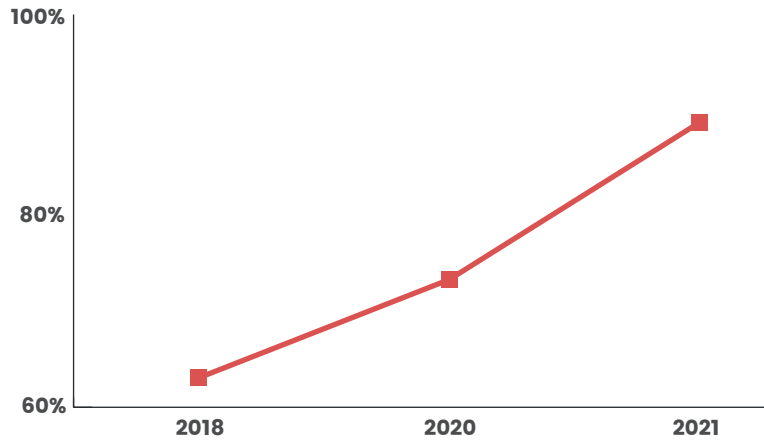


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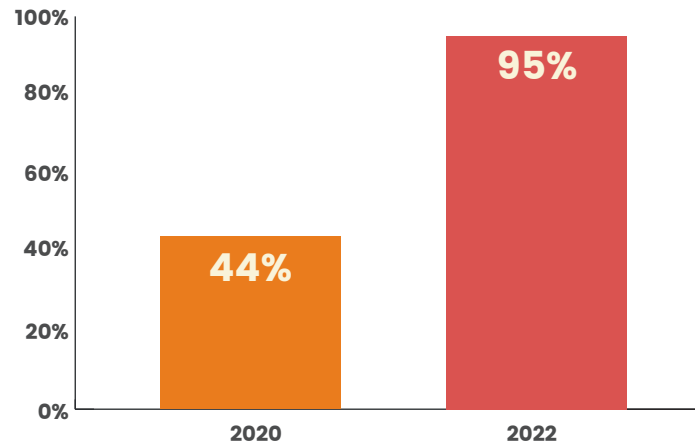
WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Are children under too much pressure because of SATs? (% of parents who agree)



Source: 2018, YouGov, 596 parents of primary-age children; 2020, YouGov, 2028 parents of primary-age children; 2021, YouGov, 2012 parents of primary-age children

Do SATs have a negative impact on wellbeing? (% of parents who agree)

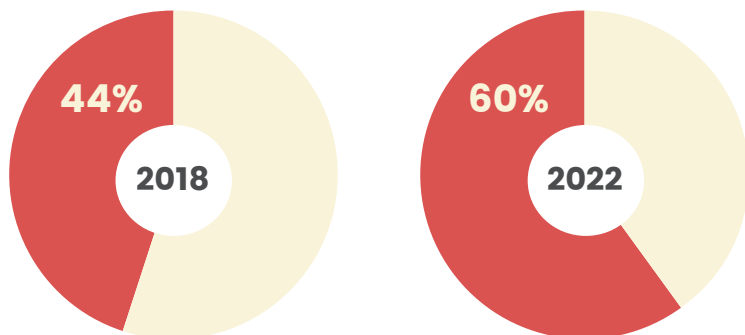


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Times Education Commission, 2022

Overwhelmingly [parents] prioritise wellbeing over academic attainment

Percentage of Year 6 children who are worried about sitting SATs



Source: 2018, YouGov, 1148 children in England; 2022, YouGov, 1509 children in year 6

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Year 6 children say they weren't sleeping because of SATs

Source: YouGov, 2022, 1509 children in year 6

96%

Of heads say SATs have a negative impact on wellbeing

Source: YouGov, 2019, 230 primary school heads

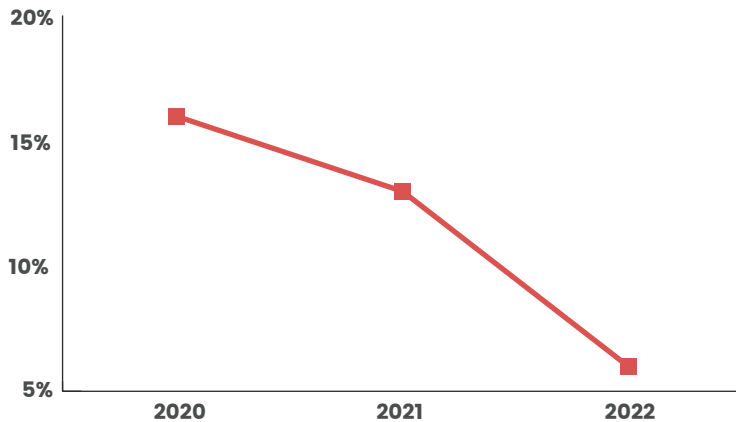
Wellbeing should be at the heart of education

