues	16	18	14

Access to support, advice and guidance	12	9	14
Lack of confidence in parenting skills	4	4	4
Cost/lack of money	2	1	2
Health/Illness issues or concerns	1	*	1
No Challenges	34	32	35
Other answers	4	5	4
Don't Know	1	1	1
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 5: What sort of role do you have in supporting your child / children's development, for example through play, learning or youth activities?

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Major role (able to provide lots of support)	83	79	86
Minor role (able to provide some/a little support)	15	20	10

No role at all (nor able to provide much or any support)	1	1	1
It Varies	2	1	2
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 6: How involved do you personally feel in your child's/children's progress through school, nursery or college life?

Table 13	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very involved	63	57	67
Fairly Involved	29	34	25
Not very involved	5	5	4
Not at all involved	2	2	2
Don't Know	2	1	2
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 7: Agreement with statement - I would like to be more involved in my child's/children's learning and development

Table 14	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	42	43	41
Slightly agree	23	24	22
Neither agree nor disagree	23	27	20
Slightly disagree	6	2	9

Strongly disagree	6	4	8
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 8: Agreement with statement – The current economic downturn means I have concerns about paying for the things my child/children’s needs at nursery / school / college etc (for example, trips, events, equipment, uniform, etc)

Table 15	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	32	25	38
Slightly agree	25	26	24
Neither agree nor disagree	11	12	11
Slightly disagree	14	15	13
Strongly disagree	18	23	15
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 9: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about paying for the things my child/children need to stay healthy (for example, healthy food, sports clubs, etc)

Table 16	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	27	21	31
Slightly agree	22	20	24
Neither agree nor disagree	12	14	11
Slightly disagree	13	17	11
Strongly disagree	26	29	23
Weighted	604	255	349

Unweighted	621	233	388
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Base: All parents (604)

Question 10: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about providing for my child/children financially in other ways

Table 17	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	34	28	38
Slightly agree	27	25	28
Neither agree nor disagree	11	12	10
Slightly disagree	12	13	11
Strongly disagree	17	22	13
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 11 Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about supporting my child/children with their worries about the down turn

Table 18	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	18	19	18
Slightly agree	16	17	16
Neither agree nor disagree	24	23	24
Slightly disagree	12	11	13
Strongly disagree	29	30	28
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 12 Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means

I have concerns about prospects for my child/children's employment

Table 19	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	36	33	37
Slightly agree	22	22	22
Neither agree nor disagree	18	18	18
Slightly disagree	9	7	9
Strongly disagree	16	20	13
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 13: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about family conflict caused by the down turn

Table 20	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	16	15	16
Slightly agree	19	21	18
Neither agree nor disagree	20	21	19
Slightly disagree	14	11	16
Strongly disagree	31	32	30
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 14: Do you have any other concerns about how the current economic downturn will affect your child/children?

Table 21	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	29	27	31
No	71	73	69
Don't Know	*	-	*
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

Question 15: What concerns do you have?

Table 22	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Job prospects	35	32	36
Future prospects (in general)	18	19	17
Education/Studying/Training/University	16	9	20
Ability of child/children to afford mortgage/housing prospects for child/children	16	7	21
Financial/money concerns (in general)	13	10	15
Service cutbacks (including health, education)	6	1	9
Parent losing job/business (or fear of)	5	7	4
Lack of activities/events/holidays for child/children	5	8	3

Length of economic downturn	4	4	5
How parent will support/provide for child/children	4	3	5
Impact on life in general	4	4	4
Effects on society	3	5	2
Crime	3	*	4
Afford clothing/food for child/children	2	2	2
Debt	2	1	3
Drugs	2	-	3
Other answers	11	14	9
Don't Know	1	1	1
Weighted	176	69	107
Unweighted	190	69	121

Base: All parents who had any other concerns about the economic downturn (176)

Question 16: Are you aware of the Think Fathers campaign?

Table 23	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	23	17	27
No	77	83	73
Don't Know	*	-	*
Weighted	604	255	349
Unweighted	621	233	388

Base: All parents (604)

May 2009

Background

This document provides summary tables (and additional commentaries where necessary) from the May Omnibus Survey, which took place between 21st - 27th May 2009. 612 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. Have you ever found it difficult to listen to and support your children when they are anxious or worried?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	18	17	19
No	82	83	81
Don't Know	-	-	-
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 2. Would support from any of the following help you to listen and support your child/children?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Friends and family	62	53	68
Child's teacher or schools	41	37	44
Help from GPs and health visitors	32	31	33
Online information on bullying, emotional well being, depression and alcohol	13	13	13
Children's centres	9	7	10
Parenting classes – delivered through schools, community settings	9	6	10
Telephone help and support – e.g. Parentline Plus	7	5	9
Other answers	1	3	*
No answer	17	22	14
Don't Know	2	2	2
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 3: Are any of the following types of support available in your local

area?

Table 3	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Friends and family	69	66	72
Child's teacher or schools	56	50	60
Help from GPs and health visitors	62	58	65
Online information on bullying, emotional well being, depression and alcohol	25	21	28
Children's centres	24	21	27
Parenting classes – delivered through schools, community settings	20	15	24
Telephone help and support – e.g. Parentline Plus	14	12	16
Other answers	1	-	1
No answer	2	2	2
Don't Know	7	11	5
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 4: If you have used support from the following types of support, which did you find useful?

Table 4	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Friends and family	52	45	58
Help from GPs and health visitors	30	31	29
Child's teacher or schools	27	27	28
Children's centres	7	7	7
Online information on bullying, emotional well being, depression and alcohol	4	3	5
Parenting classes – delivered through schools, community settings	4	1	6
Telephone help and support – e.g. Parentline Plus	3	3	3
Have not used support	23	28	20
Other answers	2	4	1
Don't Know	1	2	1
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 5: Have you EVER had to complain to your child's school?

Table 5	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	31	23	37
No	69	77	63

Don't Know	-	-	-
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 6: Do you think the school listened and understood your concerns?

Table 6	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	69	50	78
No	31	50	22
Don't Know	*	-	*
Weighted	191	62	130
Unweighted	208	53	155

Base: All parents who had ever complained to their child's school (191)

Question 7: Was the situation resolved satisfactorily?

Table 7	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	66	54	72
No	27	45	19

Complaint ongoing	7	1	9
Don't Know	-	-	-
Weighted	191	62	130
Unweighted	208	53	155

Base: All parents who had ever complained to their child's school (191)

Question 8: When making the complaint, did you seek help from any of the following...?

