



Parents' And Carers' Views Of The School

Results Of The 2009 Spring Term Questionnaire

Introduction

Dear Parents / Carers

Please find attached the results collected from our recent parent / carers questionnaire. Thank you for your excellent response more than ever this year, and the comments you made – they are very valuable for our continued development. It was tremendous to receive such positive feedback again. This reflects the hard work of all the Brookside staff, children, governors and families. My thanks to you for all your efforts.

The results of the survey have informed school improvement work already undertaken as well as that planned for the near future. I have provided brief commentary for each question where relevant and also included a selection of some of the comments made.

Please contact me if you have any queries about the survey.

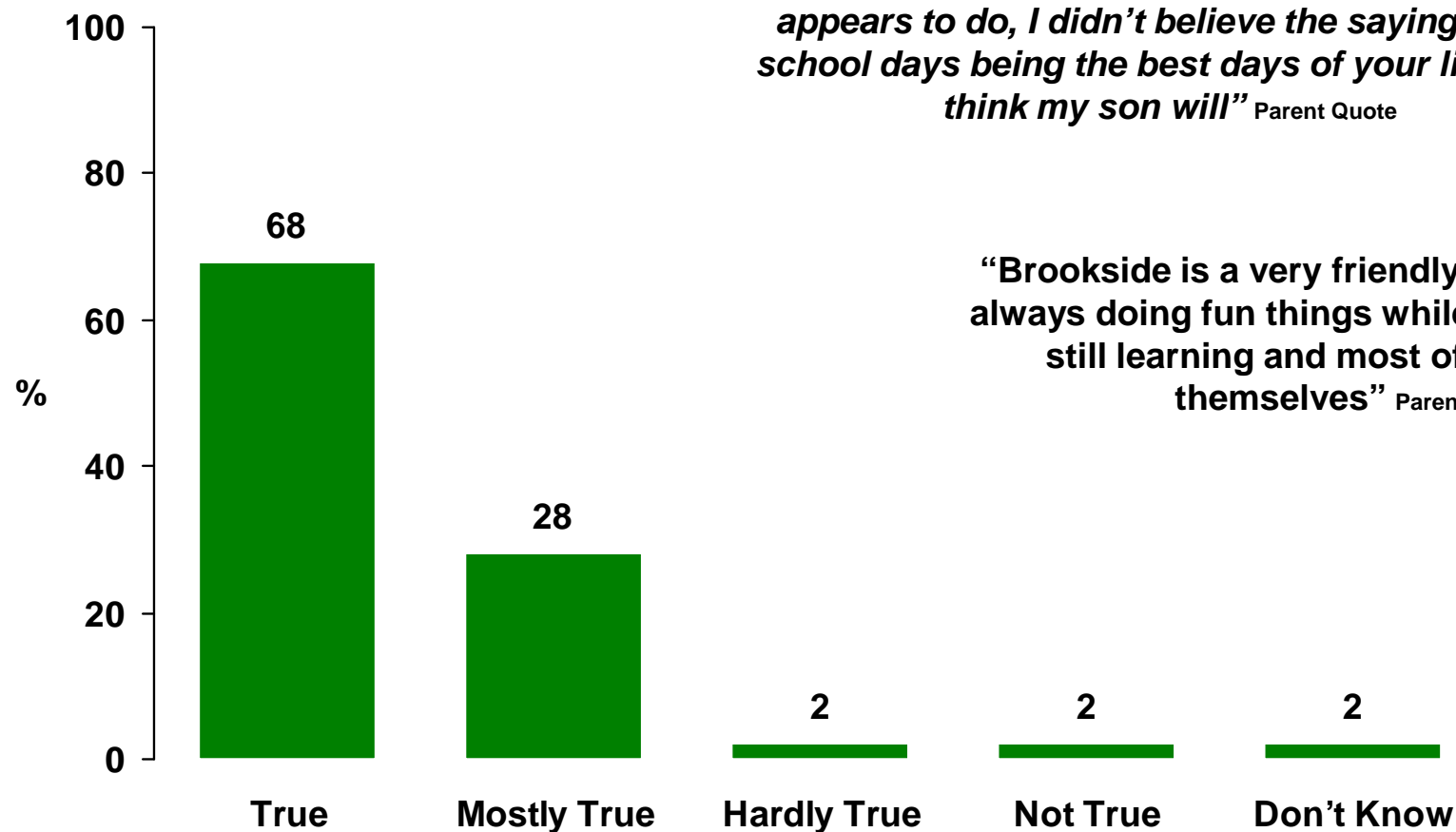
*Maxine Holmes
Headteacher*

Notes

- 1.65 replies were received*
- 2.School roll in January 2009 was 139*
- 3.Parent / carers comments have been kept anonymous.*



“My Child Enjoys School”



“I wish I had enjoyed school as much as my son appears to do, I didn’t believe the saying about school days being the best days of your life, but I think my son will” Parent Quote

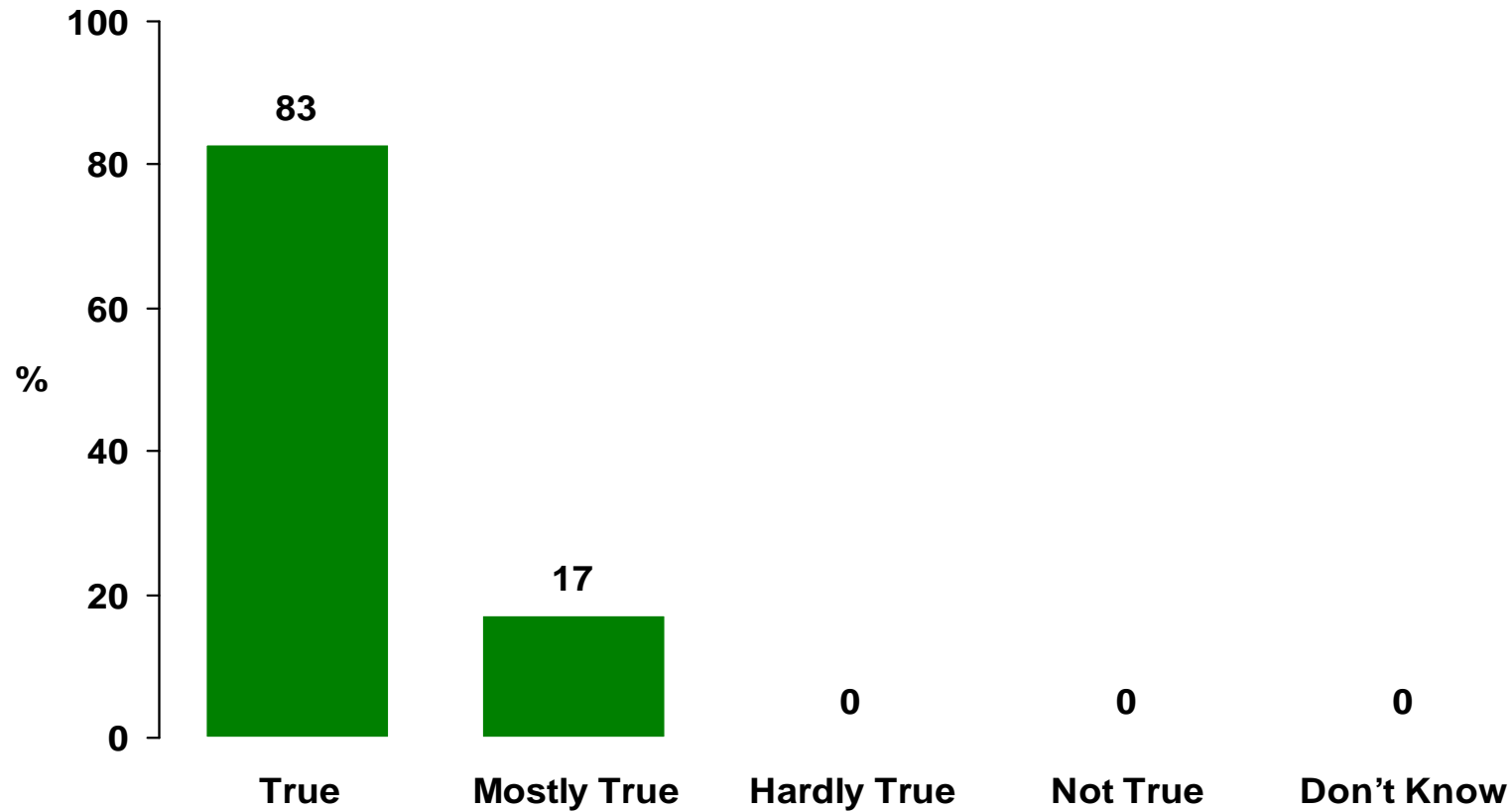
“Brookside is a very friendly, happy school – always doing fun things while the children are still learning and most of all enjoying themselves” Parent Quote



“The School Is A Safe Place”

“I like the way parking outside school is being addressed”

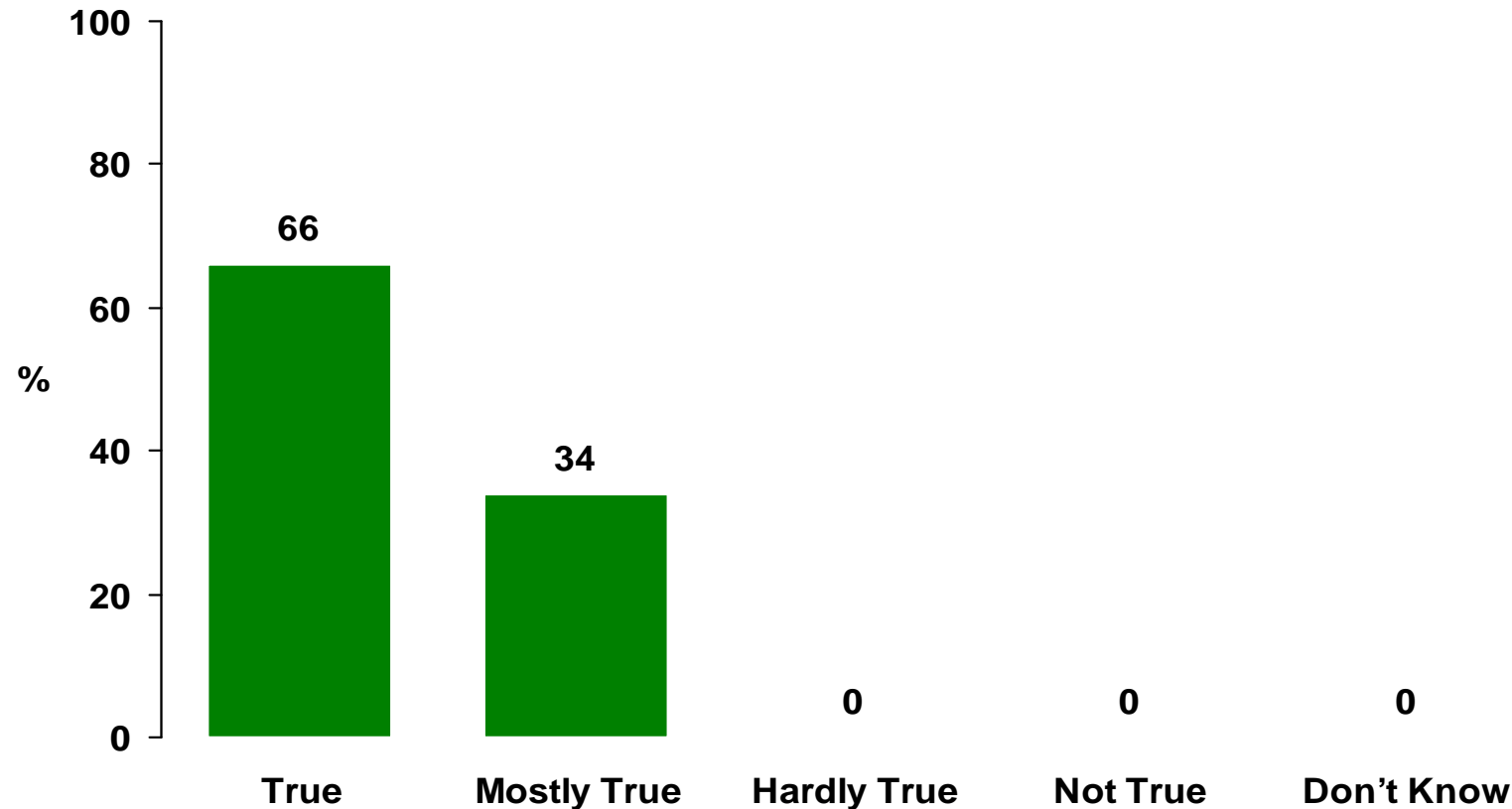
“The School is friendly and welcoming” Parent quote



