

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2014 Fieldwork: 19th August - 2nd September 2011

Parents Children

q1_1. Teachers should be allowed to be tougher when it comes to discipline : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	6%	24%
Net: Agree	91%	62%
No opinion	3%	10%
Don't know	1%	3%

q1_2. 'Corporal punishment, such as the cane or slipper, should be reintroduced for very bad behaviour' : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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nweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	45%	71%
Net: Agree	49%	19%
No opinion	4%	6%
Don't know	2%	4%

q1_3. Teachers need to have more authority in the classroom : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	4%	15%
Net: Agree	93%	68%
No opinion	3%	13%
Don't know	1%	4%



q1_4. Teachers should have more freedom to teach as they please : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	17%	9%
Net: Agree	74%	69%
No opinion	8%	15%
Don't know	2%	7%

q1_5. Teachers should change their teaching style to suit each individual child : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	16%	12%
Net: Agree	75%	70%
No opinion	7%	13%
Don't know	2%	5%

q1_6. I think it is acceptable for parents to criticise a teacher in front of other people : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	65%	41%
Net: Agree	23%	38%
No opinion	9%	14%
Don't know	2%	7%



q2_1. Shouting at children : Now we'd like you to think about the ways in which teachers discipline children. How strongly do you agree or disagree that each of the following things is an acceptable form of discipline by teachers?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	34%	47%
Net: Agree	55%	41%
No opinion	10%	9%
Don't know	1%	3%

q2_2. Lunchtime detention : Now we'd like you to think about the ways in which teachers discipline children.How strongly do you agree or disagree that each of the following things is an acceptable form of discipline by teachers?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	10%	25%
Net: Agree	87%	64%
No opinion	2%	8%
Don't know	0%	2%

q2_3. After school detention : Now we'd like you to think about the ways in which teachers discipline children. How strongly do you agree or disagree that each of the following things is an acceptable form of discipline by teachers?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	9%	31%
Net: Agree	88%	60%
No opinion	2%	7%
Don't know	1%	2%



q2_4. Writing lines : Now we'd like you to think about the ways in which teachers discipline children. How strongly do you agree or disagree that each of the following things is an acceptable form of discipline by teachers?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	15%	29%
Net: Agree	77%	57%
No opinion	7%	12%
Don't know	0%	2%

q2_5. Sending children out of class : Now we'd like you to think about the ways in which teachers discipline children.How strongly do you agree or disagree that each of the following things is an acceptable form of discipline by teachers?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	8%	13%
Net: Agree	89%	79%
No opinion	3%	7%
Don't know	0%	2%

q2_6. Smacking / caning children : Now we'd like you to think about the ways in which teachers discipline children.How strongly do you agree or disagree that each of the following things is an acceptable form of discipline by teachers?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	53%	77%
Net: Agree	40%	14%
No opinion	6%	5%
Don't know	2%	3%



q2_7. Expelling / suspending children : Now we'd like you to think about the ways in which teachers discipline children.How strongly do you agree or disagree that each of the following things is an acceptable form of discipline by teachers?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	12%	23%
Net: Agree	84%	62%
No opinion	4%	10%
Don't know	1%	5%

q2_8. Embarrassing children in front of other people : Now we'd like you to think about the ways in which teachers discipline children.How strongly do you agree or disagree that each of the following things is an acceptable form of discipline by teachers?

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Net: Disagree	71%	75%
Net: Agree	21%	15%
No opinion	6%	6%
Don't know	2%	4%



q3. Which of the following teaching qualities and traits do you think are most important in a teacher? (Please select all that apply)

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Parents	2014	543
Strictness	41%	26%
Ability to induce fear	8%	6%
Ability to command respect	81%	41%
A sense of authority	79%	37%
Relaxed approach / attitude	27%	57%
Patience	78%	68%
Calmness	65%	55%
Friendliness / matey with the children	17%	58%
A sense of humour / fun	65%	80%
Ability to inspire	86%	57%
Academic rigour	33%	15%
Passion for their subject	84%	59%
None of these	0%	1%
Don't know	1%	3%

q4. Which, if any, of the following people do you think would make the perfect MALE teacher? (Please select all that apply)

