



Year 7 Parents' Evening Survey Results (November 2016)

Return rate was 53% (79 surveys returned from 150 attendees)

1. Primary to Secondary Transition

How important were the following factors in choosing Caldew School for your child?

	Very important	Important	Not important
Distance from home	22	37	20
School's atmosphere	62	17	0
Good pastoral care	47	24	4
Buildings	12	42	17
Good facilities	53	12	1
After school clubs	18	36	19
Reputation for behaviour and discipline	72	6	0
Exam results	59	18	2
Open Evening	29	32	13
Views of other parents	25	34	10

Our Year 6 Open Evening started at 6.30pm. Was this:

Too late	Too early	Just right	No reply
8	0	63	7

Thinking back to your child's transition day/s in July, what were your views and your child's views about the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
The lessons and activities on offer were engaging and interesting	33	42	2	0	0
It made your child less nervous about starting at Caldew	47	29	0	1	0
It was helpful in ensuring your child made friends	33	37	6	0	0
It was reassuring to meet your child's Personal Tutor at the end of the day	40	33	0	0	0

Do you think your child has settled in to Caldew School?

Yes	No	No reply
54	0	24

2. Communication

How satisfied are you with the communication from Caldew School?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Not satisfied	Don't know
Contact with Personal Tutor	36	36	2	1

Discussion at Target Setting Evening in early September	36	34	3	2
Letters and information sent home	43	33	1	0
Student planners	43	34	0	1
School website	38	37	0	1
Parents' Evening	40	34	0	0

3. Parents' Evening

Tonight's Parents' Evening started at 5.30pm. Do you think an earlier start at 4.30pm would be more convenient to you?

Yes	No	No reply
22	53	3

4. iPay Online Payment System for School Meals

Do you use iPay?

Yes	No	No reply
50	15	0

If yes, would you use iPay for other payments e.g. music lessons, school trips?

Yes	No	No reply
50	20	0

If no, please indicate why you don't use iPay:

I haven't received registration details	2
I prefer to use the cash deposits machines in school	8
I do not wish to pay the credit/debit card charges	9
My child does not use the dining hall in school	0
Other (see below)	3

- Child has Free School Meals
- Child has a packed lunch
- Would like more information

Other Comments:

A range of other comments were made and a summary is given below:

- Appointment system at Parents' Evening needs to be reviewed
- Positive feedback regarding transition
- Transition evening for parents to meet key staff
- Concerns about setting targets too early in Year 7/interim assessment and the effect on students' confidence.
- Unclear about how assessment system works