“Pupils And Staff Respect One Another Which Helps Create A Good Working Atmosphere”

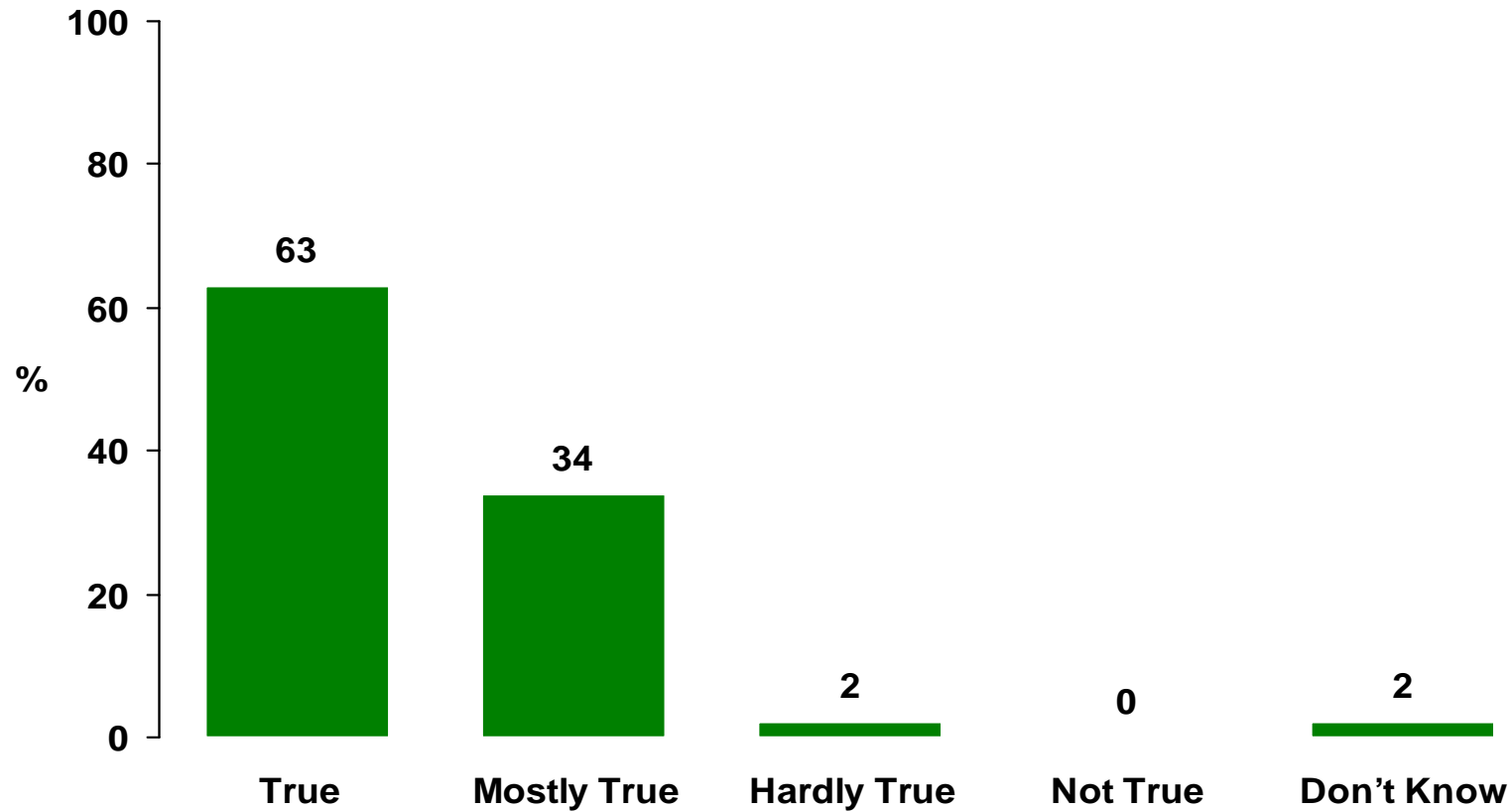
“The School has a wonderful caring attitude and the range of activities (Outside the curriculum) is amazing.”

“You are wonderful! Every time I come to assembly the enthusiasm and encouragement shown towards the children is heart-warming.” Parent Quote



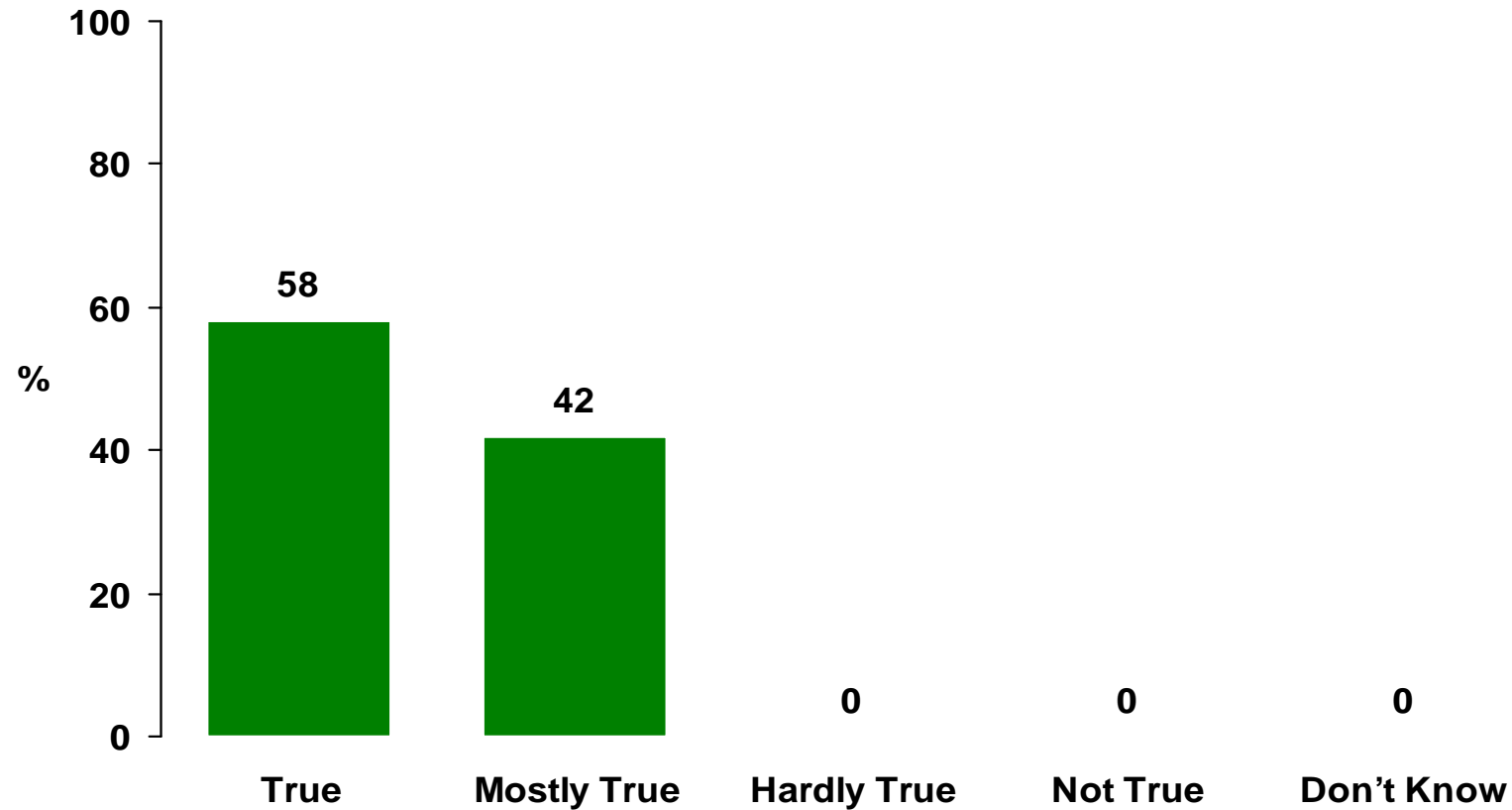
“Pupils Get Help And Support To Do Their Work When They Need It”

“My Child thrives on the positive encouragement and praise she is given” Parent Quote



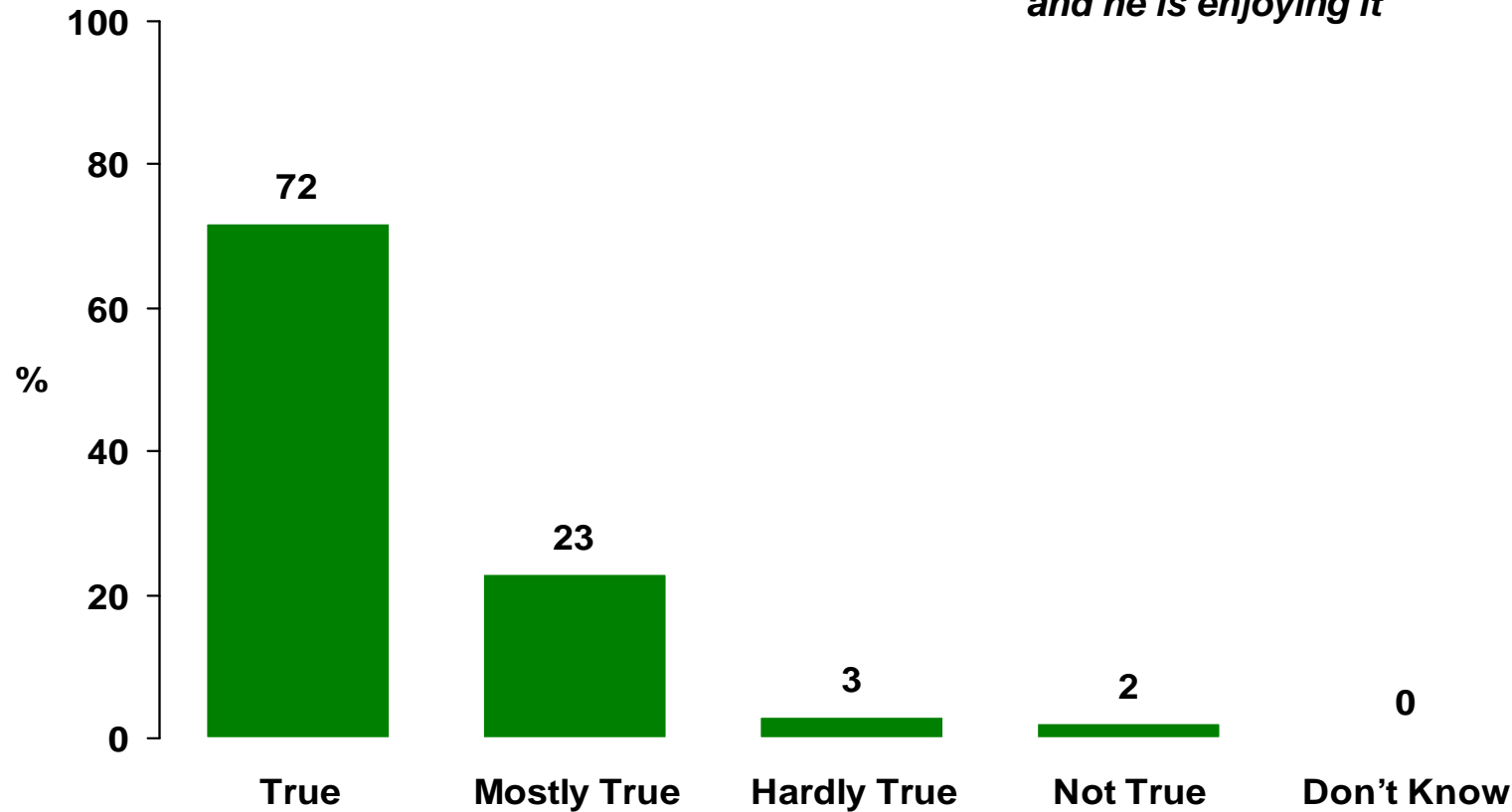
“My Child Finds Schoolwork Challenging And Interesting”

“Brookside offers the flexibility of streaming to ensure that children can work to achieve their individual potential” Head Teacher



“My Child Is Encouraged To Work To The Best Of His / Her Ability”