Table 8	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Teachers at the school	43	44	42
Friends/family	22	18	24
Other parents	15	18	14
The local authority	8	14	5
Online information	4	9	2
Telephone help and support e.g. Parentline, ACE	2	3	2
Other answers	5	3	5
No answer	33	34	33
Don't Know	*	-	1
Weighted	191	62	130
Unweighted	208	53	155

Base: All parents who had ever complained to their child's school (191)

Question 9: Agreement with statement – The current economic downturn means I have concerns about paying for the things my child/children need at nursery / school / college (for example, trips, events, equipment, uniform, etc)

Table 9	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	19	14	23
Slightly agree	29	31	28
Neither agree nor disagree	13	13	14

Slightly disagree	14	14	15
Strongly disagree	24	29	20
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 10: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about paying for the things my child/children need to stay healthy (for example, healthy food, sports clubs, etc)

Table 10	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	16	11	19
Slightly agree	24	25	23
Neither agree nor disagree	12	11	14
Slightly disagree	19	19	18
Strongly disagree	29	33	26
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 11: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about providing for my child/children financially in other ways

Table 11	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	20	18	22
Slightly agree	30	29	31
Neither agree nor disagree	14	15	14

Slightly disagree	16	17	15
Strongly disagree	19	20	18
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 12: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about supporting my child/children with their worries about the down turn

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	8	8	8
Slightly agree	17	19	15
Neither agree nor disagree	24	21	27
Slightly disagree	14	14	14
Strongly disagree	36	38	35
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 13: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about prospects for my child/children's employment

Table 13	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	28	24	31
Slightly agree	23	23	23
Neither agree nor disagree	18	18	18
Slightly disagree	12	13	11
Strongly disagree	19	22	17

Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 14: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about family conflict caused by the down turn

Table 14	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	6	4	7
Slightly agree	15	13	16
Neither agree nor disagree	15	15	15
Slightly disagree	20	24	17
Strongly disagree	44	44	45
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 15: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about my parenting being affected by additional worries caused by the downturn

Table 15	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	11	11	11
Slightly agree	24	24	24
Neither agree nor disagree	14	13	15
Slightly disagree	16	18	15
Strongly disagree	34	34	34
Weighted	612	263	349

Unweighted	620	220	400
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Base: All parents (612)

Question 16: Do you have any other concerns about how the current economic downturn will affect your child/children?

Table 16	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	25	25	24
No	75	75	75
Don't Know	*	-	*
Weighted	612	263	349
Unweighted	620	220	400

Base: All parents (612)

Question 17: What concerns do you have?

Table 17	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Job prospects	37	38	36
Financial/money concerns (in general)	27	37	19
Ability of child/children to afford mortgage/housing prospects for child/children	19	22	16
Impact on life in general	14	14	14
Future prospects (in general)	14	17	11
Education/Studying/Training/University	13	10	16
How parent will support/provide for child/children	7	3	10
Effects on society	6	8	4

Service cutbacks (including health, education)	4	2	5
Crime	4	7	1
Lack of activities/events/holidays for child/children	3	3	4
Parent losing job/business (or fear of)	3	2	4
Debt	2	4	1
Length of economic downturn	2	3	1
Drugs	*	-	1
Other answers	1	1	1
Don't Know	-	-	-
Weighted	150	65	85
Unweighted	155	54	101

Base: All parents who had any other concerns about the economic downturn (150)

June 2009

This document provides summary tables from the June Omnibus Survey, which took place between 18th - 24th June 2009. 633 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. How confident are you that you can easily access the services you need to help with your role as a parent. e.g. on supporting your children with their schoolwork, participating in other activities with your child and, if appropriate, support with parenting skills?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very confident	60	64	58
Quite confident	34	30	38
Not very confident	3	3	3
Not at all confident	*	1	*
Don't Know	9	2	1
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 2. Which, if any, of these methods have you personally used to get

parenting support in the past 12 months?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Friend/relative	41	37	44
School/extended services	32	25	37
Internet/Online	25	24	25
Health Visitor	16	13	19
Childcare settings	9	8	10
Local Authority Family Information Service	7	6	8
Telephone Helpline	6	5	7
Local Authority Children's Centre	6	3	8
Employer	3	4	3
Other answers	2	3	2
No answer	25	32	20
Don't Know	1	-	1
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 3: How helpful was the parenting support you received from...

The tables below detail how helpful parents found the different parenting support services they had accessed in the last 12 months.

Due to small base sizes the number of respondents is shown instead of a percentage.

Table 3...Friend/relative	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	164	65	99
Quite helpful	87	36	51
Not very helpful	6	2	5
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	258	103	155
Unweighted	243	76	167

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (258)

Table 4...Internet/Online	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	56	21	35
Quite helpful	94	42	52
Not very helpful	6	4	2
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	156	67	89
Unweighted	141	47	94

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (156)

Table 5...Telephone helpline	All	Fathers	Mothers
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Very helpful	14	3	11
Quite helpful	24	10	14
Not very helpful	2	1	1
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	39	14	25
Unweighted	37	11	26

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (39)

Table 6...School/Extended Schools	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	109	38	71
Quite helpful	82	29	53
Not very helpful	9	3	6
Not at all helpful	1	-	1
Weighted	202	70	131
Unweighted	201	52	149

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (202)

Table 7...Local Authority Children's Centre	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	16	3	14
Quite helpful	18	7	10
Not very helpful	2	-	2
Not at all helpful	1	-	1
Weighted	37	10	27
Unweighted	41	8	33

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (37)

Table 8...Local Authority Families Information	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	15	5	11
Quite helpful	28	13	15

Not very helpful	2	-	2
Not at all helpful	1	-	1
Weighted	46	17	29
Unweighted	49	14	35

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (46)

Table 9...Health Visitor	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	58	19	38
Quite helpful	39	16	23
Not very helpful	7	-	7
Not at all helpful	*	-	*
Weighted	104	36	68
Unweighted	110	30	80

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (104)

Table 10...Employer	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	9	1	9
Quite helpful	9	6	3
Not very helpful	3	3	-
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	22	10	12
Unweighted	18	7	11

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (22)

Table 11...Childcare settings	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	37	13	24
Quite helpful	19	8	11
Not very helpful	2	2	-
Not at all helpful	-	-	-

Weighted	60	23	37
Unweighted	50	14	36

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (60)

Question 4: What sort of role do you have in supporting your child / children's development, for example through play, learning or youth activities?

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Major role (able to provide lots of support)	86	79	91
Minor role (able to provide some/a little support)	10	16	5
No role at all (nor able to provide much or any support)	2	2	1
It Varies	1	2	1
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 5: In the past month have you had contact with your child's setting (school, nursery, college) on their learning and development by...

Table 13	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Face-to-face	49	45	53
Letter/written contact	30	29	31
Telephone	15	16	14

Electronic method	7	5	8
Some other method	2	3	1
No contact in the past month	35	40	31
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 6: How involved do you personally feel in your child's/children's progress through school, nursery or college life?

Table 14	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very involved	57	56	58
Fairly Involved	29	30	29
Not very involved	7	7	7
Not at all involved	4	5	4
Don't Know	2	2	2
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 7: Agreement with statement - I would like to be more involved in my child's/children's learning and development

Table 15	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	37	40	35
Slightly agree	22	22	22
Neither agree nor disagree	24	23	25
Slightly disagree	8	7	8

Strongly disagree	9	8	10
Don't know	*	-	1
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 8: Agreement with statement – The current economic downturn means I have concerns about paying for the things my child/children's needs at nursery / school / college etc (for example, trips, events, equipment, uniform, etc)

Table 16	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	24	20	27
Slightly agree	25	22	28
Neither agree nor disagree	14	17	11
Slightly disagree	11	9	12
Strongly disagree	26	31	21
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 9: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about paying for the things my child/children need to stay healthy (for example, healthy food, sports clubs, etc)

Table 17	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	25	23	27
Slightly agree	19	15	22
Neither agree nor disagree	11	12	11
Slightly disagree	14	15	14

Strongly disagree	29	34	26
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 10: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about supporting my child/children with their worries about the down turn

Table 18	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	14	13	15
Slightly agree	17	16	18
Neither agree nor disagree	20	19	21
Slightly disagree	13	11	14
Strongly disagree	35	41	31
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 11: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about prospects for my child's/children's employment

Table 19	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	29	26	32
Slightly agree	17	14	19
Neither agree nor disagree	20	21	18
Slightly disagree	9	9	10
Strongly disagree	25	29	21
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 12: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about my child/children being affected by family conflict caused by the downturn

Table 20	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	9	9	9
Slightly agree	15	13	17
Neither agree nor disagree	16	13	18
Slightly disagree	15	16	14
Strongly disagree	45	49	41
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 13: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns my parenting being affected by additional worries caused by the downturn (for example, financial, job relationship)

Table 21	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	20	20	21
Slightly agree	23	21	24
Neither agree nor disagree	14	17	12
Slightly disagree	12	10	14
Strongly disagree	30	32	29
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 14: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about providing for my child/children financially in other ways

Table 22	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	23	19	27
Slightly agree	25	20	29
Neither agree nor disagree	13	17	11
Slightly disagree	13	12	14
Strongly disagree	25	32	19
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Question 15: Do you have any other concerns about how the current economic downturn will affect your child/children?

