



School Meal Survey 2017

Low Moor C. of E. Primary School



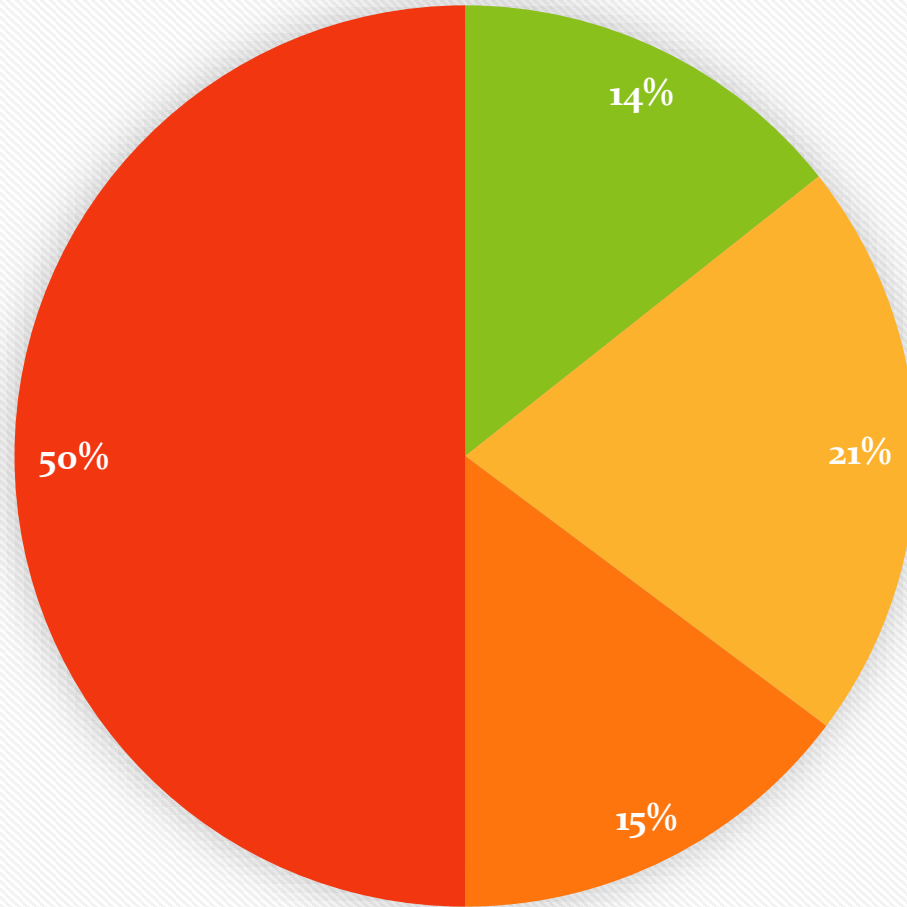


Parental School Meal Survey

- On 16th October 2017 we asked parents to complete an electronic questionnaire about school meals.
- The purpose was to find out how often children have a school meal and the reasons for choosing a school meal or packed lunch from home.
- The questionnaire was sent to 414 parents and we had 238 responses (57.5%).
- Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our questionnaire.