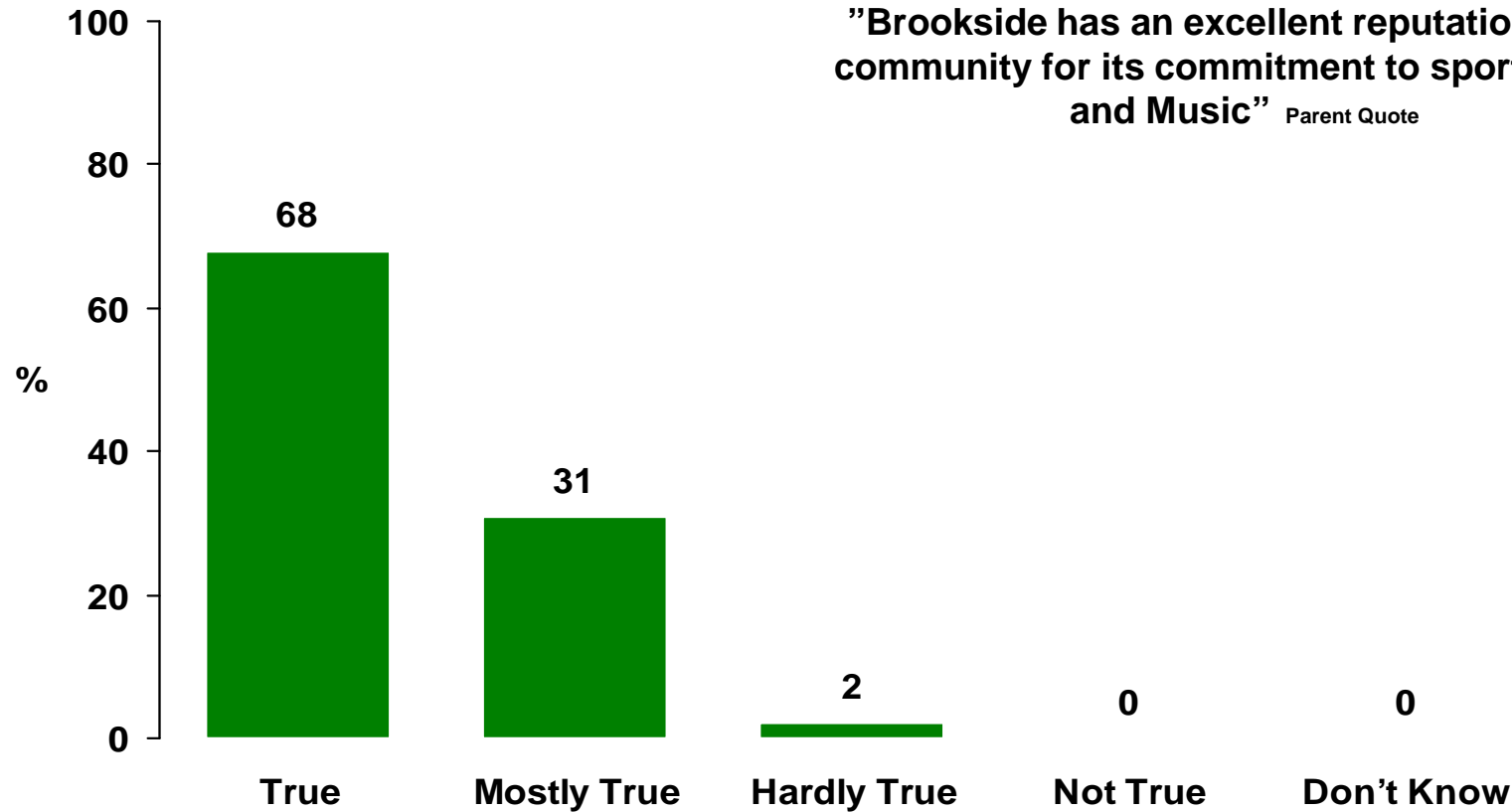
“I think its fantastic that my son has his own individual learning plan, although he struggled at first in school his progress now is excellent and we can see clear progression and he is enjoying it”



“There Is A Broad And Varied Curriculum Catering For A Wide Range Of Needs”

“it would be great to see the younger end of the school introduced to the brass band sooner!” Parent Quote

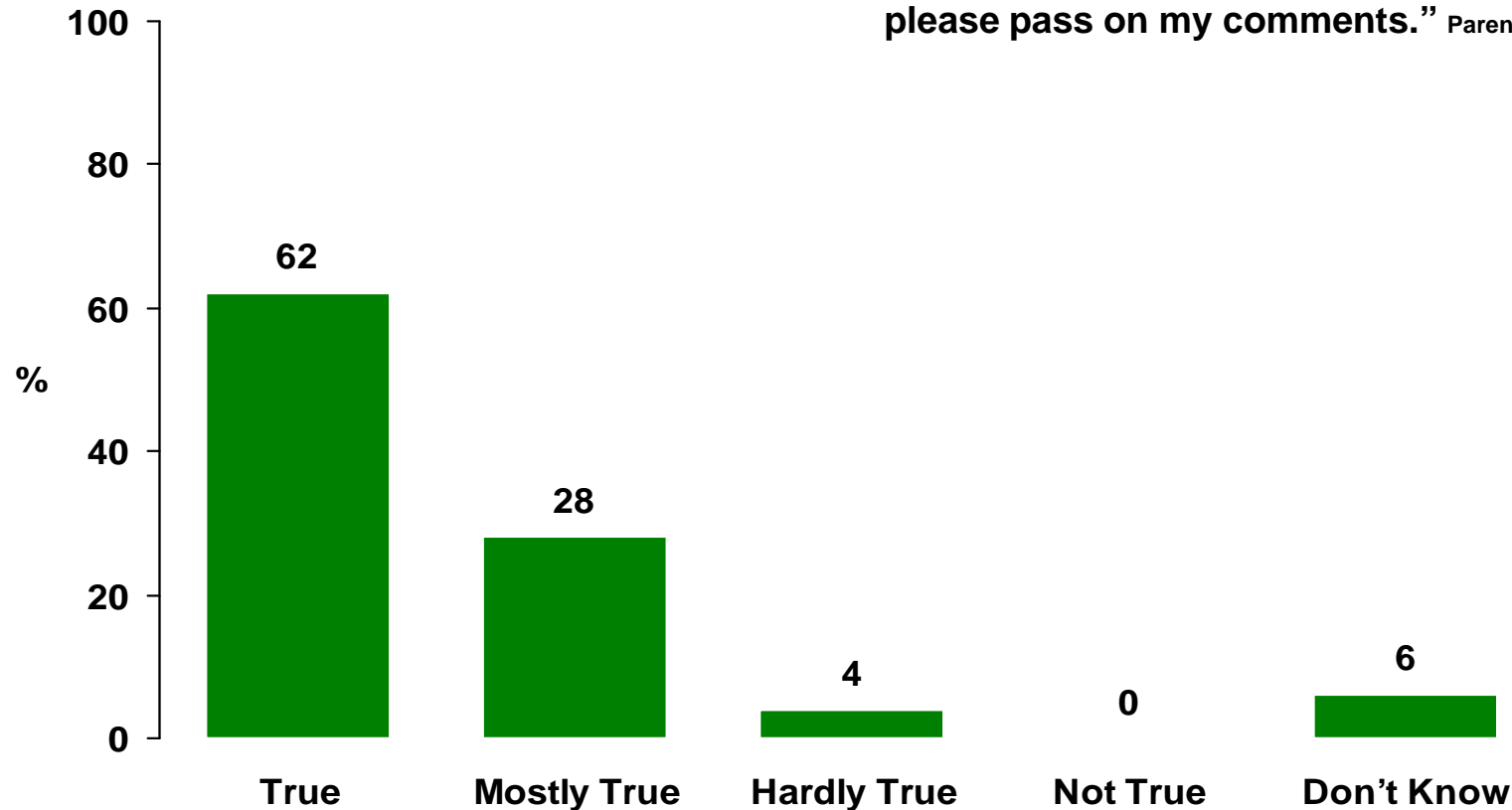
”Brookside has an excellent reputation in the community for its commitment to sport, drama and Music” Parent Quote



“There Is A Good Range Of Clubs And Other Activities At Lunchtime Or After School ”

“On Average there are about twelve clubs offered every week from cookery, various sports, music to ICT” Head Teacher

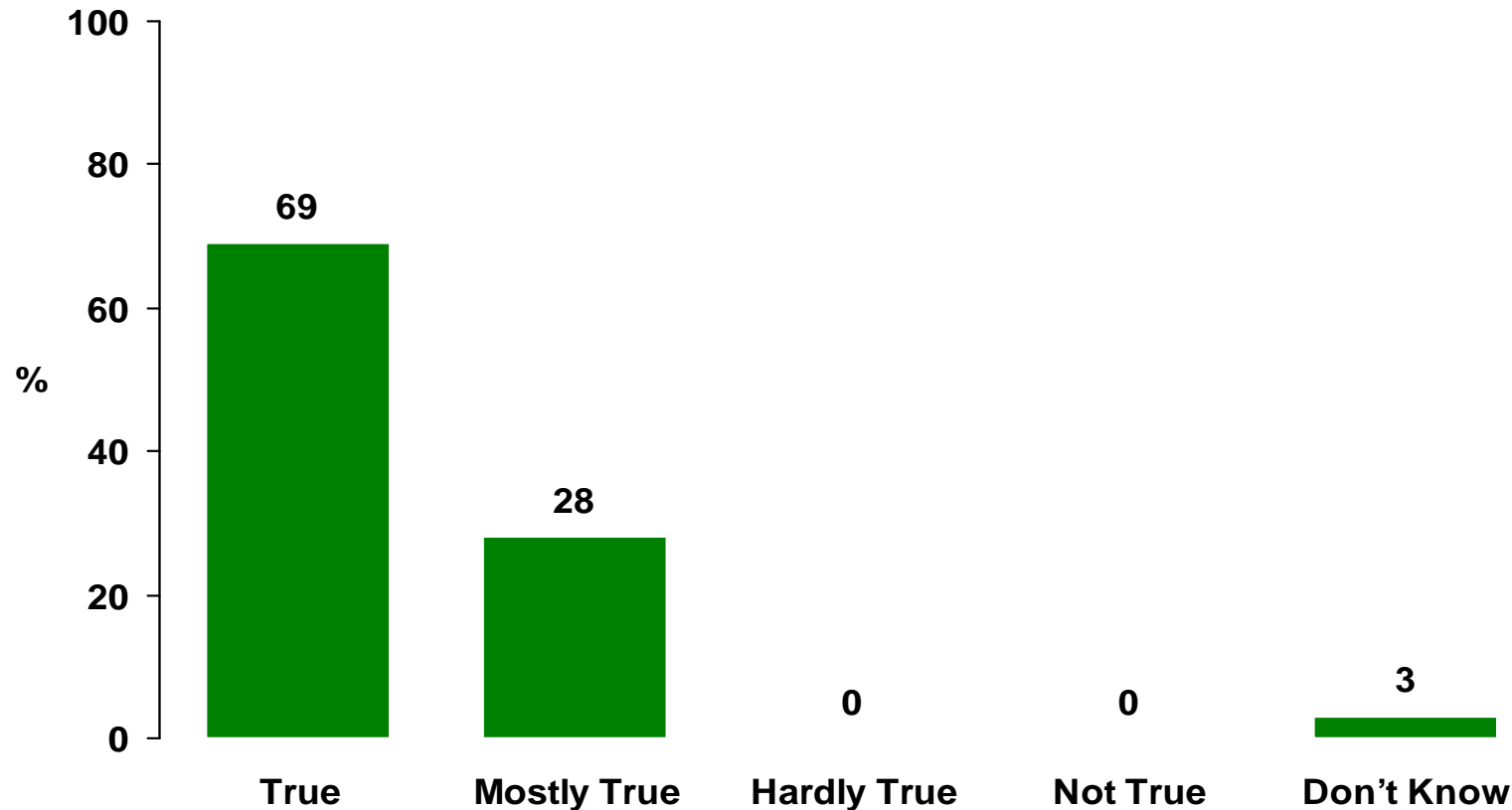
“The schools facilities for pre-school and before and after school arrangements are excellent, second to none in the area, please pass on my comments.” Parent Quote



“Most Pupils Have A Positive Attitude To The School And Want To Do Well”