Table 23	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	21	18	23
No	79	82	76
Don't Know	*	-	1
Weighted	633	278	355
Unweighted	635	222	413

Base: All parents (633)

Due to small base sizes the number of respondents is shown for the following question instead of a percentage.

Question 16: What concerns do you have?

Table 24	All	Fathers	Mothers
Job prospects	46	20	26
Financial/money concerns (in general)	26	11	15
Education/Studying/Training/University	17	4	12
Ability of child/children to afford mortgage/housing prospects for child/children	17	3	13
Service cutbacks (including health, education)	14	8	7
Future prospects (in general)	14	4	10
Impact on life in general	10	2	8
How parent will support/provide for child/children	9	1	8
Effects on society	6	1	5
Parent losing job/business (or fear of)	6	3	3
Lack of activities/events/holidays for child/children	4	-	4
Crime	4	1	2
Length of economic downturn	2	-	2
Afford clothing/food for child/children	2	-	2
Other answers	3	2	1
Don't Know	3	1	2
Weighted	131	49	82
Unweighted	134	39	95

Base: All parents who had any other concerns about the economic downturn (131)

July 2009

This document provides summary tables from the July I Omnibus Survey, which took place between 16th - 22nd July 2009. 577 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. How confident are you that you can easily access the services you need to help with your role as a parent. e.g. on supporting your children with their schoolwork, participating in other activities with your child and, if appropriate, support with parenting skills?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very confident	56	55	56
Quite confident	39	39	39
Not very confident	4	5	3
Not at all confident	1	1	1
Don't Know	1	*	1
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 2. Which, if any, of these methods have you personally used to get

parenting support in the past 12 months?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Friend/relative	38	33	42
School/extended services	30	23	35
Internet/Online	26	28	25
Health Visitor	19	16	22
Local Authority Family Information Service	9	5	12
Childcare settings	8	7	10
Local Authority Children's Centre	7	5	9
Employer	5	6	5
Telephone Helpline	4	5	3
Other answers	2	2	2
No answer	26	32	22
Don't Know	*	-	*
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 3. How helpful was the parenting support you received from...

The tables below detail how helpful parents found the different parenting support

services they had accessed in the last 12 months.

Due to small base sizes the number of respondents is shown instead of a percentage.

Table 3...Friend/relative	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	143	47	96
Quite helpful	71	29	42
Not very helpful	5	2	3
Not at all helpful	1	1	-
Weighted	220	78	141
Unweighted	216	66	150

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (220)

Table 4...Internet/Online	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	53	24	29
Quite helpful	92	40	52
Not very helpful	5	2	2
Not at all helpful	2	22	-
Weighted	151	68	83
Unweighted	133	55	78

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (151)

Table 5...Telephone helpline	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	9	4	5
Quite helpful	11	7	4

Not very helpful	1	-	1
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	21	11	10
Unweighted	18	9	9

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (21)

Table 6...School/Extended Schools	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	94	31	64
Quite helpful	68	21	47
Not very helpful	5	2	4
Not at all helpful	4	1	3
Weighted	172	54	119
Unweighted	178	50	128

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (172)

Table 7...Local Authority Children's Centre	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	25	8	17
Quite helpful	16	5	12
Not very helpful	1	-	1
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	42	13	29
Unweighted	39	9	30

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (42)

Table 8...Local Authority Families Information	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	19	5	14
Quite helpful	27	6	21
Not very helpful	4	-	4
Not at all helpful	1	-	1

Weighted	51	11	40
Unweighted	49	9	40

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (51)

Table 9...Health Visitor	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	75	26	49
Quite helpful	31	13	18
Not very helpful	3	-	3
Not at all helpful	3	-	3
Weighted	112	39	73
Unweighted	102	31	71

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (112)

Table 10...Employer	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	17	7	10
Quite helpful	14	6	8
Not very helpful	-	-	-
Not at all helpful	-	-	-
Weighted	31	13	17
Unweighted	26	9	17

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (31)

Table 11...Childcare settings	All	Fathers	Mothers
Very helpful	32	14	18
Quite helpful	15	2	14
Not very helpful	1	-	1
Not at all helpful	1	-	1
Weighted	49	16	33
Unweighted	42	10	32

Base: All parents who sought advice from this source (49)

Question 4: What do you see as the key challenges in engaging with your child/children?

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Lack of time	37	42	34
Other work-life issues	15	17	14
Access to support, advice and guidance	8	7	8

Lack of confidence in parenting skills	3	3	3
Teenage attitude/getting them to do it	2	1	2
Health/Illness issues or concerns	1	-	1
Cost/lack of money	*	-	1
No Challenges	37	33	40
Other answers	3	3	2
Don't Know	4	4	3
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 5: What sort of role do you have in supporting your child / children's development, for example through play, learning or youth activities?

Table 13	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Major role (able to provide lots of support)	81	74	87
Minor role (able to provide some/a little support)	15	22	11

No role at all (nor able to provide much or any support)	2	3	1
It Varies	1	1	1
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 6: In the past month have you had contact with your child's setting (school, nursery, college) on their learning and development by...

Table 14	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Face-to-face	53	49	56
Letter/written contact	34	26	40
Telephone	13	10	15
Electronic method	7	7	7
Some other method	2	3	2

No contact in the past month	31	38	26
Don't know	-	-	-
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 7: How involved do you personally feel in your child's/children's progress through school, nursery or college life?