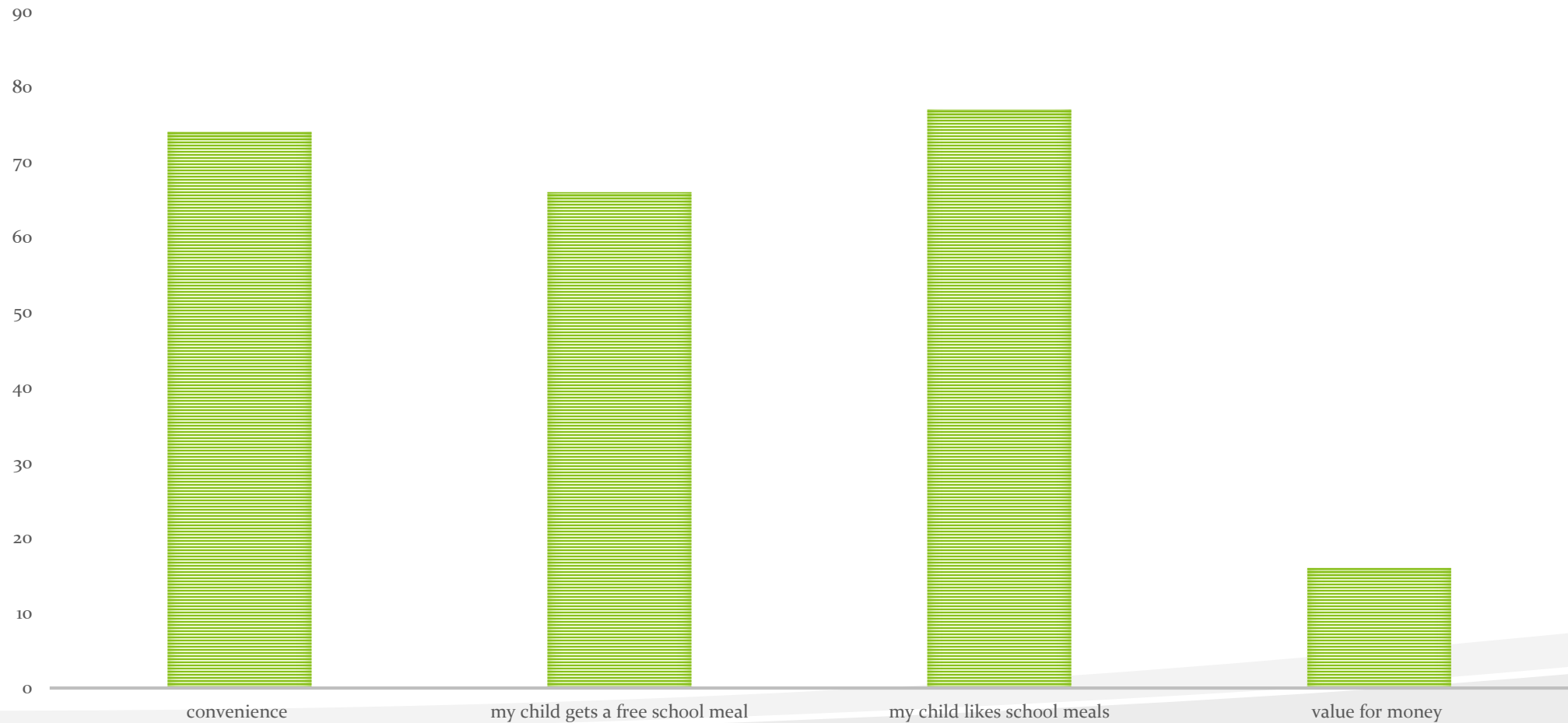
How often does your child have a school meal?



- never - my child has a packed lunch
- some days (1-2 days)
- most days (3-4 days)
- every day




If your child has a school meal, what is the reason for them doing so?