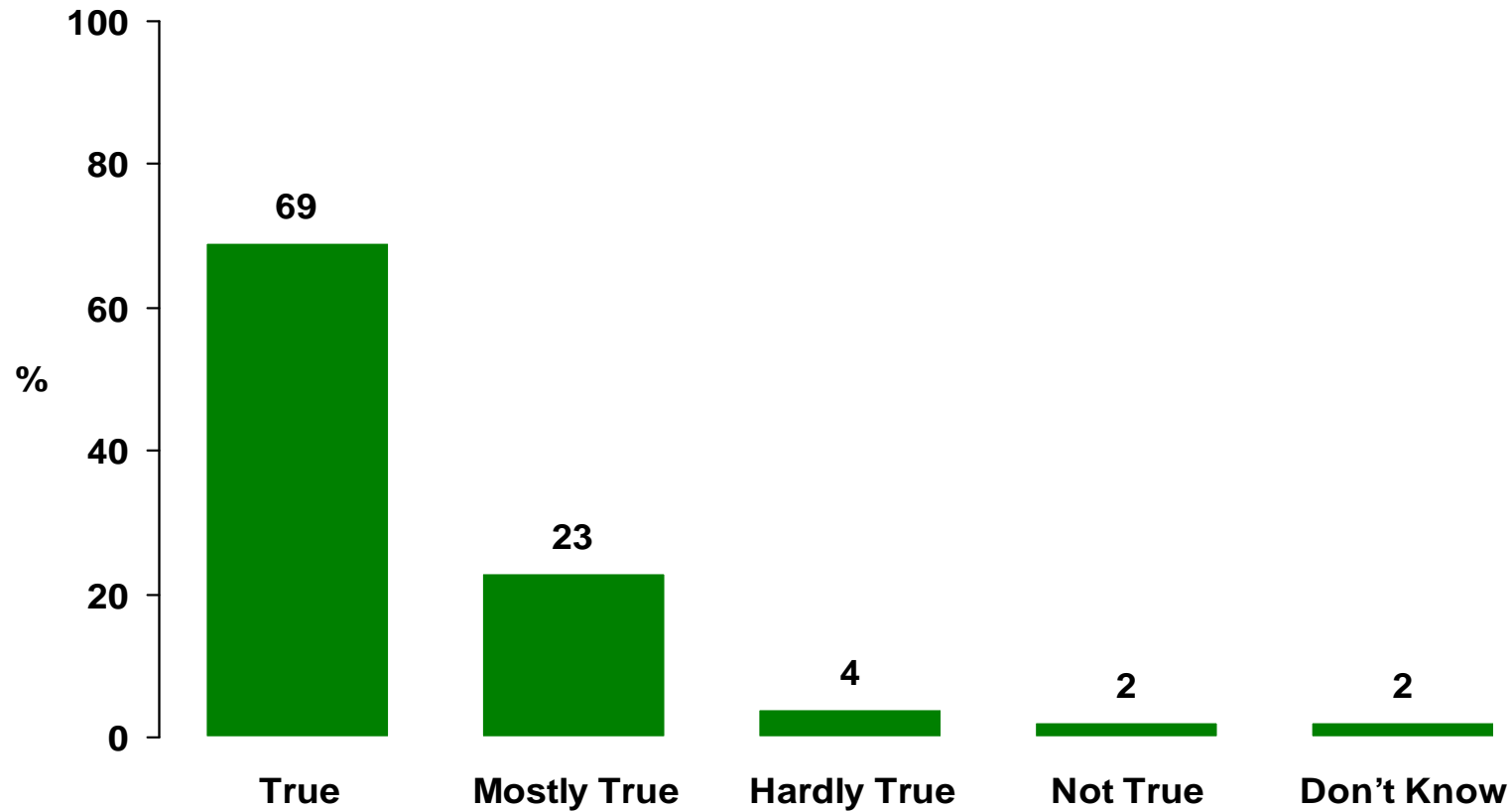
“We are proud of our pupil voice – The School Council”

“Brookside children work with enthusiasm, target setting ensures that all children know what they have to do to improve” Staff Member



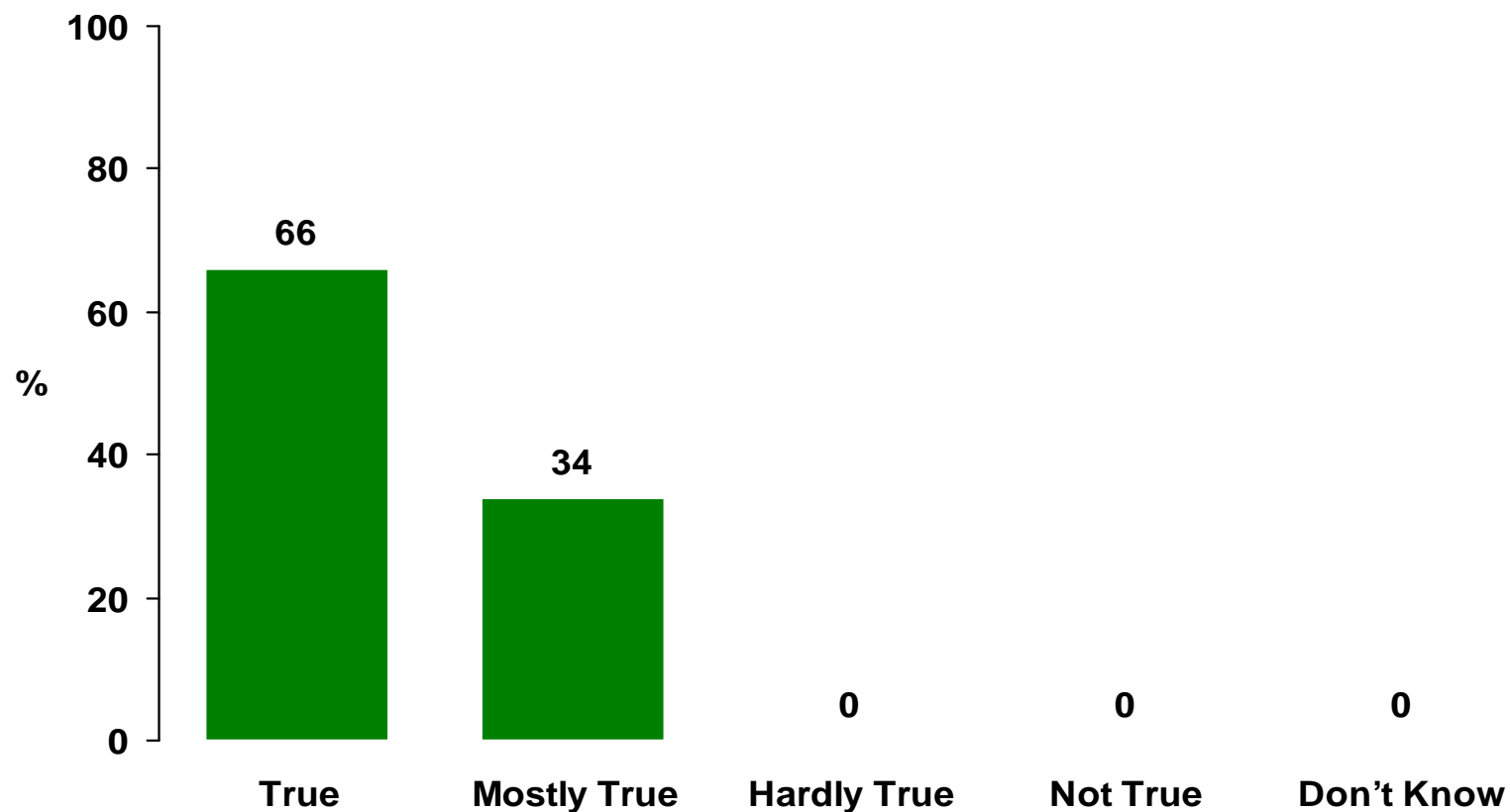
“All Children Are Equally Valued”

“The Inclusive attitude of the school towards all children shines through” Parent Quote



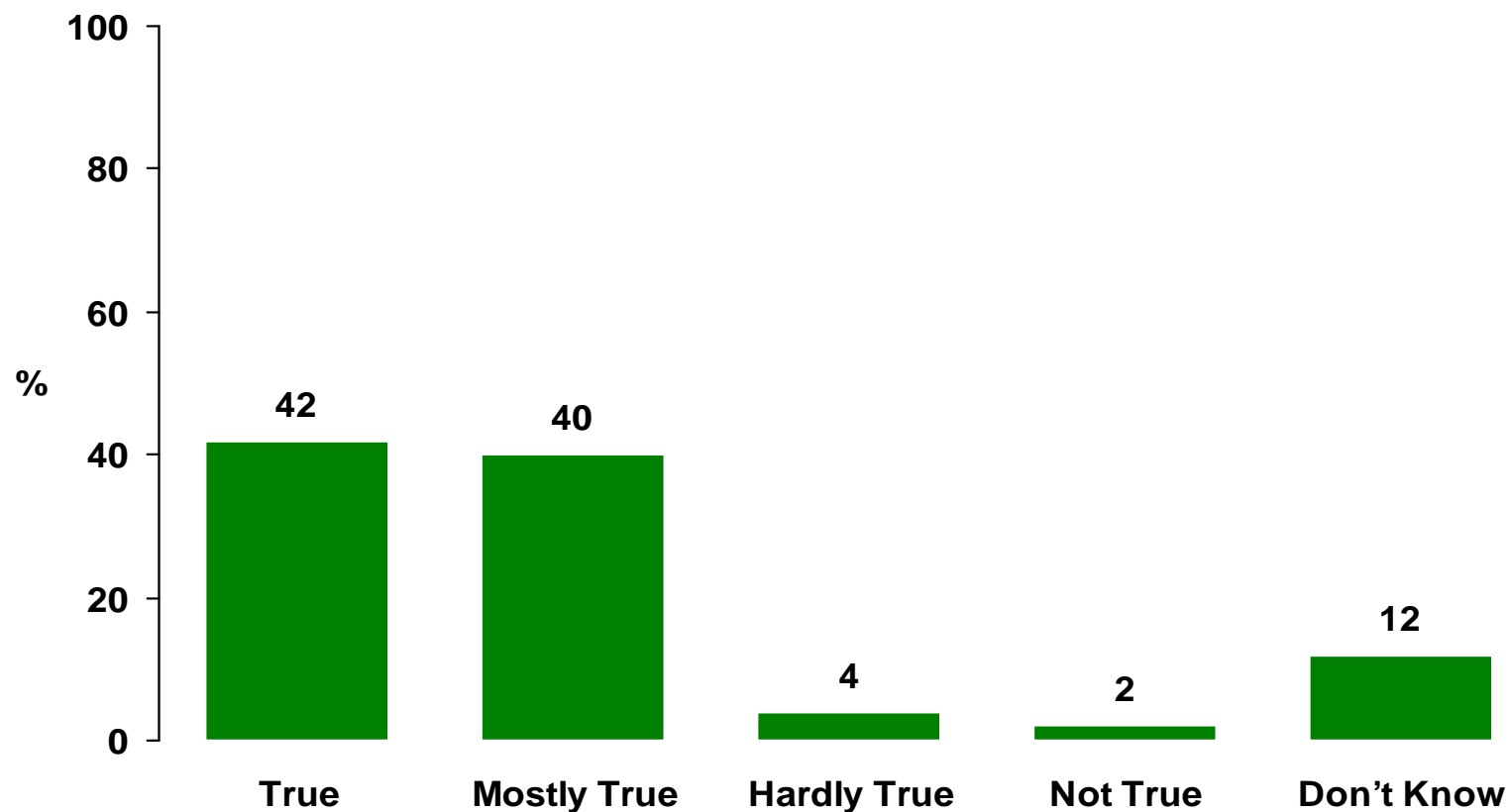
“Pupils Are Generally Well Behaved And Well Mannered”

“All children get on very well together ... they behave well in class and around the school” Ofsted



“Bullying Is Not A Problem At School ”