Table 15	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very involved	55	51	58
Fairly Involved	33	34	32
Not very involved	5	8	3
Not at all involved	4	4	5
Don't Know	2	3	2
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 8: Agreement with statement - I would like to be more involved in my child's/children's learning and development

Table 16	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	40	45	36
Slightly agree	24	23	24
Neither agree nor disagree	23	25	23
Slightly disagree	5	4	5
Strongly disagree	8	2	11
Don't know	*	-	*
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 9: Agreement with statement – The current economic downturn means I have concerns about paying for the things my child/children’s needs at nursery / school / college etc (for example, trips, events, equipment, uniform, etc)

Table 17	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	26	27	26
Slightly agree	28	22	32
Neither agree nor disagree	14	13	14
Slightly disagree	11	13	9
Strongly disagree	21	25	18
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 10: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about paying for the things my child/children need to stay healthy (for example, healthy food, sports clubs, etc)

Table 18	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	23	23	22
Slightly agree	21	18	23
Neither agree nor disagree	12	12	12
Slightly disagree	15	16	14
Strongly disagree	28	30	27
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 11: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn

means I have concerns about supporting my child/children with their worries about the down turn

Table 19	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	14	13	14
Slightly agree	18	17	19
Neither agree nor disagree	25	24	25
Slightly disagree	13	14	12
Strongly disagree	31	31	31
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 12: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about prospects for my child's/children's employment

Table 20	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	32	30	33
Slightly agree	19	23	17
Neither agree nor disagree	20	20	20
Slightly disagree	7	7	8
Strongly disagree	21	20	21
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 13: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about my child/children being affected by family conflict caused by the downturn

Table 21	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	10	7	12
Slightly agree	17	18	17
Neither agree nor disagree	16	19	14
Slightly disagree	14	12	15
Strongly disagree	43	44	42
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 14: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns my parenting being affected by additional worries caused by the downturn (for example, financial, job relationship)

Table 22	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	21	24	20
Slightly agree	24	21	26
Neither agree nor disagree	14	13	15
Slightly disagree	14	15	13
Strongly disagree	27	28	27
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 15: Agreement with statement - The current economic downturn means I have concerns about providing for my child/children financially in other ways

Table 23	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Strongly agree	22	22	22

Slightly agree	31	26	34
Neither agree nor disagree	12	13	12
Slightly disagree	13	15	12
Strongly disagree	22	25	21
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

Question 16: Are you aware of the Think Fathers campaign?

Table 24	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	18	13	21
No	82	86	79
Don't Know	*	1	-
Weighted	577	239	338
Unweighted	571	206	365

Base: All parents (577)

August 2009

Background

This document provides summary tables from the August I Omnibus Survey, which took place between 20th -26th August 2009. 561 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. Have you been able to access affordable local childcare provision to meet your family's needs over the holiday period?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	36	39	34
No	53	51	55
Partially	4	3	5
Don't Know	7	7	6
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 2. If your child is 3 or 4 and they are not already in reception class in school, are they accessing free entitlement hours at an early years setting, such

as a nursery, playgroup or childminder?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
No – a place is offered but I choose not to take it up	2	3	2
No – I’m not aware that is offered in my area	3	3	2
No – no places available	2	3	1
Yes – they access free entitlement hours for 12.5 hours a week or less	9	6	12
Yes – they access free entitlement hours for more than 12.5 hours a week	7	5	8
Not applicable – no children aged 3 or 4	77	80	75
Don’t know	*	1	*
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 3. Thinking about all the childcare settings that you use your free entitlement hours at, do the opening hours suit your family’s working needs?
Due to small base sizes the number of respondents for this question is

shown instead of a percentage

Table 3	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	72	23	49
No	10	3	8
Partially	6	-	6
Weighted	89	26	63
Unweighted	95	21	74

Base: All parents with a child/children aged 3 or 4 accessing a free part-time place at an early years setting (89)

Question 4. Do you think parents of problem children should be made to attend parenting classes?

Table 4	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	69	72	67
No	25	22	26
Don't Know	6	6	7
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 5. Do you think attending a parenting class would help parents control their children?

Table 5	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	77	77	77

No	17	18	16
Don't Know	6	4	7
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 6. Do you think the school has a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour...

Table 6	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
If they are misbehaving	92	92	91
If they are causing a nuisance	80	84	77
Not applicable	2	2	3
None of these	*	-	*
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 7. Do you think the Police have a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour...

Table 7	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
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If they are causing a nuisance to other families or local residents	88	89	88
If they are seen hanging around with other children known to offend or involved in gangs	83	82	84
Not applicable	4	4	4
None of these	1	1	*
Don't know	1	-	1
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 8. What else, do you think, can be done to support fathers during pregnancy and the first two years of their child's life?

Table 8	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Provide more flexible father-friendly services e.g. longer opening hours	39	37	41

Make more effort to actively engage and support fathers throughout the process	38	30	44
Provide more information specifically for fathers	37	33	39
More/longer time off (work)	2	3	2
Better/longer paternity rates/leave	2	2	2
Have flexible working hours/flexitime	2	3	1
Other answers	3	2	4
No answer	6	9	4
Don't know	10	11	10
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 9. What do you think are the barriers, if any, to women and their partners feeling informed during pregnancy and the first two years of their child's life?

Table 9	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
People don't know where to go for information	29	29	29
People don't know what information to trust	28	29	26
People don't understand the information provided	15	17	14
Information is not available at the right time	12	9	15
The information people want is not available	11	12	11
Information is not available in the right place	11	11	11
The information available is of poor quality	8	10	7
Information is not available in the right format	7	10	6
Other answers	6	5	7
No answer	16	15	16
Don't know	13	14	12
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 10. Which of the following organisations, if any, have you heard of?

Table 10	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Gingerbread	48	37	56
Parentline Plus	21	16	25
Family Rights Group	20	19	21
Advisory Centre for Education	16	15	17
Netmums	16	6	23
Single Parent Action Network	14	14	14
The Children's Legal Centre	10	10	10
Young Minds	8	6	10
Contact A Family	6	4	8
Don't know	1	1	1
None of these	24	31	19
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 11. How do you want to receive information or support about family issues?

Table 11	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Visit websites	44	48	42
Specific booklets or leaflets	40	35	43
Through magazines	27	19	33
E-mail bulletins on particular issues	24	24	23
Telephone helplines	20	19	20
Online chatroom with other parents	9	9	9
SMS/text messaging	5	5	5
Video articles	5	6	4
Other answers	6	7	5
No answer	5	5	4
Don't know	2	2	2
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

Question 12. Do you think you will require parenting or family information or support in the next six months regarding...

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Information about swine flu	16	12	19
Child safety	9	7	11
Behaviour of your child/children [ie not children in general]	9	5	11
Starting back to school	8	6	9
Recession or debt	5	5	5
Verbal abuse from your child/children	3	1	4
Relationship with your partner	2	*	4
Problems with alcohol	2	1	2
Other answers	2	1	2
No answer	63	69	59
Don't know	2	4	2
Weighted	561	234	327
Unweighted	562	192	370

Base: All parents (561)

September 2009

Background

This document provides a summary of the findings from the September Omnibus Survey, which took place between 17th - 23rd September 2009. 648 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. Which of the following organisations, if any, have you heard of?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Relate	61	56	65
Parentline Plus	18	13	22
Net Mums	16	8	22
Dads Space	3	2	3
Got a Teenager	2	*	3
The Couple Connection	1	1	2
Don't know	1	*	1
None of these	28	35	24
Weighted	648	271	377
Unweighted	664	231	433

Base: All parents (648)

Question 2. How do you want to receive information or support about family issues?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Visit websites	35	39	32
Specific booklets or leaflets	29	27	31
E-mail bulletins on particular issues	24	28	22
Through magazines	18	14	21
Telephone helplines	10	9	11
Online chatroom with other parents	4	5	4
SMS/text messaging	4	4	5
Video articles	3	4	2
Other answers	6	5	8
No answer	9	10	8
Don't know	3	2	4
Weighted	648	271	377
Unweighted	664	231	433

Base: All parents (648)

Question 3. If you have a child at an early years setting which of the following things, if any, do you look out for when checking an early years setting is safe?