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Alan Carr	2%	13%
Alan Sugar	25%	16%
Albus Dumbledore (from Harry Potter)	24%	36%
Boris Johnson	6%	6%
David Attenborough	35%	11%
David Beckham	8%	23%
David Cameron	9%	7%
Duncan Bannatyne	16%	6%
Ed Miliband	4%	3%
James Corden	4%	15%
Jamie Oliver	21%	26%
Jeremy Clarkson	13%	19%
John Keating (played by Robin Williams in		
Dead Poets Society)	16%	2%
Lewis Hamilton	3%	15%
Louis Theroux	14%	3%
Michael Mcintyre	9%	25%
Mr Miyagi (from the Karate Kid)	18%	20%
Nick Clegg	4%	4%
Peter Jones	18%	4%
Peter Kay	6%	19%
Piers Morgan	8%	9%
Ross Kemp (Grant Mitchell from Eastenders)	16%	10%
Simon Cowell	11%	18%
Stephen Fry	40%	17%
Will Schuester (from Glee)	5%	12%
Yoda (from Star Wars)	13%	26%
None of these	7%	4%
Don't know	7%	10%



q5. Which, if any, of the following people do you think would make the perfect FEMALE teacher? (Please select all that apply)

Unweighted Base	2014	530
Parents	2014	543
Alesha Dixon	5%	15%
Amanda Holden	9%	17%
Carol Vorderman	48%	15%
Cheryl Cole	4%	25%
Danni Minogue	4%	16%
Dawn French	27%	15%
Deborah Meaden	13%	5%
Elle Macpherson	4%	7%
Gaby Logan	12%	4%
Helen Mirren	36%	7%
Holly Willoughby	8%	15%
JK Rowling	31%	40%
Kate Middleton	11%	21%
Kelly Holmes	18%	11%
Kylie Minogue	4%	15%
Miss Honey (from Matilda)	11%	26%
Moira Stewart	21%	2%
Nigella Lawson	18%	8%
Sarah Beeny	16%	4%
Sue Sylvester (from Glee)	3%	8%
Ann Widdecombe	16%	3%
None of these	9%	5%
Don't know	9%	17%

q6_1. Teachers are respected less by pupils now than when I was at school : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	7%
Net: Agree	85%
No opinion	6%
Don't know	3%



q6_2. Teachers need to gain more respect from their pupils in order to properly discipline them : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	8%
Net: Agree	86%
No opinion	5%
Don't know	1%

q6_3. A lack of discipline is a big factor in the lack of respect teachers receive from their pupils : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	6%
Net: Agree	89%
No opinion	4%
Don't know	2%

q6_4. I faced much tougher discipline from teachers when I was at school : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	8%
Net: Agree	83%
No opinion	7%
Don't know	2%



q6_5. Teachers should have a higher selfimage when it comes to their job : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	4%
Net: Agree	
No opinion	20%
Don't know	5%

q6_6. Teachers should be exempt from funding cuts such as salary and pensions : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	36%
Net: Agree	45%
No opinion	16%
Don't know	3%

q6_7. We should not be cutting back on spending where education is concerned : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	11%
Net: Agree	81%
No opinion	7%
Don't know	1%



q6_8. I am more likely to support industrial action taken by teaching staff over other groups of workers : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	40%
Net: Agree	
No opinion	
Don't know	4%

q6_9. Teachers play a vital role in determining the strength of our future economy and society : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	4%
Net: Agree	88%
No opinion	6%
Don't know	2%

q6_10. I'd prefer teachers to keep their salary and pensions rather than have to deal with the financial disruption that industrial action causes me : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	26%
Net: Agree	52%
No opinion	18%
Don't know	4%



q7. Now we'd like you to think back to when you were at school. Which, if any, of the following forms of discipline were used by your teachers? (Please select all that apply)

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Shouting at children	84%
Lunchtime detention	69%
After school detention	83%
Writing lines	82%
Sending children out of class	90%
Smacking / caning children	53%
Expelling / suspending children	82%
Embarrassing pupils in front of other people	64%
Other	7%
None of these	1%

q8_1. I'd like teachers to be able to administer the same level of discipline that they were able to in my school days : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	16%
Net: Agree	
No opinion	8%
Don't know	3%



q8_2. I'm concerned that teachers have become more fearful of the children they are teaching : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	4%
Net: Agree	91%
No opinion	4%
Don't know	1%

q8_3. I'm concerned that teachers are now more fearful of the parents of their pupils : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	5%
Net: Agree	86%
No opinion	6%
Don't know	2%

q8_4. I'm concerned that teachers worry they may face legal action if they chose to discipline a child : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	5%
Net: Agree	90%
No opinion	4%
Don't know	2%



q8_5. I worry that teachers appear to have less authority in the classroom these days : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	4%
Net: Agree	90%
No opinion	5%
Don't know	1%

q8_6. I would like teachers to have more authority over parents as well as children : How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Unweighted Base	2014
Parents	2014
Net: Disagree	23%
Net: Agree	60%
No opinion	13%
Don't know	4%

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