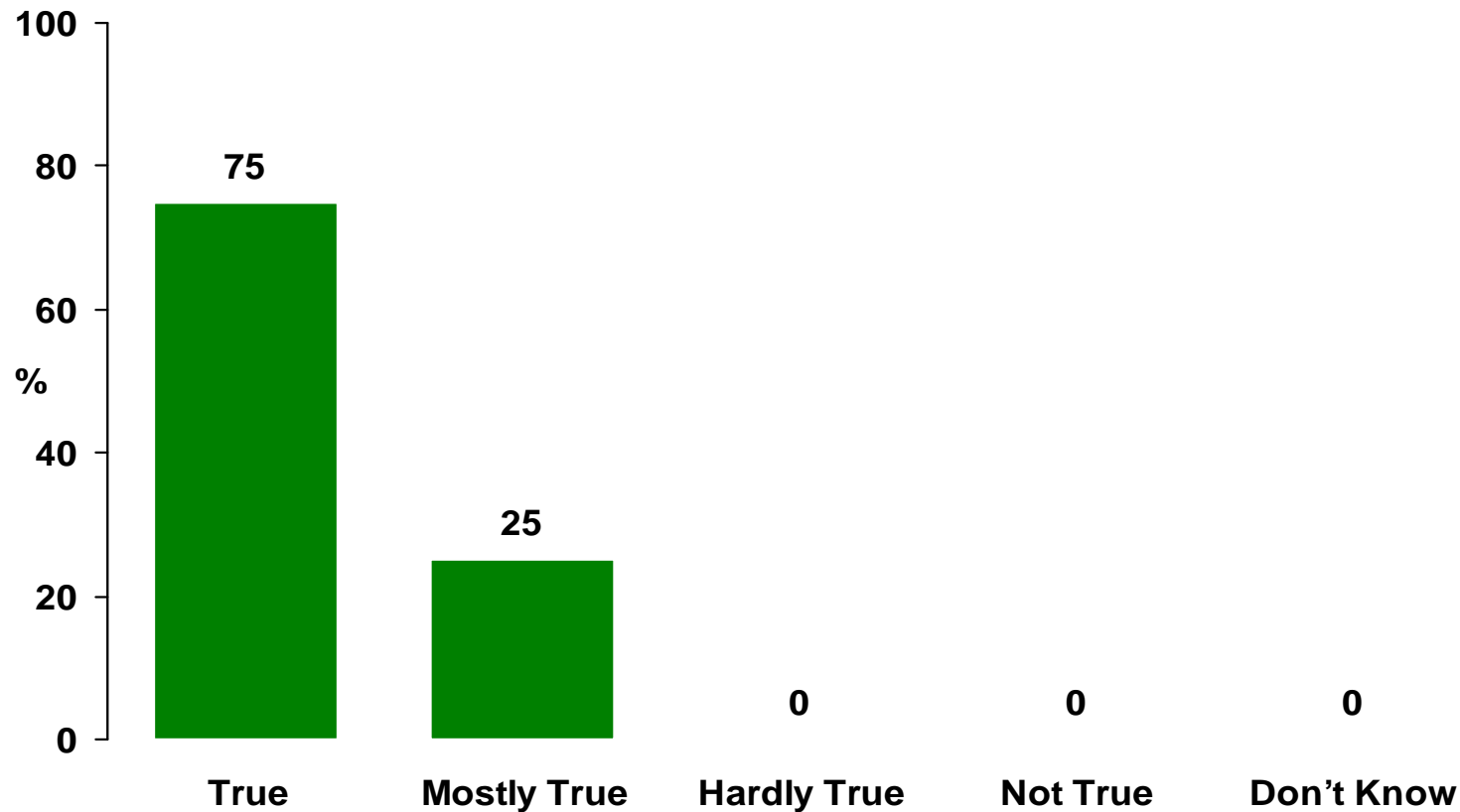
“If I am worried about something I know I can talk to someone at school who can help me” Y5 Pupil



“The Information I Was Given When My Child First Came To School Was Excellent ”

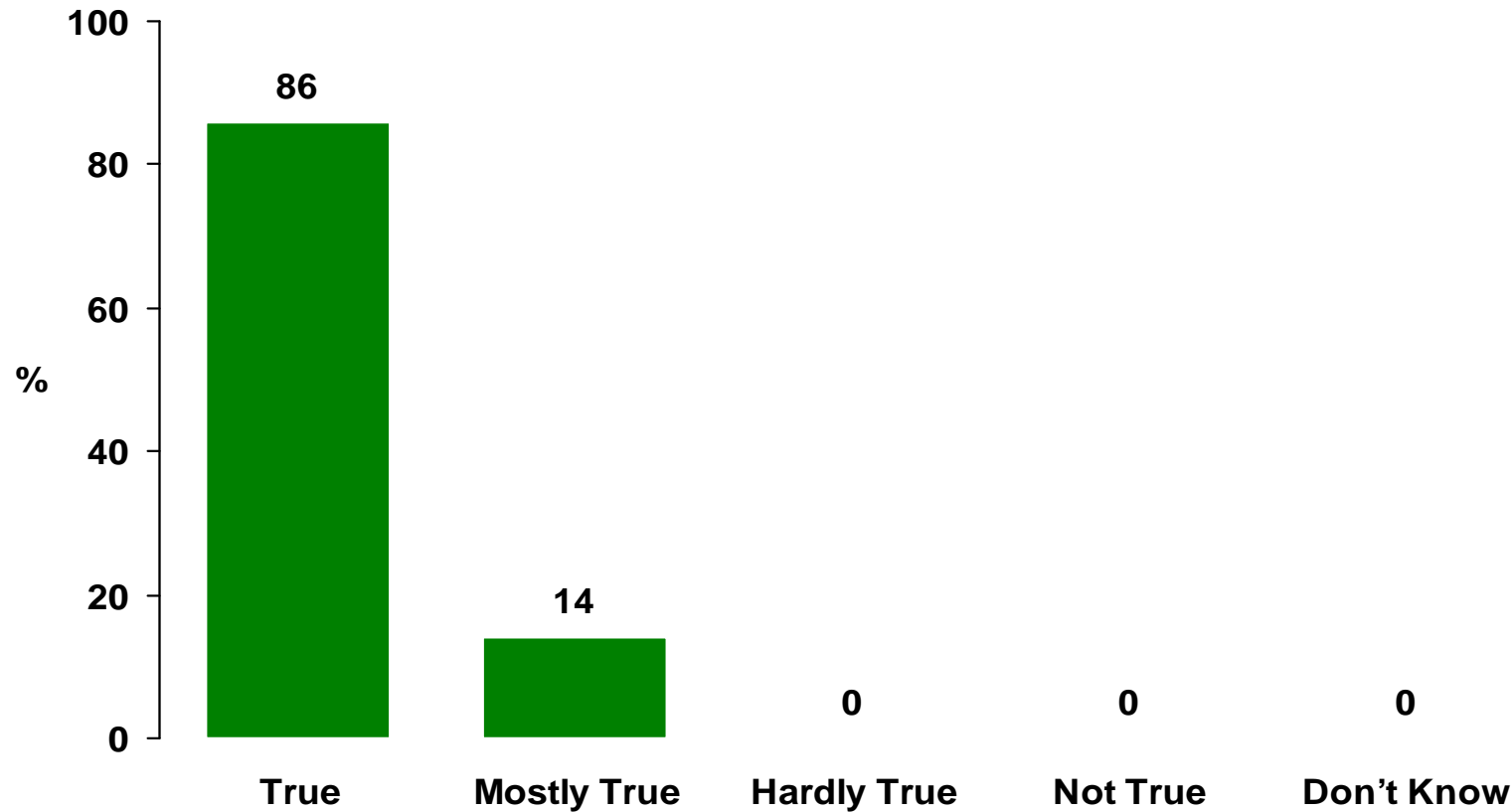
“I am over the moon with the start that my son has had to his school life. I am also amazed at the progress that he and all the children have made. My son has found settling into school difficult, but everyone has been really supportive.

Thank you all” Parent Quote



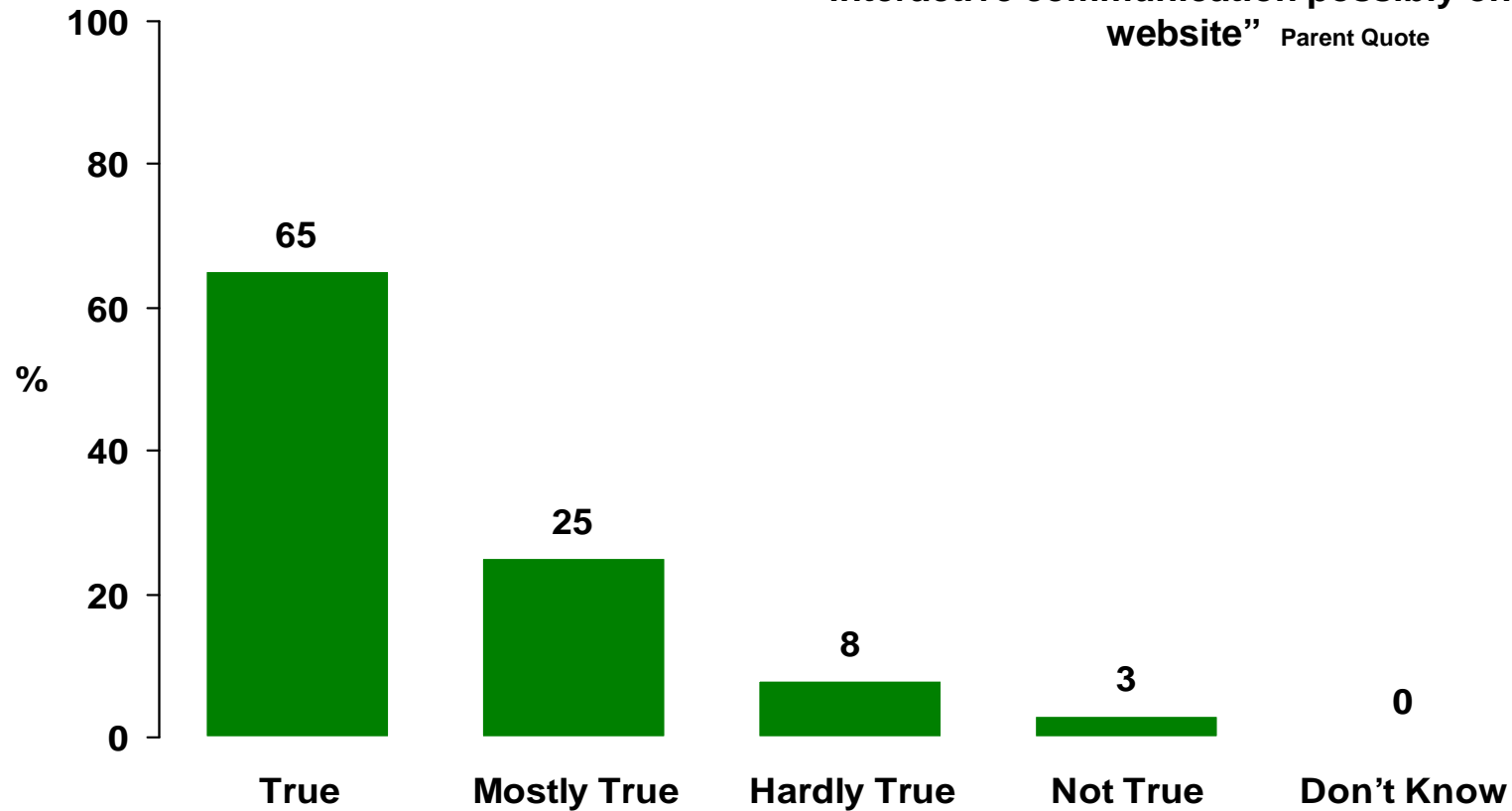
“The School Newsletter Keeps Me Up To Date With Changes At School”

“February’s newsletter very informative. Great idea to have a section dedicated to the BFG – hopefully it may encourage other parents to come along and support the meetings” Parent Quote