Table 3	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
How staff behave around children	47	46	48
Safety of buildings/equipment	43	45	42
Clear child protection policy	41	42	40
Qualifications of staff	41	40	41
Skills/maturity of staff	39	41	38
Other parents/children	35	38	33
Not applicable (no child at an early years setting)	31	29	33
Other answers	1	3	*
No answer	2	1	4
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	648	271	377
Unweighted	664	231	433

Base: All parents (648)

Question 4. Do you use any of the following to find out safety information about your child's early years setting?

Table 4	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Other parents/word of mouth	54	56	53
Go and inspect the setting yourself	53	54	52
Ofsted reports	50	44	54
Internet	33	35	31
Staff	30	33	27
Your local authority	24	24	23
Other answers	1	1	1
No answer	7	4	8
Don't know	1	1	*
Weighted	446	193	253
Unweighted	464	164	300

Base: All parents who have a child/children at an early year's setting (446)

Question 5. Do you know who to talk to if your child has additional needs?

Table 5	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	51	48	53
No	12	14	11
Not applicable – I do not have any children with additional needs	36	37	35
Don't know	*	*	*
Weighted	648	271	377
Unweighted	664	231	433

Base: All parents (648)

Question 6. Do you feel there is sufficient support to meet those needs?

Table 6	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	64	62	64
No	27	26	27
Don't know	10	12	9
Weighted	413	170	243
Unweighted	444	153	291

Base: All parents who have a child/children with additional needs (413)

Question 7. Do you feel informed and involved in discussions about their support?

Table 7	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	72	67	75
No	24	28	21
Don't know	4	5	4
Weighted	413	170	243
Unweighted	444	153	291

Base: All parents who have a child/children with additional needs (413)

Question 8. What do you feel can be done to raise awareness and help identify mental health problems like postnatal depression?

Table 8	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
More information on the symptoms of mental health problems like postnatal depression	54	51	56
More training for all professionals working with new parents	52	53	52
More guidance on how to seek help	51	48	53
Reduce the stigma of mental health problems	41	39	43
Other answers	4	4	5
No answer	2	3	1
Don't know	5	7	3
Weighted	648	271	377
Unweighted	664	231	433

Base: All parents (648)

Question 9. Do you think schools should help children learn about positive relationships (for example; adult relationships, friendships, family)?

Table 9	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	90	88	91
No	9	10	8
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	648	271	377
Unweighted	664	231	433

Base: All parents (648)

Question 10. Are you aware of the option to have a non-religious naming ceremony for a baby?

Table 10	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
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Yes	41	32	48
No	58	68	51
Don't know	1	*	1
Weighted	648	271	377
Unweighted	664	231	433

Base: All parents (648)

Question 11. Do you think grandparents should have some form of leave entitlement, around the birth of their grandchild?

Table 11	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	47	47	47
No	50	50	50
Don't know	3	3	3
Weighted	648	271	377
Unweighted	664	231	433

Base: All parents (648)

October 2009

Background

This document provides a summary of the findings from the October Omnibus Survey, which took place between 22nd -28th October 2009. 605 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. Do you think parents of problem children should be made to attend parenting classes?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	73	65	78
No	23	25	21
Don't know	4	8	2
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 2. Do you think attending a parenting class would help parents control their children?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	75	73	76
No	21	24	19
Don't know	4	3	5
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 3. Do you think the school has a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour...

Table 3	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
If they are causing a nuisance on their way to school	83	83	84
If they are misbehaving in class	91	89	93
DO NOT READ OUT (Not applicable)	2	3	1
Don't know	*	1	*
None of these	2	2	1
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 4. Do you think the Police have a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour...

Table 4	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
If they are causing a nuisance to other families or local residents	90	91	90
If they are seen hanging around with other children known to offend or involved in gangs	84	82	86
Don't know	3	4	3
None of these	1	*	2
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 5. If you have a child at an early years setting which of the following things, if any, do you look out for when checking an early years setting is safe?

Table 5	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
How staff behave around children	51	45	55
Safety of buildings/equipment	47	41	51
Skills/maturity of staff	43	37	47
Clear child protection policy	42	36	47
Qualifications of staff	42	38	44
Not applicable (no child at an early years setting)	36	39	33
Other parents/children	32	31	33
Other answers	1	1	2
No answer	1	1	1
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 6. Do you use any of the following to find out safety information about your child's early years setting?

Table 6	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
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Go and inspect the setting yourself	61	59	62
Other parents/word of mouth	60	61	59
Ofsted reports	49	41	54
Staff	36	33	38
Internet	30	31	29
Your local authority	29	29	28
Other answers	1	1	1
No answer	7	7	8
Don't know	2	2	1
Weighted	390	153	237
Unweighted	418	127	291

Base: All parents who have a child/children at an early year's setting (390)

Question 7. If your child has additional needs, what additional support would you find helpful

Table 7	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
NOT APPLICABLE (Do not have a child with additional needs)	81	85	78

Extra lessons/tuition/help at/from school	5	4	7
Information on where to go for help	2	1	2
One to one/individual help	2	1	2
Support groups	1	2	1
Depends on (individual) needs	1	1	1
Social services	1	1	1
Health visitor	1	-	1
(Extra) help	1	*	1
Speech therapist	1	-	1
Counsellor/counselling	1	-	1
Support from/being able to talk to family/friends/other parents	1	*	1
Other answers	5	4	5
Don't know	3	4	3
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 8. Are you aware of the option to have a non-religious naming ceremony for a baby?

Table 8	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	44	34	51
No	55	64	49
Don't know	1	2	*

Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 9. Where did you hear about it?

Table 9	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Word of mouth	58	60	57
Registry office	9	5	10
Magazines	7	7	7
Friends/family	7	10	5
TV/news/media	4	6	4
Websites	4	6	4
Church/religion	3	1	4
Book/book of baby names	2	2	2
Hospital	2	1	4
Children's centre	2	2	1
Other answers	6	6	6
Don't know	5	7	4
Weighted	264	85	179
Unweighted	270	67	203

Base: All parents who were aware of non-religious naming ceremonies (264)

Question 10. What, if any, sort of naming ceremony did you, or would you, have for your children?

Table 10	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Religious	56	53	59
Formal registry office ceremony	7	9	6
Informal family party	18	18	18
Don't know	2	2	2

None of these	19	22	18
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 11. At present parents and carers are entitled to take 13 weeks unpaid parental leave from work prior to their child's 5th birthday (18th birthday for parents of disabled children). Do you think this entitlement should be extended for all parents so that this leave can be taken:

Table 11	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Any time before the child's 11th birthday	50	49	50
Any time before the child's 18th birthday	27	23	30
Don't know	7	8	5
None of these	21	25	18
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

October 2009

This document provides a summary of the findings from the October Omnibus Survey, which took place between 22nd - 28th October 2009. 605 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. Do you think parents of problem children should be made to attend parenting classes?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	73	65	78
No	23	25	21
Don't know	4	8	2
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 2. . Do you think attending a parenting class would help parents control their children?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	75	73	76
No	21	24	19
Don't know	4	3	5
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 3. Do you think the school has a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour...

Table 3	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
If they are causing a nuisance on their way to school	83	83	84
If they are misbehaving in class	91	89	93
DO NOT READ OUT (Not applicable)	2	3	1
Don't know	*	1	*
None of these	2	2	1
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 4. Do you think the Police have a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour...

