



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

**Department of Education
Quality Management in Education: Self Evaluation Review**

RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE TO PARENT COUNCILS

In January 2008, as part of our self evaluation processes, we circulated a questionnaire to seek the views of Parent Councils on the work of the Department. Forty questionnaires were issued and 15 completed forms were returned. Our grateful thanks go to all who responded.

The following is the analysis of the responses.

Q1. LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. The education department is having an impact on raising standards of education across our area.		47%	40%	6%	6%
2. The department recognises the achievements of the school.	6%	67%	13%	6%	6%
3. Elected members are actively involved in supporting the school's plans for improvement.	6%	47%	33%	6%	6%
4. The education department is good at letting us know about new initiatives to improve education in the Comhairle area.	13%	33%	47%	7%	
5. The department is effective in promoting equal opportunities.		67%		6%	27%
6. We know about the department's priorities for improvement.		53%	27%		20%
7. We have an effective working relationship with Heads of Service/Directorate staff in the department.		20%	33%	20%	27%
8. The education department is well led.		27%	13%	20%	40%

Q2. IMPACT ON LEARNERS/ PARENTS/CARERS AND FAMILIES	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. The education department gives our school appropriate resources so that it can continue to improve the quality of education of our children.	13%	47%	20%	6%	13%
2. If parents raise an issue of concern about their child with staff in the Comhairle offices, they take appropriate action.	6%	20%	13%	13%	47%
3. Different services (e.g. social services, health services) work together effectively with the school to help children and families.	6%	60%	27%		6%
4. The department promotes opportunities for pupils to learn about keeping healthy.	33%	60%			6%
5. There are good opportunities for pupils to participate in sporting initiatives in the Comhairle area.	40%	53%	6%		
6. There are good opportunities for pupils to participate in cultural initiatives such as art, music and drama in the Comhairle area.	13%	80%	6%		
7. Parents/carers and families feel that they are treated fairly by the department.		40%	13%	13%	33%
8. Parents are aware of how the department's procedures for supporting pupils would be implemented in practice.	6%	27%	20%	13%	33%

Q3 PARTICIPATION OF LEARNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. Through consultation we have a chance to influence the aims and plans for education.		40%	13%	20%	27%
2. The authority provides good opportunities for parents/carers to access adult learning in the Comhairle area.		60%	20%		20%

Q4. IMPROVING SERVICES	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. We are aware of how standards of education in the authority compare to national standards of education.	6%	67%	6%		20%
2. There is a high standard of education in our Comhairle area.	13%	60%	27%		