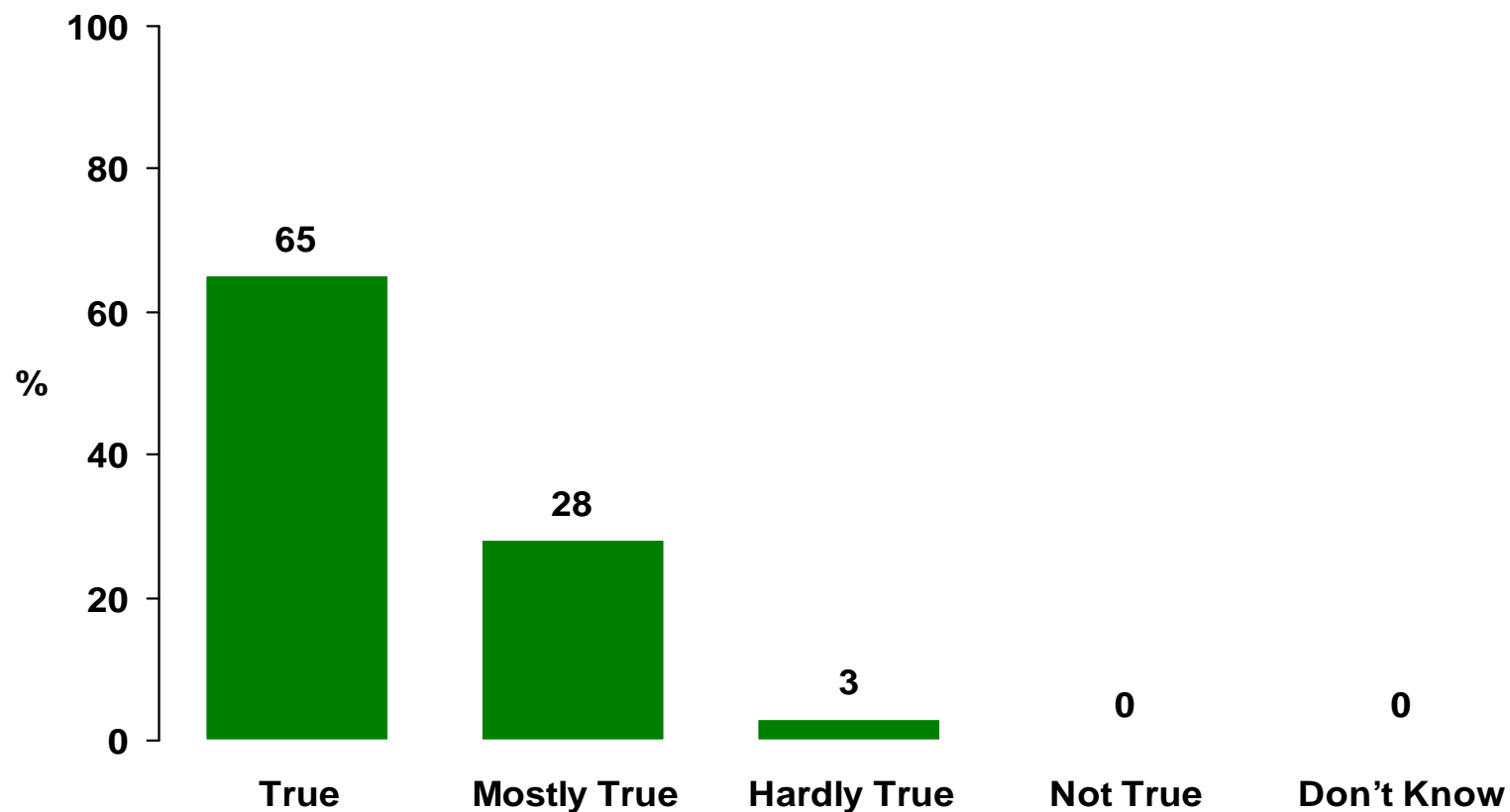
“The School Has Explained To Me How I Can Help My Child's Learning At Home”

“The letter from the class teacher on the term’s work is useful. Is there any chance of more interactive communication possibly on the school website” Parent Quote

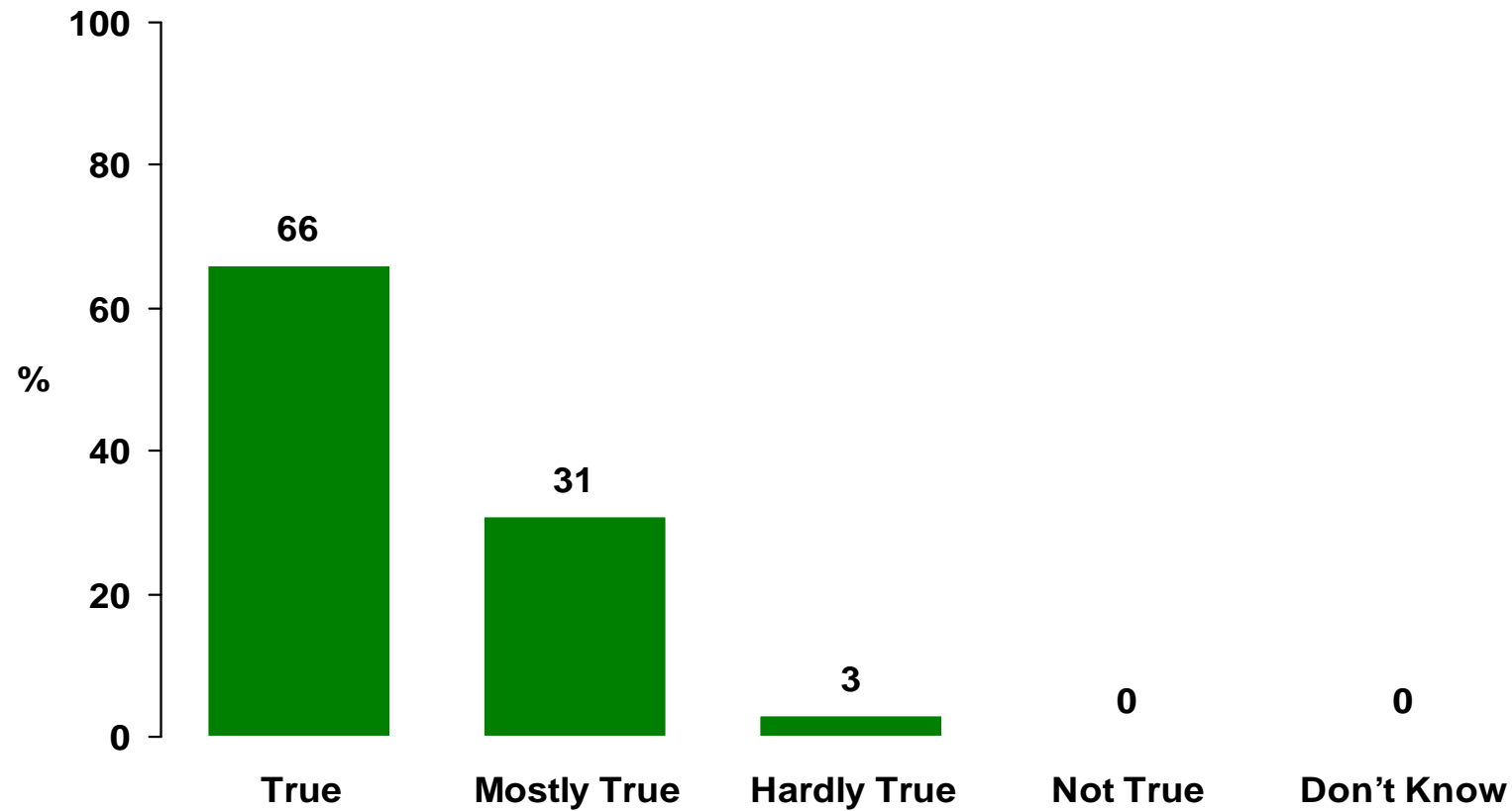


“Parents' Evenings Are Helpful And Informative”

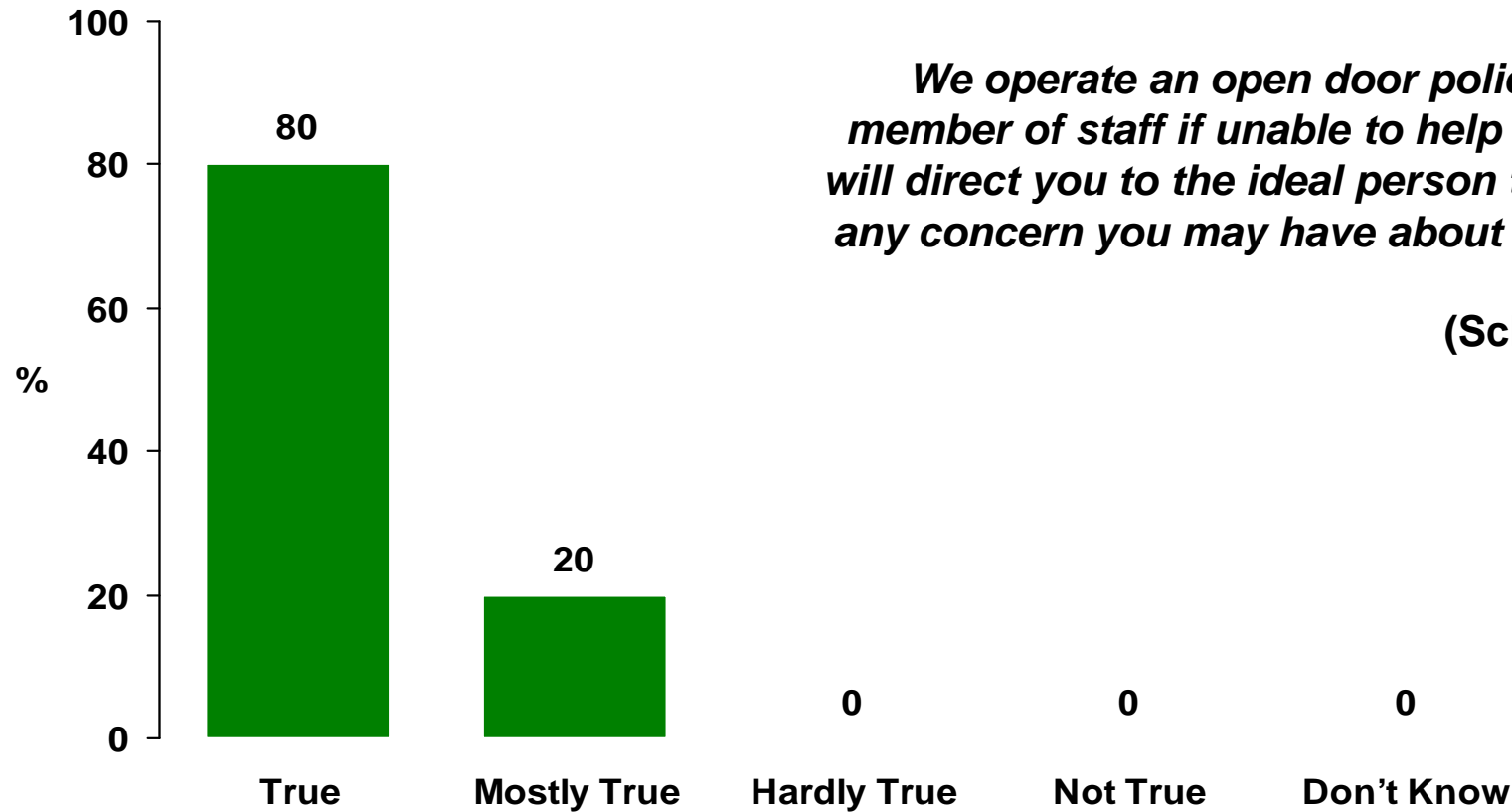
“We want to work in close partnership with all our parents, keeping them informed of any new educational initiatives” Head Teacher



“School Reports Give Me Helpful Information About My Child's Progress”



“If I Have A Concern About The School I Know That Someone Appropriate Will Listen To Me”

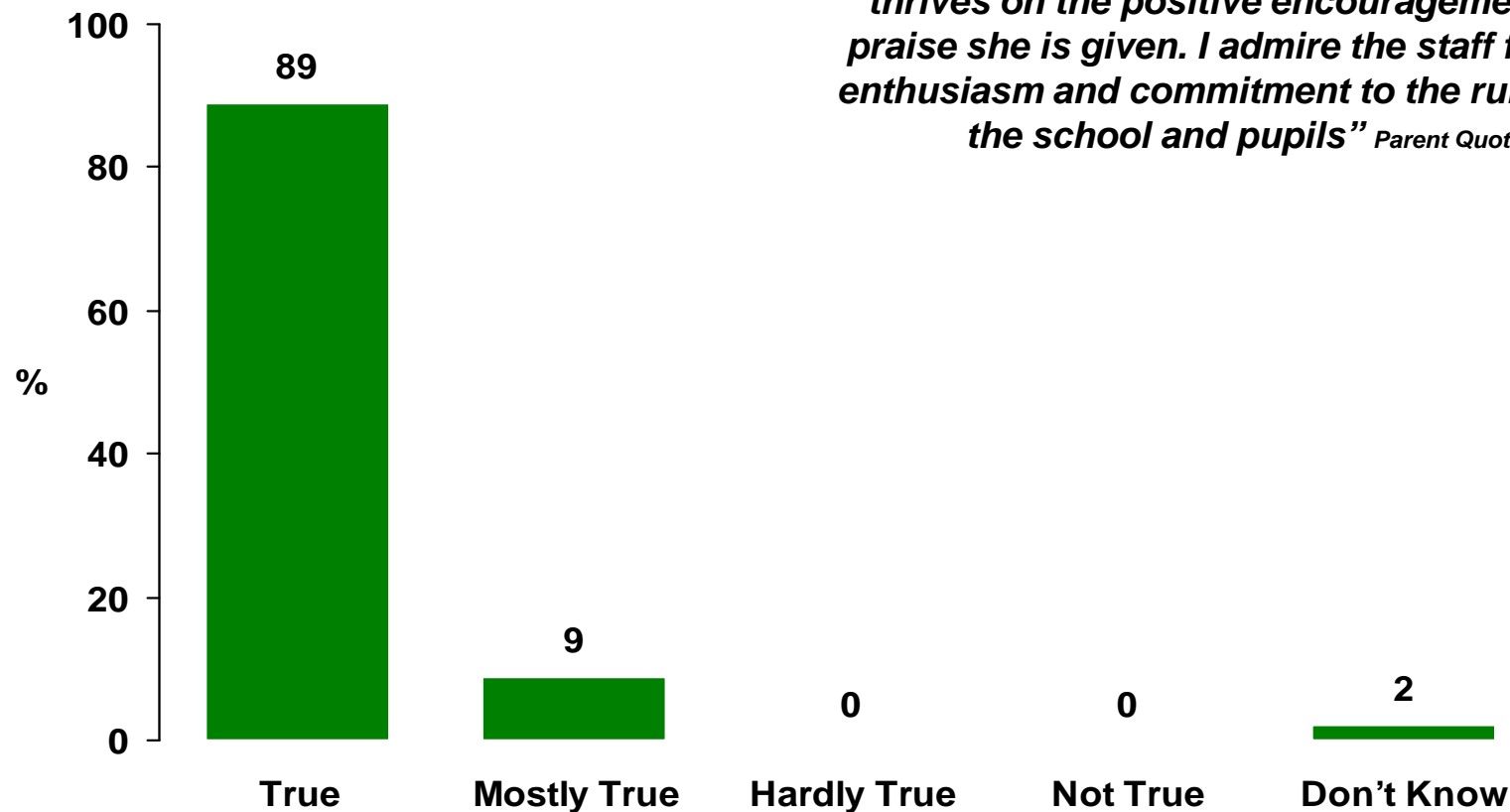


We operate an open door policy - any member of staff if unable to help personally will direct you to the ideal person to talk to on any concern you may have about the school.