Table 4	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
If they are causing a nuisance to other families or local residents	90	91	90
If they are seen hanging around with other children known to offend or involved in gangs	84	82	86
Don't know	3	4	3
None of these	1	*	2
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 5. If you have a child at an early years setting which of the following things, if any, do you look out for when checking an early years setting is safe?

Table 5	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
How staff behave around children	51	45	55
Safety of buildings/equipment	47	41	51
Skills/maturity of staff	43	37	47
Clear child protection policy	42	36	47
Qualifications of staff	42	38	44
Not applicable (no child at an early years setting)	36	39	33
Other parents/children	32	31	33
Other answers	1	1	2
No answer	1	1	1
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 6. Do you use any of the following to find out safety information about your child's early years setting?

Table 6	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
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Go and inspect the setting yourself	61	59	62
Other parents/word of mouth	60	61	59
Ofsted reports	49	41	54
Staff	36	33	38
Internet	30	31	29
Your local authority	29	29	28
Other answers	1	1	1
No answer	7	7	8
Don't know	2	2	1
Weighted	390	153	237
Unweighted	418	127	291

Base: All parents who have a child/children at an early year's setting (390)

Question 7. If your child has additional needs, what additional support would you find helpful

Table 7	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
NOT APPLICABLE (Do not have a child with additional needs)	81	85	78

Extra lessons/tuition/help at/from school	5	4	7
Information on where to go for help	2	1	2
One to one/individual help	2	1	2
Support groups	1	2	1
Depends on (individual) needs	1	1	1
Social services	1	1	1
Health visitor	1	-	1
(Extra) help	1	*	1
Speech therapist	1	-	1
Counsellor/counselling	1	-	1
Support from/being able to talk to family/friends/other parents	1	*	1
Other answers	5	4	5
Don't know	3	4	3
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 8. Are you aware of the option to have a non-religious naming ceremony for a baby?

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Yes	44	34	51
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Don't know	1	2	*

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Base: All parents (605)

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Book/book of baby names	2	2	2
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Children's centre	2	2	1
Other answers	6	6	6
Don't know	5	7	4
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Base: All parents who were aware of non-religious naming ceremonies (264)

Question 10. What, if any, sort of naming ceremony did you, or would you, have for your children?

Table 10	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Religious	56	53	59
Formal registry office ceremony	7	9	6
Informal family party	18	18	18
Don't know	2	2	2

None of these	19	22	18
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

Question 11. At present parents and carers are entitled to take 13 weeks unpaid parental leave from work prior to their child's 5th birthday (18th birthday for parents of disabled children). Do you think this entitlement should be extended for all parents so that this leave can be taken:

Table 11	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Any time before the child's 11th birthday	50	49	50
Any time before the child's 18th birthday	27	23	30
Don't know	7	8	5
None of these	21	25	18
Weighted	605	252	353
Unweighted	640	206	434

Base: All parents (605)

November 2009

Background

This document provides a summary of the findings from the November Omnibus Survey, which took place between 18th - 25th November 2009. 616 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. Do you expect your child to participate in some form of education or training (at school, college, Apprenticeship, part-time training etc) until the age of 18 or beyond?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	91	90	92
No	6	5	6
NOT APPLICABLE (Child already aged 18/19)	2	2	2
Don't know	1	2	1
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

Question 2. How much do you know about the new legislation to ensure that **all**

young people stay in education or training until the age of 18?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Nothing	27	30	25
A little	47	47	47
A fair amount	19	18	21
A great amount	6	4	7
Don't know	*	*	*
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

Question 3. Which of the following extended services does your child's / children's school offer?

Table 3	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
After-school activities	61	62	60
Breakfast clubs	40	36	44
Parenting support	35	29	39
Access to/or information about health and social care professionals	30	29	30
Opening up their facilities for community use	29	27	30
Holiday provision	24	23	25
Childcare	11	10	11
Don't know	8	7	7
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

Question 4. Thinking now about the extended services you said are offered by your child's / children's school, how satisfied are you with them overall?

Table 4	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
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Very Satisfied	46	41	49
Fairly Satisfied	39	45	34
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	12	13	12
Fairly dissatisfied	2	1	3
Very dissatisfied	*	-	1
Don't know	*	-	1
Weighted	440	190	250
Unweighted	448	157	291

Base: All parents whose child/children's school offers extended services (440)

Question 5. And have you been consulted on the type of extended services you would like to see?

Table 5	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	31	29	33
No	68	70	65
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

Question 6. Which, if any, of these methods have you personally used to get parenting support in the past 12 months?

Table 6	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
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Friend/relative	32	27	35
Health Visitor	21	15	25
School/extended services	18	17	19
Internet/Online	17	16	17
Childcare settings	8	7	9
Local Authority Children's Centre	7	8	7
Local Authority Family Information Service	6	5	6
Telephone Helpline	5	7	4
Employer	3	2	3
Other answers	3	2	3
No answer	35	41	31
Don't Know	1	1	1
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

Question 7. How do you want to receive information or support about family issues?

Table 7	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Specific booklets or leaflets	40	36	42
Visit websites	31	29	33
E-mail bulletins on particular issues	26	30	22
Through magazines	17	14	18
Telephone helplines	11	11	12
SMS/text messaging	5	4	6
Online chatroom with other parents	3	3	4
Video articles	2	2	2
Other answers	7	7	6
No answer	6	6	6
Don't know	2	1	3
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

Question 8. Do you think parents of problem children should be made to attend parenting classes?

Table 8	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	75	77	73
No	22	22	23
Don't know	3	1	4
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

Question 9. Do you think attending a parenting class would help parents control their children?

Table 9	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	81	83	79
No	17	14	18
Don't know	3	2	3
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

Question 10. Do you think the school has a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour?

Table 10	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
If they are causing a nuisance on their way to school	82	77	86
If they are misbehaving in class	90	89	91
DO NOT READ OUT (Not applicable)	3	5	3
Don't know	*	-	*
None of these	1	1	1
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

Question 11. Do you think the Police have a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour?

Table 11	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
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If they are causing a nuisance to other families or local residents	89	86	92
If they are seen hanging around with other children known to offend or involved in gangs	87	86	88
Not applicable	4	4	3
Don't know	1	*	1
None of these	1	2	1
Weighted	616	261	355
Unweighted	634	223	411

Base: All parents (616)

December 2009

Background

This document provides a summary of the findings from the December Omnibus Survey, which took place between 10th-16th December 2009. 552 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

Question 1. It is a legal requirement for children to attend school from the term after their 5th birthday.

From September 2011 parents will also be given the choice of sending their child to school full-time from the September after their 4th birthday, alternatively they can access free full-time provision in another early years setting until their child is 5. IF NECESSARY: Examples of an early Years setting (e.g. childminder, nursery) If this was available to you, which school starting date would you choose for your child?

Table 1	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Wait until the term after their 5th birthday (compulsory school age)	22	22	23
Take up the new offer of the September after their 4th birthday	38	39	38
Would prefer my child to start school at another point between the September after their 4th birthday and their 5th birthday	8	7	9
Don't know	1	1	1
Not applicable (DO NOT READ OUT)	31	32	30
Weighted	552	232	320
Unweighted	547	192	355

Base: All parents (552)

Question 2. In this case, would you take up the offer of free full-time provision in another early years setting (e.g. nursery) for your child before they started school?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	57	55	58
No	15	11	17

Maybe	16	21	13
Part-time (i.e. would choose to take up some of the free hours in another setting, but not all)	13	13	12
Weighted	168	67	100
Unweighted	162	55	107

Base: All parents who do not want their child(ren) to start school in the September after their 4th birthday (168)

Question 3. If your child is 3 or 4 and they are not already in reception class in school, are they accessing free entitlement hours at an early years setting, such as a nursery, playgroup or childminder?

