

# School Readiness Survey

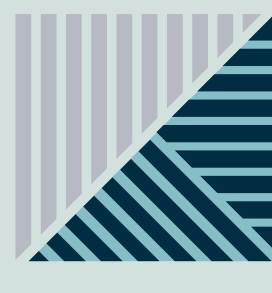
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To understand what school readiness looked like in the September 2023 Reception cohort, we conducted focus groups and surveyed over 1,000 teachers and 1,000 parents of Reception children.

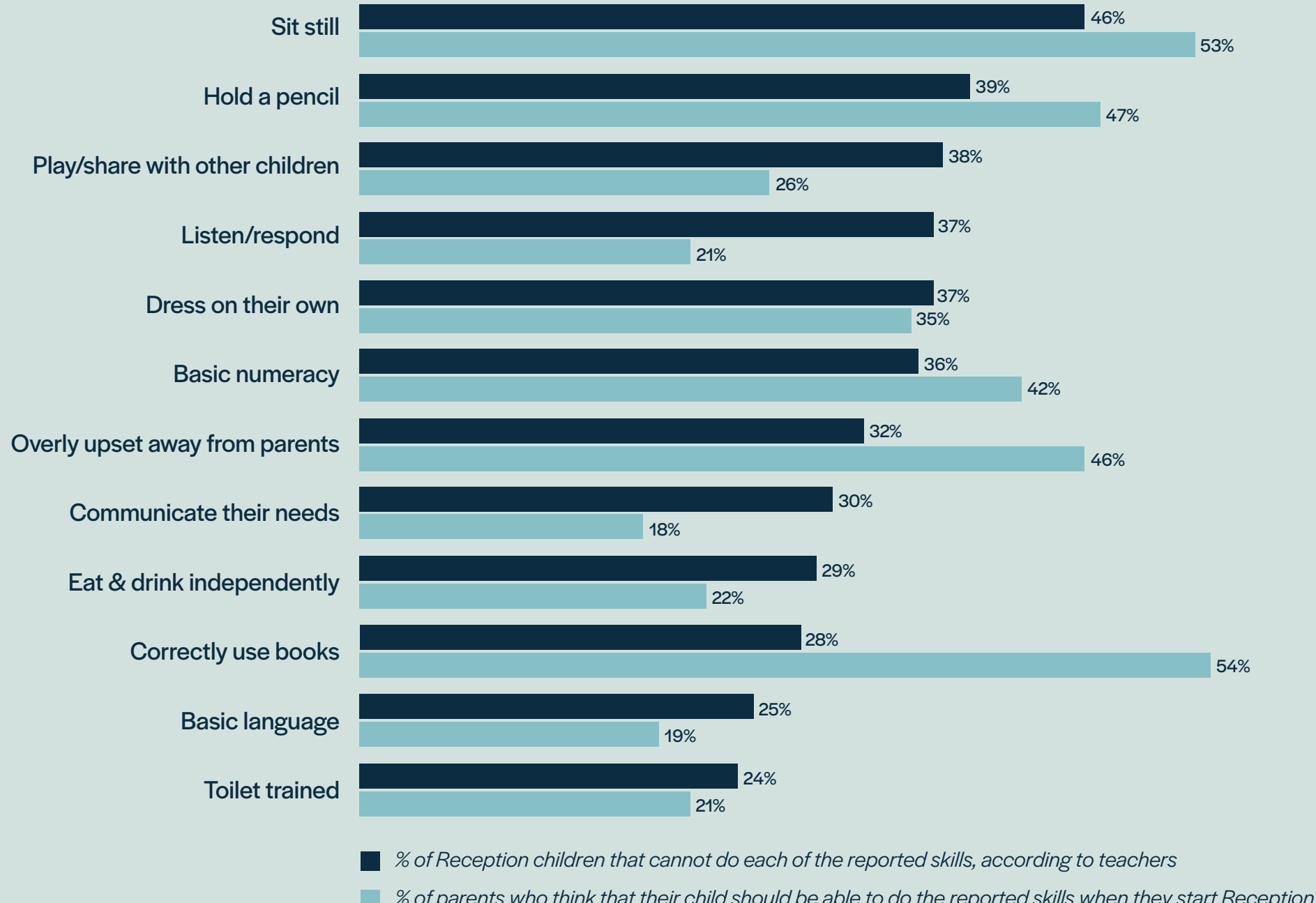
This research was conducted by Savanta on behalf of Kindred².

## Perceptions of school readiness

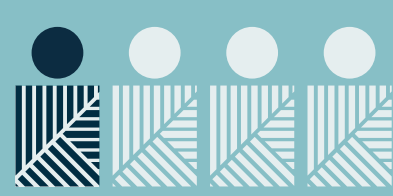


**50%**

of school staff say the school readiness problem is worse than in September 2022



## A look at toilet training

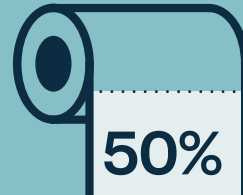


**1 in 4 children**

starting Reception class are not toilet trained, according to teachers



90% of school staff report at least one child in a 2023 Reception class who is not toilet trained



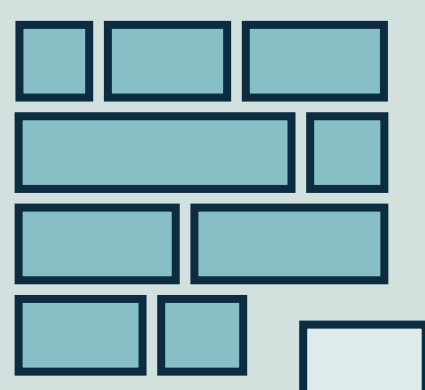
50% of parents think it is their sole responsibility to toilet train their child

## Lack of school readiness affects all children



**On average, approximately a third of the school day is lost.**

## Teachers are bridging the gap



**93%**

of teachers say that their school is increasing or reallocating resources to manage the school readiness issue

**58%**

of teachers report that stress levels are up.