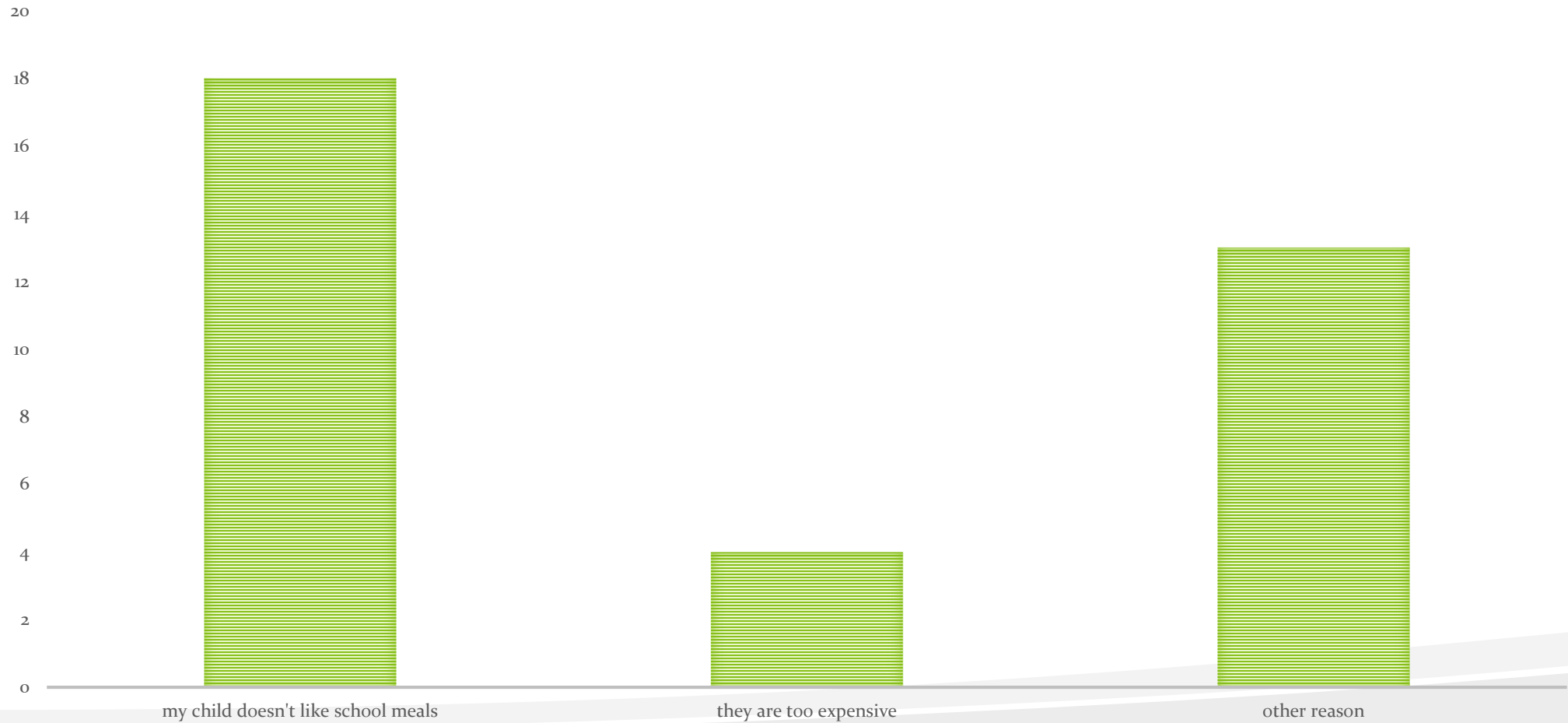


More detailed responses include:

- “I like my child to have a warm meal”
- “Variety”
- “It’s a warm fulfilling dinner for little money”
- “Despite the cost, we believe that a hot meal (especially in Autumn/ Winter) is essential.”
- “My child likes school meals “
- “It saves me time preparing a lunch with my busy schedule”
- “My child likes what is on offer on Thursdays”
- “It's much nicer to have a choice of a warm meal rather than having sandwiches everyday.”



If your child never has a school meal, what is the main reason?





More detailed responses include:

- “My child doesn't like the dinners apart from Thursday which is pizza day”
- “My child is a fussy eater”
- “He doesn't eat much when having school dinners. If I send a packed lunch, I can check what he ate.”
- “He has packed lunches alternate weeks because his friends have them and he wanted to try them.”
- “Prefers sandwiches”
- “Packed lunch is cheaper when you have 3 kids.”