(School comment)



“The Head Teacher Is Accessible”



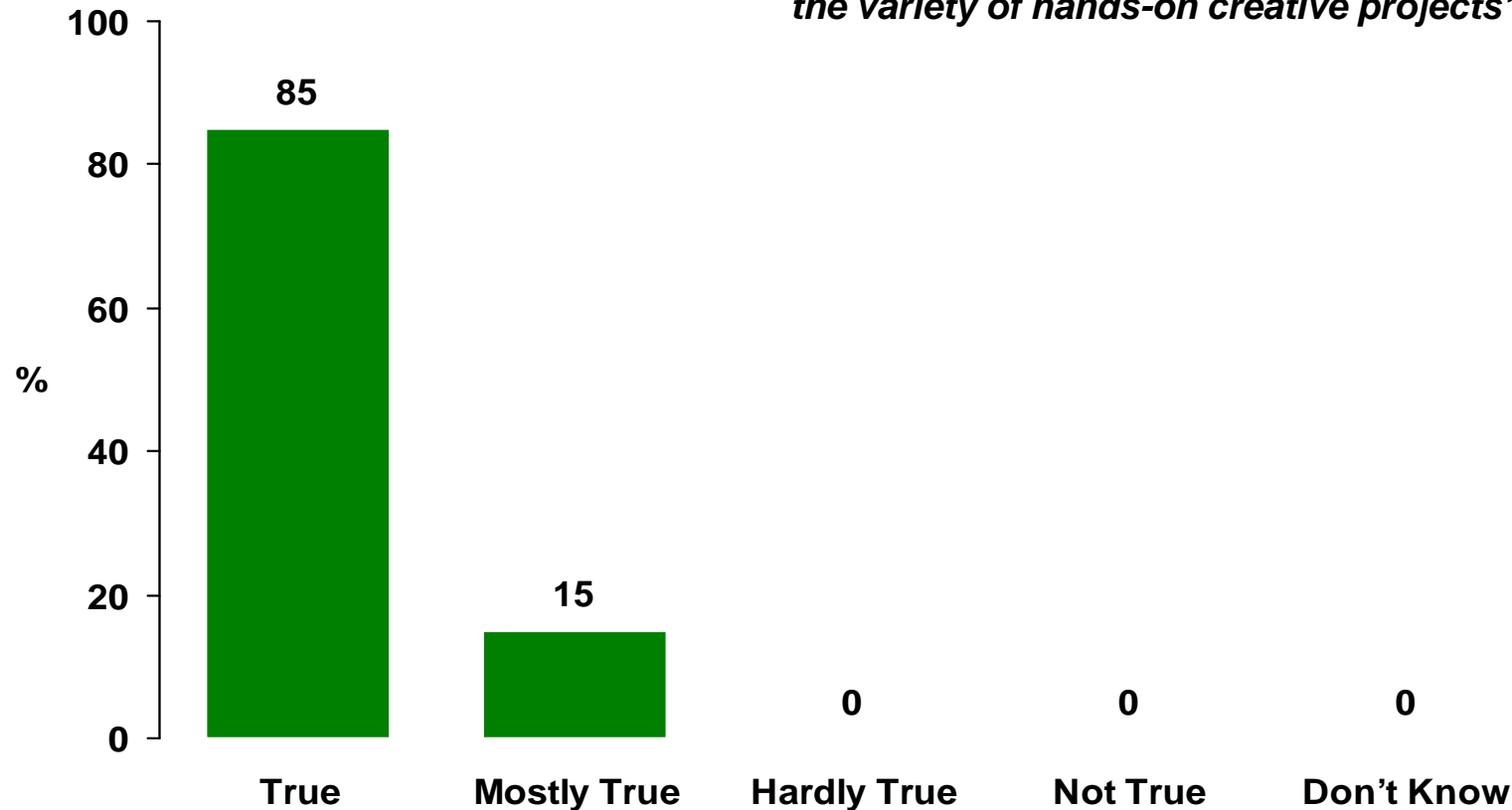
“My daughter loves going to Brookside. She thrives on the positive encouragement and praise she is given. I admire the staff for their enthusiasm and commitment to the running of the school and pupils” Parent Quote



“Staff Are Very Committed To The Work Of The School And Want All Children To Achieve High Standards”

“The teachers and the pupils make it all a special place to be and I am proud to be a small part of it” Parent Quote

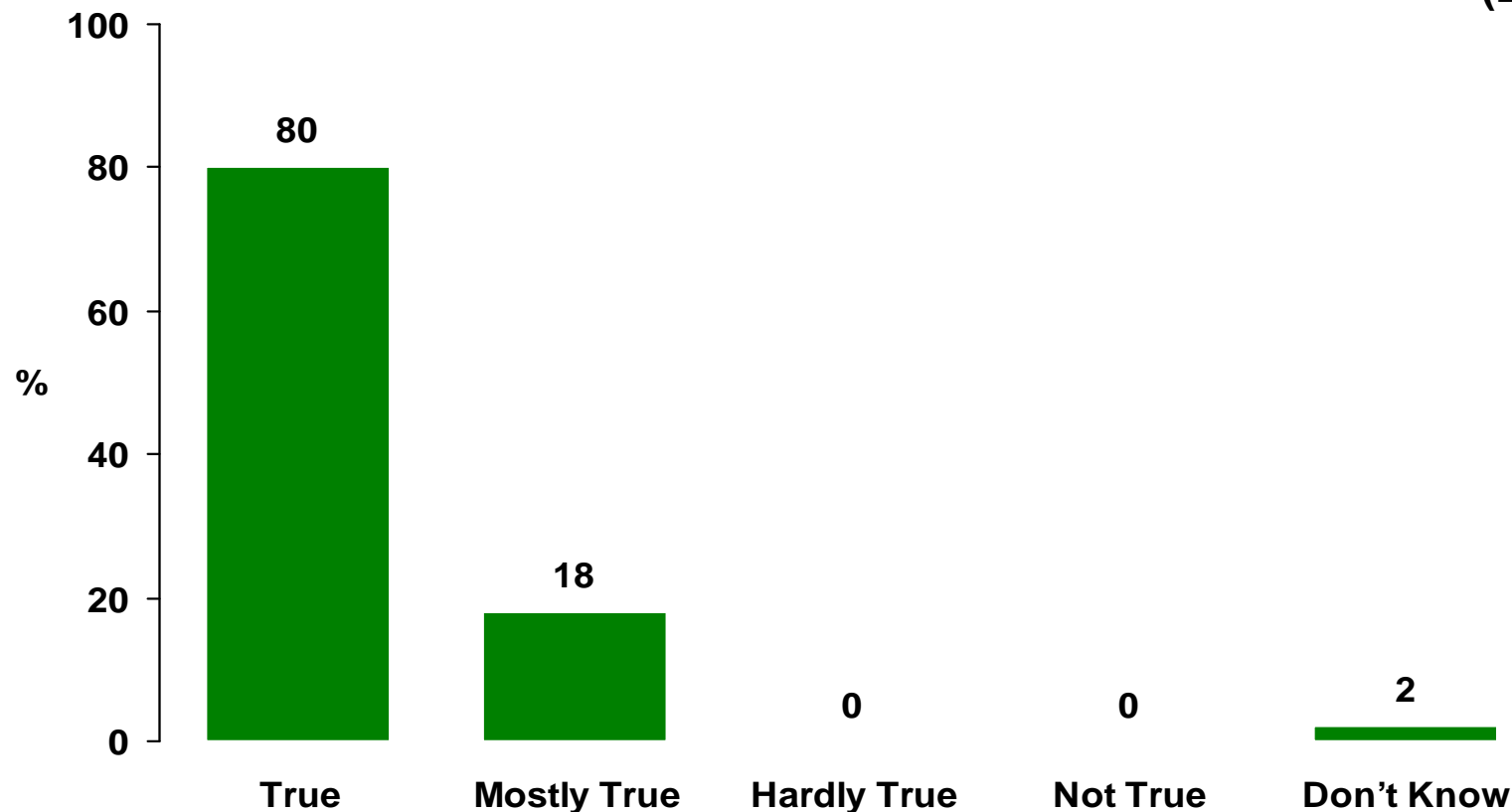
“I chose the school because of the quality of the education and the variety of hands-on creative projects” Parent Quote



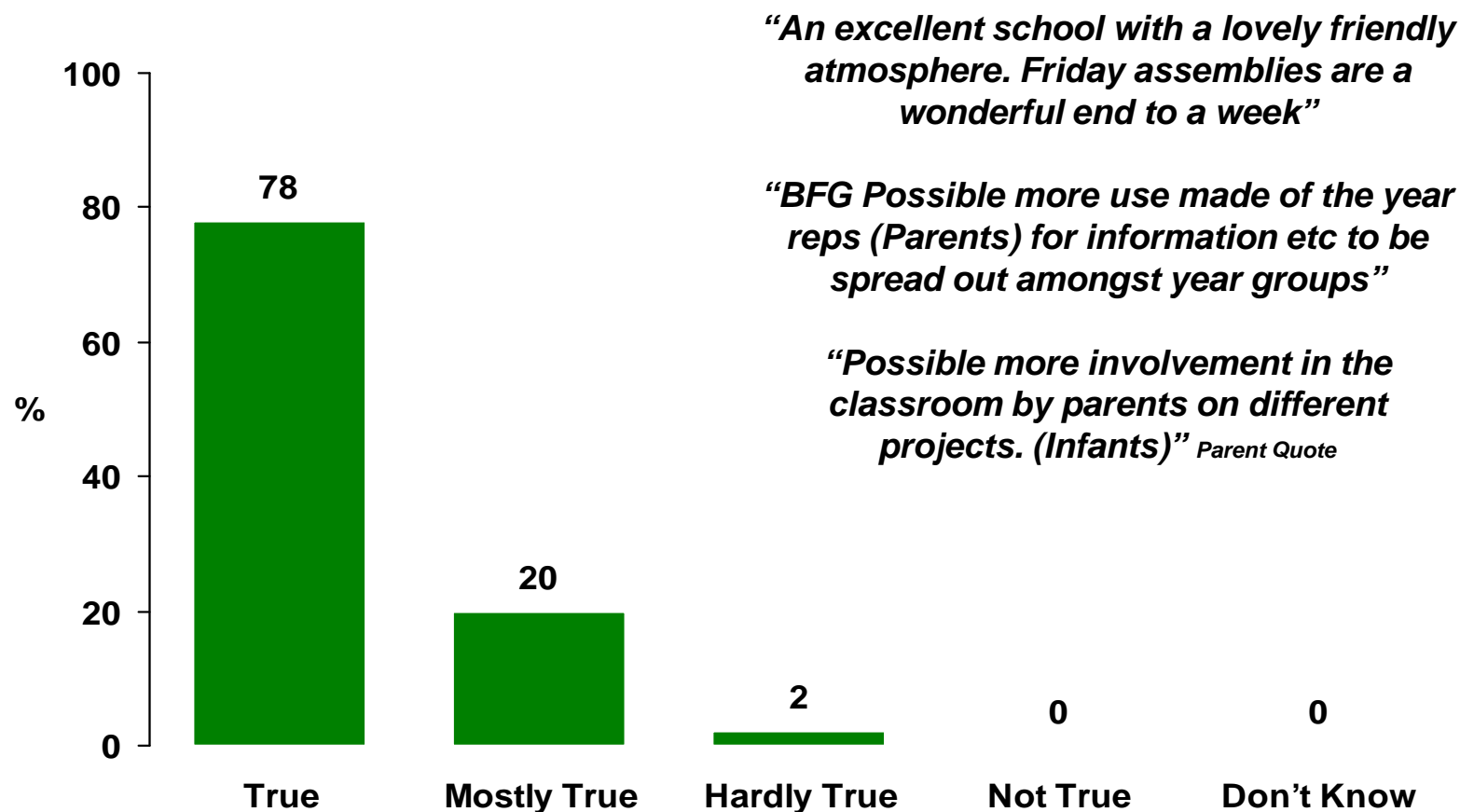
“The School Actively Encourages The Involvement Of Governors, Parents And Other People In Its Work”

The Brookside Friends Group (BFG) is a group of volunteers who organise social and fund raising activities in support of the school. Everyone associated with school is automatically a member and is welcome to attend any meetings or event, it is not an exclusive club, new parents are very welcome, please ask Gill for details.