**28%**

of teachers say that staff morale is down

## Too little, too late: the information gap

**22%**



of parents say they've never had a visit from a health visitor

**43%**



of parents say they find out about school readiness too late

**69%**



of school staff think parents should receive more guidance

**Around half**

of parents think more access to affordable (54%) and high quality (45%) childcare would improve school readiness

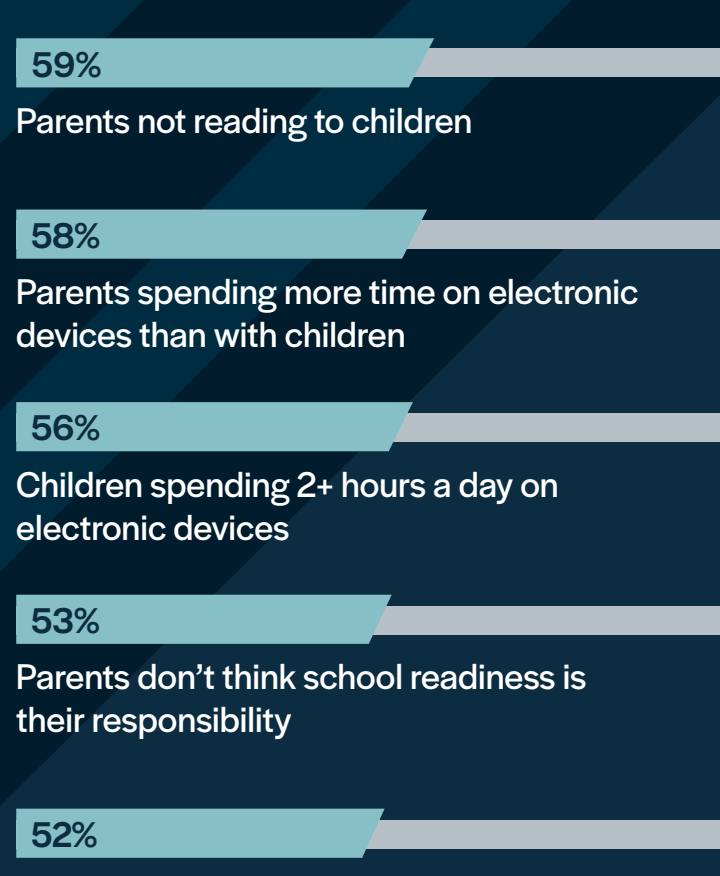
**9 in 10**

parents say their child was ready for school when they started Reception

## Why aren't children ready for school?

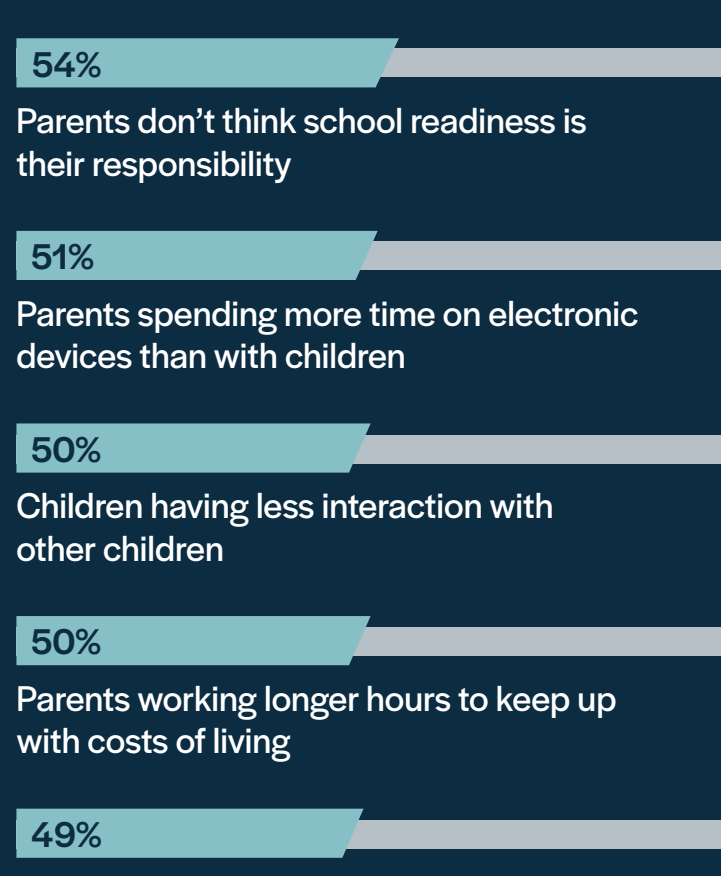
### What school staff think

TOP 5



### What parents think

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