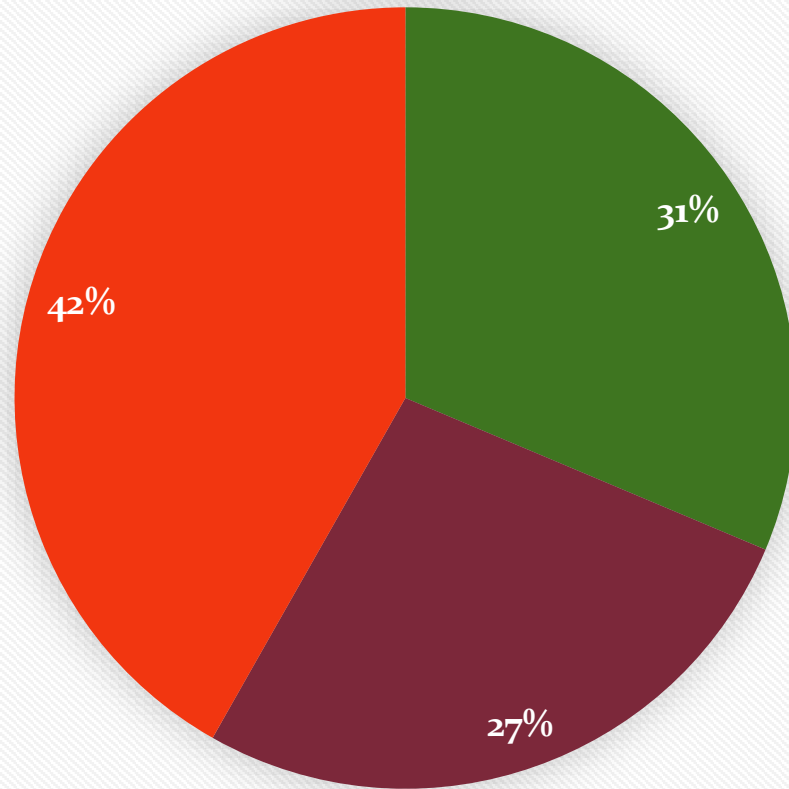


What do our children think about school meals?

- We also asked children in years 2-6 a few questions about school meals.
- We had some really interesting responses – thank you for taking part and being so honest!



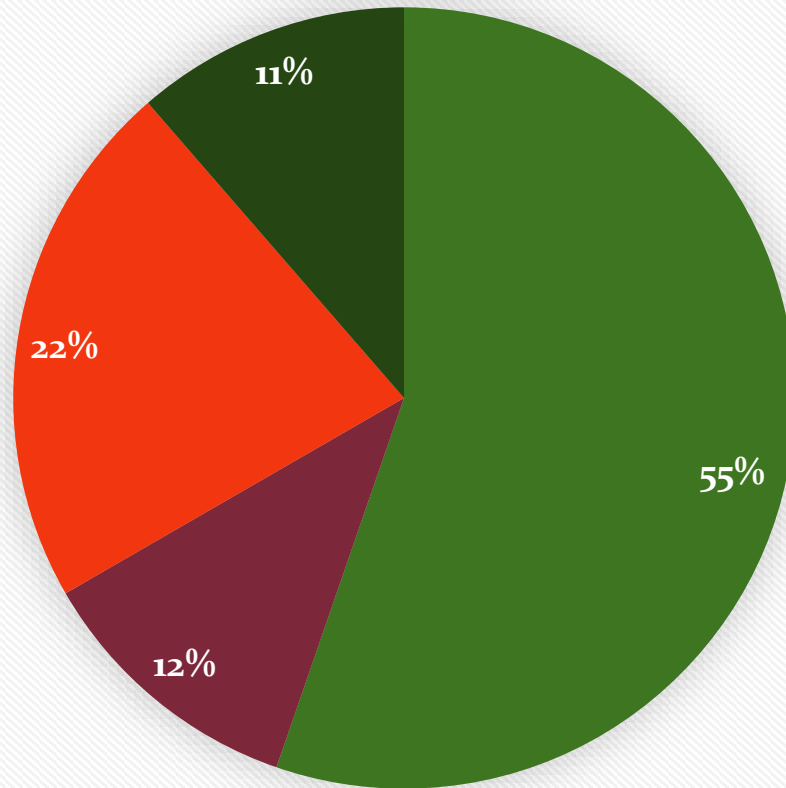
Why do you stay for lunch?




- Parents decision
- I like all the meals
- I like some of the meals



Which type of dinner do you prefer?



- Hot dinner option
- Sandwich option
- Jacket potato option
- Other (pizza)



Is there anything else that would make lunchtimes more enjoyable?

- We had lots of excellent ideas from each class.
- We have decided to make the following changes:
 1. To eat outside when it's warm/sunny
 2. To play Christian pop music in the hall during lunchtimes
 3. To include fresh milkshakes on the desert menu cycle