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Are SATs a fair and useful way to measure schools? (% of parents who agree)



Source: 2020, YouGov, 2028 parents of primary-age children; 2021, YouGov, 2012 parents of primary-age children; 2022, YouGov, 1059 parents of children 18 and under

8TH

SATs come 8th in a list of factors parents use to choose a school; league tables come 10th

Source: YouGov, 2020, 2028 parents of primary-age children

85%

of parents don't use SATs to choose a school

Source: Parentkind, 2022, 1756 parents of primary- and secondary-age children

Word of mouth and local reputation were king when selecting schools, Ofsted was used by some parents, whereas SATs were almost universally ignored

Source: Public First research with parents in 'Red Wall' constituencies, December 2022

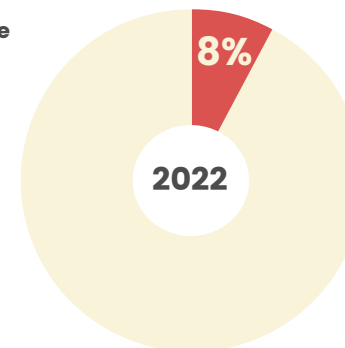
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High-stakes assessment has become the tail that wags the dog

The accountability system and the assessment process have become muddled up

Will SATs results provide meaningful data about your school's performance?

■ % of heads agree
■ % of heads disagree



Source: NAHT, 2022, 2000+ school leaders

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CURRICULUM/PUPIL ENGAGEMENT

Are SATs a good way to measure children's progress and achievements at school?

2020

71%
of parents don't believe SATs measure how well their children are doing

2022

83%
say SATs don't measure all that children can do

Source: 2020, YouGov, 2028 parents of primary-age children; 2022, YouGov, 1059 parents of children 18 and under

95% of **HEADS** think too much time is spent preparing for SATs

Source: YouGov, 2019, 230 primary school heads

ONLY 10% of **HEADS** agree that 2022 SATs data was a reliable indicator of children's attainment or progress

Source: NAHT, 2022, 2000+ school leaders

41%

of parents believe SATs have a negative effect on their child's love of learning

Source: YouGov, 2020, 2028 parents of primary-age children

Do SATs narrow the curriculum?

PARENTS AGREE

72%

HEADS AGREE

90%

TEACHERS AGREE

86%

0 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Source:

ICAPE, 2022, 536 parents;
Bradbury, UCL Institute of Education, 2019, 288 primary heads;
National Education Union, 2018, 1254 primary teachers

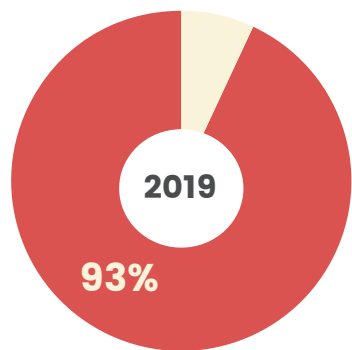
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CURRENT POLICY/THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE

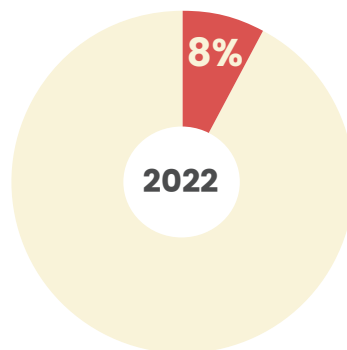
Does anyone support the current assessment system?

Percentage of heads who think the government should review the system



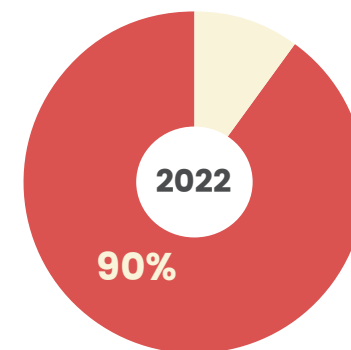
Source: YouGov, 2019, 230 primary school heads

Percentage of parents who strongly support current government policy



Source: YouGov, 2022, 1059 parents of children 18 and under

Percentage of teachers not satisfied with the current system



Source: ICAPE, 2022, 1124 educators

Should the current system change? (% of parents who agree)

2018
want change
to the system

40%

2022
there should be no statutory
assessments in primary

76%

0 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Source: 2018, YouGov, 596 parents of primary-age children; 2022 ICAPE, 536 parents

87% of heads think politicians don't listen to them

Source: YouGov, 2019, 230 primary school heads

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