Table 3	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
No – a place is offered but I choose not to take it up	2	2	1
No – I’m not aware that is offered in my area	3	2	3
No – no places available	*	-	*
Yes – they access free entitlement hours for 12.5 hours a week or less	10	9	11
Yes – they access free entitlement hours for more than 12.5 hours a week	6	6	6
Not applicable – no children aged 3 or 4	78	79	78
Don’t know	1	1	*
Weighted	552	232	320
Unweighted	547	192	355

Base: All parents (552)

Question 4. Thinking about all the childcare settings that you use your free

entitlement hours at, do the opening hours suit your family's working needs?

Due to small base sizes the number of respondents for this question is shown instead of a percentage

Table 4	All No.	Fathers No.	Mothers No.
Yes	80	32	47
No	6	2	4
Partially	5	1	4
Weighted	90	35	56
Unweighted	99	32	67

Base: All parents with a child/children aged 3 or 4 accessing a free part-time place at an early years setting (90)

Question 5. What was most important to you when accessing your free entitlement hours? **Due to small base sizes the number of respondents for this question is shown instead of a percentage**

Table 5	All No.	Fathers No.	Mothers No.
That it's the best quality provision	40	15	25
That it's close to home	34	15	19
That it offers the hours I need	15	5	10
Other specify	*	-	*
Don't know	*	-	*
Weighted	90	35	56
Unweighted	99	32	67

Base: All parents with a child/children aged 3 or 4 accessing a free part-time place at an early years setting (90)

Question 6. Which, if any, of these methods have you personally used to get parenting support in the past 12 months?

Table 6	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Friend/relative	32	27	35
Health Visitor	18	16	19
School/extended services	17	12	20
Internet/Online	11	6	15
Childcare settings	8	6	9
Local Authority Children's Centre	4	3	5
Local Authority Family Information Service	4	4	5
Employer	2	3	1
Telephone Helpline	2	2	2
Other answers	1	1	1
No answer	38	48	32
Don't Know	1	3	-
Weighted	552	232	320
Unweighted	547	192	355

Base: All parents (552)

Question 7. How do you want to receive information or support about family issues?

Table 7	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
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Specific booklets or leaflets	29	25	33
Visit websites	29	30	28
E-mail bulletins on particular issues	24	25	24
Through magazines	13	9	15
Telephone helplines	11	11	11
Online chatroom with other parents	4	3	5
SMS/text messaging	3	2	4
Video articles	1	2	*
Other answers	6	6	6
No answer	14	18	11
Don't know	2	2	2
Weighted	552	232	320
Unweighted	547	192	355

Base: All parents (552)

Question 8. Would you be willing to use help, information or support in relation to parenting from?

Table 8 Central Government...	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	63	60	65
No	35	38	32

Don't know	3	2	3
Weighted	552	232	320
Unweighted	547	192	355

Base: All parents (552)

Table 9 Local Government	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	69	66	71
No	29	31	27
Don't know	3	3	2
Weighted	552	232	320
Unweighted	547	192	355

Base: All parents (552)

Table 10 Private/profit-making company	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	25	22	27
No	72	75	69
Don't know	4	3	4
Weighted	552	232	320
Unweighted	547	192	355

Base: All parents (552)

Table 11 Charity/social enterprise	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	66	61	70
No	32	36	29
Don't know	2	4	1

Weighted	552	232	320
Unweighted	547	192	355

Base: All parents (552)

Question 9 Have you EVER had to complain to your child's school?

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	29	28	30
No	70	71	70
Don't Know	*	1	-
Weighted	552	232	320
Unweighted	547	192	355

Base: All parents (552)

Question 10 Do you think the school listened and understood your concerns?

Table 13	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	70	75	68
No	28	25	30
Don't Know	2	1	3
Weighted	163	66	97
Unweighted	162	55	107

Base: All parents who had ever complained to their child's school (163)

Question 11 Was the situation resolved satisfactorily?

Table 14	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	66	74	61
No	24	16	29
Complaint ongoing	10	10	10
Weighted	163	66	97
Unweighted	162	55	107

Base: All parents who had ever complained to their child's school (163)

Question 12 When making the complaint, did you seek help from any of the following...?

Table 15	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Teachers at the school	44	43	46
Friends/family	20	16	22
Other parents	16	10	20
The local authority	7	2	11
Online information	3	3	3
Telephone help and support e.g. Parentline, ACE	3	3	3
Other answers	5	9	3
No answer	27	35	22
Don't Know			
Weighted	163	66	97
Unweighted	162	55	107

Base: All parents who had ever complained to their child's school (163)

February 2010

Below are summary tables from the February 2010 Omnibus Survey, which took place between 18th -24th February 2010. 618 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

The initial question asked was of all Omnibus respondents, not just parents (n=1743). This question is broken by parent and non-parent

Question 1. Can I just ask, have you heard of Family Information Direct?

Table 1	All %	Parent %	Non-parent %
Yes	3	3	3
No	97	97	97
Don't Know	-	-	-
Weighted	1743	618	1125
Unweighted	1743	603	1140

Base: All February Omnibus respondents (1743)

A series of questions followed that were asked of all parents in the February survey (n=618) to investigate private fostering, agreements with schools about child's aims and needs and assertive approaches.

Question 2. Do you know what private fostering is?

Table 2	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	45	48	43
No	54	51	57
Don't Know	1	1	1
Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

Question 3. Which of the following statements do you feel most accurately

describes private fostering...

It is when a child is looked after for a period of time...

Table 3	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
...by a foster carer and has been placed there by the local council	16	17	16
...by a foster carer and the arrangement has been made by an independent fostering agency	39	38	39
...by someone other than their parent or close family member in a private arrangement	40	40	41
Don't Know	4	5	4
Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

Question 4. Based on this definition, do you think...

You have ever privately fostered a child?

Table 4	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	8	7	8
No	92	93	92
Don't Know	-	-	-
Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

You have been privately fostered yourself?

Table 5	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
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Yes	6	7	6
No	94	93	94
Don't Know	-	-	-
Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

You know of someone else in a private fostering arrangement?

Table 6	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	15	16	15
No	84	83	85
Don't Know	*	1	*
Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

Question 5. Did you know that you must inform the local council if you are privately fostering a child?

Table 7	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	51	50	52
No	47	49	46
Don't Know	2	1	2

Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

Question 6. Each school has a home school agreement that they ask parents to sign. This sets out what is expected of parents and what parents can expect from the school.

Can I just check have you signed such an agreement with your child's school?

Table 8	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes, have signed an agreement	50	45	54
Yes, school has an agreement but refused to sign	*	*	*
No, school does not have an agreement	9	11	7
Unsure whether school has an agreement	7	9	6
Unsure whether signed an agreement	10	12	8
Not Applicable – child is not currently in school	23	22	24
Don't know	1	2	1
Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

Question 7. Do you have any agreement with the school that contains information about your child's personal targets and how you can help them achieve these?

Table 9	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	62	57	66
No	34	38	30
Don't Know	4	4	3

Weighted	475	211	264
Unweighted	466	173	293

Base: All parents who have school aged children (475)

Question 8. Do you think that having an agreement that is personal to your child makes it easier for you to work with the school in supporting your child?