(BFG)

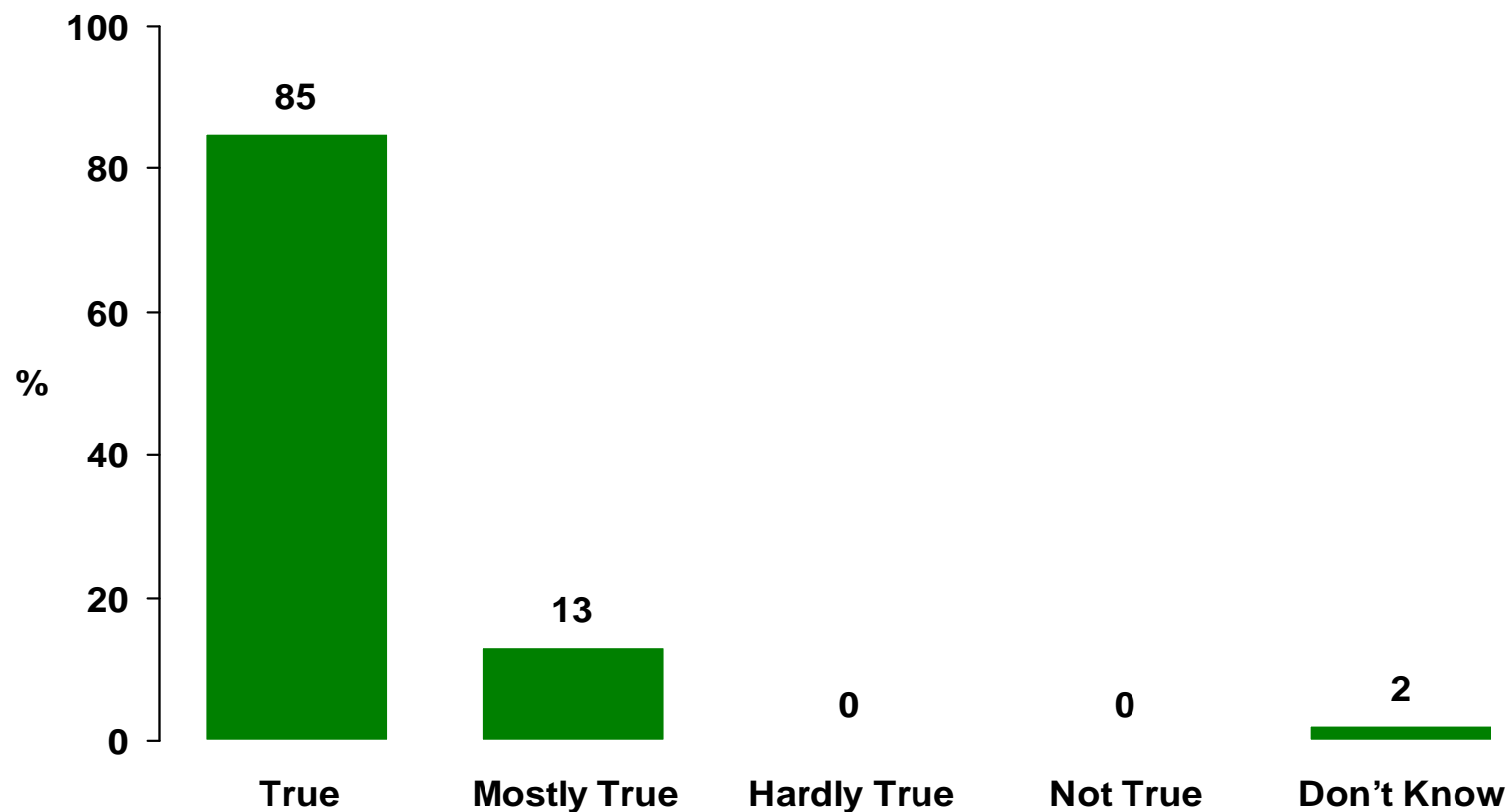


“As A Parent I Feel Welcome In The School”

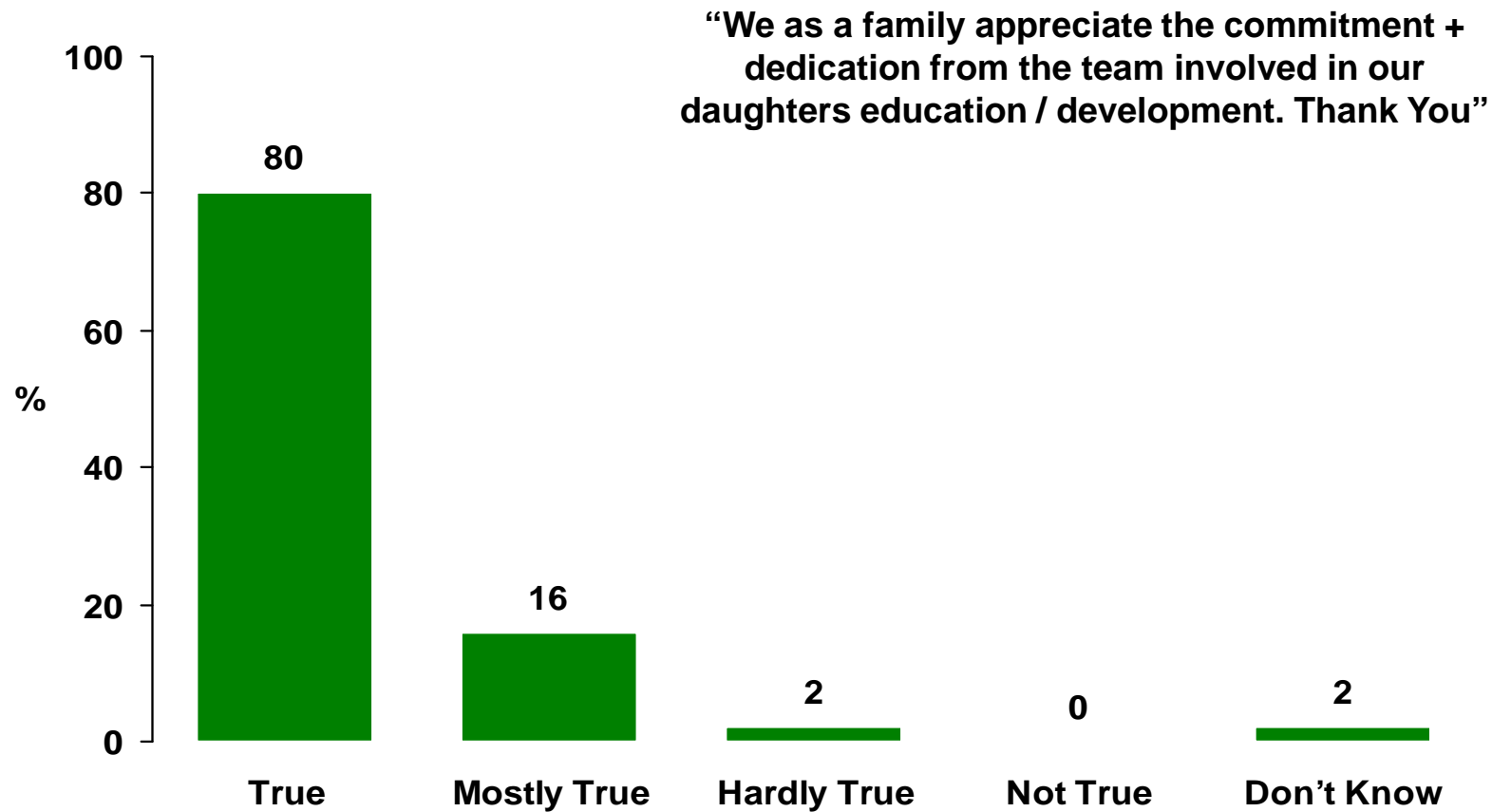


“The School Is Led And Managed Well”

“The Village would be lost without such a well run school – more information would be useful on how staff sickness is covered”



“The Arrangements For My Son Or Daughter To Settle In When They Started Were Good ”



Q25 What were the main reasons that led you to choose Brookside for your child's education

“We chose Brookside as our children already knew pupils at the school. We had as a family been to the school fair and found both staff and other parents friendly and welcoming. We were impressed with the opportunities for music, the links with Lyme Park and the range of clubs provided for pupils. We felt that the inclusion of children with special needs would be of benefit socially – and have been proved to be right”

“Brookside has got a good reputation with the way they teach children life skills as well as academic. The school also has resource children which integrate with other children. Everyone is happy to help whatever the problem is. It is a friendly and well run school.”

“It is a small school which has a caring attitude towards its pupils. You feel welcome and if you have any concerns the staff are available to help. Also the class numbers aren't as big as other schools.

“The first impression on visiting the school was fantastic. The school has a wonderful, caring attitude and the range of activities (Outside the curriculum) is amazing”

“Individualised approach to a child's education and development”

“local and small classes”

“The ethics of the school, the environment, the excellent reputation”

“We live near the school”

”Quality of education and a variety of hands on projects (Creative) a happy School”

“For its inclusive education”



Q25 What were the main reasons that led you to choose Brookside for your child's education

“I love the inclusive ethos of the school. There was also something really attractive about the atmosphere when we looked around. The school seemed well organised and well led. Small class sizes were an added advantage”

“Small school, very friendly community atmosphere, I saw the children working happily and industriously, there was a lot of evidence that the children had worked hard to improve the appearance of the school, displays etc”

“A great location and reputation, along with the fact the children learn alongside resource children, everyone is equal”

“I got a good feel about the school and the Head teacher spent at least an hour showing us around and telling us about the school.”

“The atmosphere around the school on our first visit was very welcoming and has continued. I felt the school offered a learning environment in which I wanted my children to be educated”

“The small close knit environment, highly recommended, equality throughout the school”

“Recommendation, environment, caters for a wide range of needs”

“Brookside always had a warm friendly feel when we visited it”

“The school inclusion for ALL children”

“All children are valued”

“Location, ambience at the school”

“The school ethos, family environment”



Q25 What were the main reasons that led you to choose Brookside for your child's education

“As parents it was important to us that our child not only developed their skills academically but also on a social level. Brookside embraces this whole heartedly. The school has a wonderful ambience which was apparent when we first visited the school. The fact that every child is valued and encouraged irrespective of ability was pivotal to our decision”

“Small class sizes, good facilities, friendly and caring environment, close to home, good ofsted report”

“Small school, nice peaceful location away from main road. Every child treated individually regardless of their working ability”

“Wide + varied curriculum – opportunity to interact with children with a variety of skills + abilities. However this has had its positive + negative outcomes”

“The inclusive attitude of the school towards all pupils shined through when making our decision. We are very happy with our choice”

“Smaller class sizes, friendly, beautiful surroundings, feels like a cosy warm and safe school. Children seem very happy. Was recommended by friends with children already at the school.”

“It used to be a good caring school with high achievers that catered for all abilities”

“Friendly + welcoming, quality of the teaching staff, inclusive ethos, location.”

“Brookside seemed a very friendly, happy school, always doing fun things, while the children are still learning & most of all enjoying themselves. All the children are involved it seems a fun place to learn”

“A small friendly, inviting school”

“School policies and location”