Table 10	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes, a lot	72	66	76
Yes, a little	21	26	18
No	7	7	7
Don't Know	*	1	-
Weighted	297	121	176
Unweighted	295	100	195

Base: All parents that have an agreement with their child's school (297)

Question 9. Do you think that having an agreement that was personal to your child would make it easier for you to work with the school in supporting your child?

Table 11	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes, a lot	46	43	49
Yes, a little	30	34	26
No	22	20	23

Don't Know	3	3	2
Weighted	178	90	89
Unweighted	171	73	98

Base: All parents that do not have an agreement with their child's school (178)

Question 10. Do you think parents of problem children should be made to attend parenting classes?

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	73	74	72
No	23	25	22
Don't Know	4	2	6
Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

Question 11. Do you think attending a parenting class would help parents control their children?

Table 13	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	78	79	77
No	17	19	16
Don't Know	5	3	7
Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

Question 12. Do you think the school has a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour?

Table 14	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
If they are misbehaving in class	91	93	90
If they are causing a nuisance on their way to school	81	75	86
Not applicable	2	2	2
None of these	*	-	*
Weighted	618	269	349
Unweighted	603	221	382

Base: All parents (618)

Question 13. Do you think the Police have a right to ask you to do something about your child's/children's behaviour?

Table 15	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
If they are causing a nuisance to other families or local residents	88	85	92
If they are seen hanging around with other children known to offend or involved in gangs	85	85	85
Not applicable	3	3	2
None of these	-	1	*
Don't know	-	-	-
Weighted	618	269	349

Unweighted	603	221	382
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Base: All parents (618)

March 2010

Background

Below are summary tables from the March 2010 Omnibus Survey, which took place between 18th- 24th March 2010. 605 interviews were conducted with parents. Parents were interviewed if they lived with any children aged 0-19.

The initial question asked was of all Omnibus respondents, not just parents (n=1754). This question is broken by parent and non-parent.

Question 1. Can I just ask, have you heard of Family Information Direct?

Table 1	All %	Parent %	Non-parent %
Yes	5	5	4
No	95	95	95
Don't Know	*	-	*
Weighted	1754	851	903
Unweighted	1754	785	969

Base: All March Omnibus respondents (1754)

A series of questions followed that were asked of all parents in the March survey (n=605) to investigate apprenticeships, raising the participation age, agreements with schools about child's aims and needs and extended services.

Question 2. Please could you tell me how far you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

Apprenticeships today lead to good jobs

Table 2	All	Fathers	Mothers
Strongly agree	27	28	26
Tend to agree	40	38	42
Neither agree or disagree	22	20	23
Tend to disagree	5	6	5
Strongly disagree	3	6	1
Don't know	2	2	3
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

Apprenticeships today offer high quality training

Table 3	All	Fathers	Mothers
Strongly agree	28	28	28
Tend to agree	34	37	32
Neither agree or disagree	26	23	28
Tend to disagree	4	4	3
Strongly disagree	2	5	*
Don't know	6	3	8
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

I would encourage my child to go onto an Apprenticeship

Table 4	All	Fathers	Mothers
Strongly agree	34	34	33
Tend to agree	30	26	32
Neither agree or disagree	24	26	22
Tend to disagree	8	9	8
Strongly disagree	4	4	3
Don't know	2	1	2
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

Apprenticeships offer just as strong learning and career routes as other Further Education and Higher Education options

Table 5	All	Fathers	Mothers
Strongly agree	34	37	33
Tend to agree	36	31	40
Neither agree or disagree	1	17	17
Tend to disagree	8	11	6
Strongly disagree	3	4	3
Don't know	2	*	3
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

Apprenticeships provide long term career and education prospects

Table 6	All	Fathers	Mothers
Strongly agree	37	42	34
Tend to agree	41	41	42
Neither agree or disagree	14	9	17
Tend to disagree	5	5	4
Strongly disagree	1	3	1
Don't know	2	*	3
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

I know where to go to get information on Apprenticeships

Table 7	All	Fathers	Mothers
Strongly agree	22	27	19
Tend to agree	25	23	26
Neither agree or disagree	13	12	13
Tend to disagree	22	18	24
Strongly disagree	16	19	14
Don't know	2	1	2
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

Question 3. Do you expect your child to participate in some form of education or training (at school, college, Apprenticeship, part-time training etc) until the age of 18 or beyond?

Table 8	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	92	93	91
No	4	4	3
NOT APPLICABLE (Child already aged 18/19)	3	2	3
Don't know	2	1	2
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

Question 4. How much do you know about the new legislation to ensure that **all** young people stay in education or training until the age of 18?

Table 9	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Nothing	29	33	26
A little	50	46	53
A fair amount	14	13	15
A great amount	7	8	7
Don't know	*	1	-
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

Question 5. Each school has a home school agreement that they ask parents to sign. This sets out what is expected of parents and what parents can expect from the school.

Can I just check have you signed such an agreement with your child's school?

Table 10	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes, have signed an agreement	46	45	47
Yes, school has an agreement but refused to sign	*	-	*
No, school does not have an agreement	10	8	11
Unsure whether school has an agreement	9	12	8
Unsure whether signed an agreement	7	10	6
Not Applicable – child is not currently in school	26	24	27
Don't know	1	2	1
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

Question 6. Do you have any agreement with the school that contains information about your child's personal targets and how you can help them achieve these?

Table 11	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	59	56	61
No	37	37	37

Don't Know	4	7	2
Weighted	448	184	264
Unweighted	472	150	322

Base: All parents who have school aged children (448)

Question 7. Do you think that having an agreement that is personal to your child makes it easier for you to work with the school in supporting your child?

Table 12	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes, a lot	75	75	75
Yes, a little	15	13	17
No	10	12	8
Don't Know	-	-	-
Weighted	263	103	160
Unweighted	276	77	199

Base: All parents that have an agreement with their child's school (263)

Question 8. Do you think that having an agreement that was personal to your child would make it easier for you to work with the school in supporting your child?

Table 13	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes, a lot	43	41	44
Yes, a little	32	34	30

No	22	20	24
Don't Know	3	5	2
Weighted	184	81	103
Unweighted	196	73	123

Base: All parents that do not have an agreement with their child's school (184)

Question 9. Which of the following extended services does your child's / children's school offer?

Table 14	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Breakfast clubs	44	42	46
After-school activities	65	62	67
Holiday provision	28	29	27
Childcare	15	14	16
Parenting support	36	32	38
Access to/or information about health and social care professionals	29	23	33
Opening up their facilities for community use	32	29	33
Don't know	8	11	6
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

Question 10. Thinking now about the extended services you said are offered by your child's / children's school, how satisfied are you with them overall?

Table 15	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Very Satisfied	36	32	39
Fairly Satisfied	42	48	39
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	17	15	18
Fairly dissatisfied	2	2	1
Very dissatisfied	2	1	2
Don't know	1	1	1
Weighted	452	173	278
Unweighted	466	136	330

Base: All parents whose child/children's school offers extended services (452)

Question 11. And have you been consulted on the type of extended services you would like to see?

Table 16	All %	Fathers %	Mothers %
Yes	26	22	29
No	72	76	70
Don't know	2	2	1
Weighted	605	242	363
Unweighted	631	199	432

Base: All parents (605)

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