

2024 School Readiness Survey



To understand what school readiness looks like in the September 2024 Reception cohort, we conducted focus groups and surveyed over 1,000 primary school staff and 1,000 parents of Reception children.

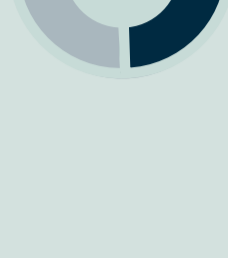
This research was conducted by Savanta on behalf of Kindred².



There is a gulf between parent and primary school staff perceptions of school readiness.



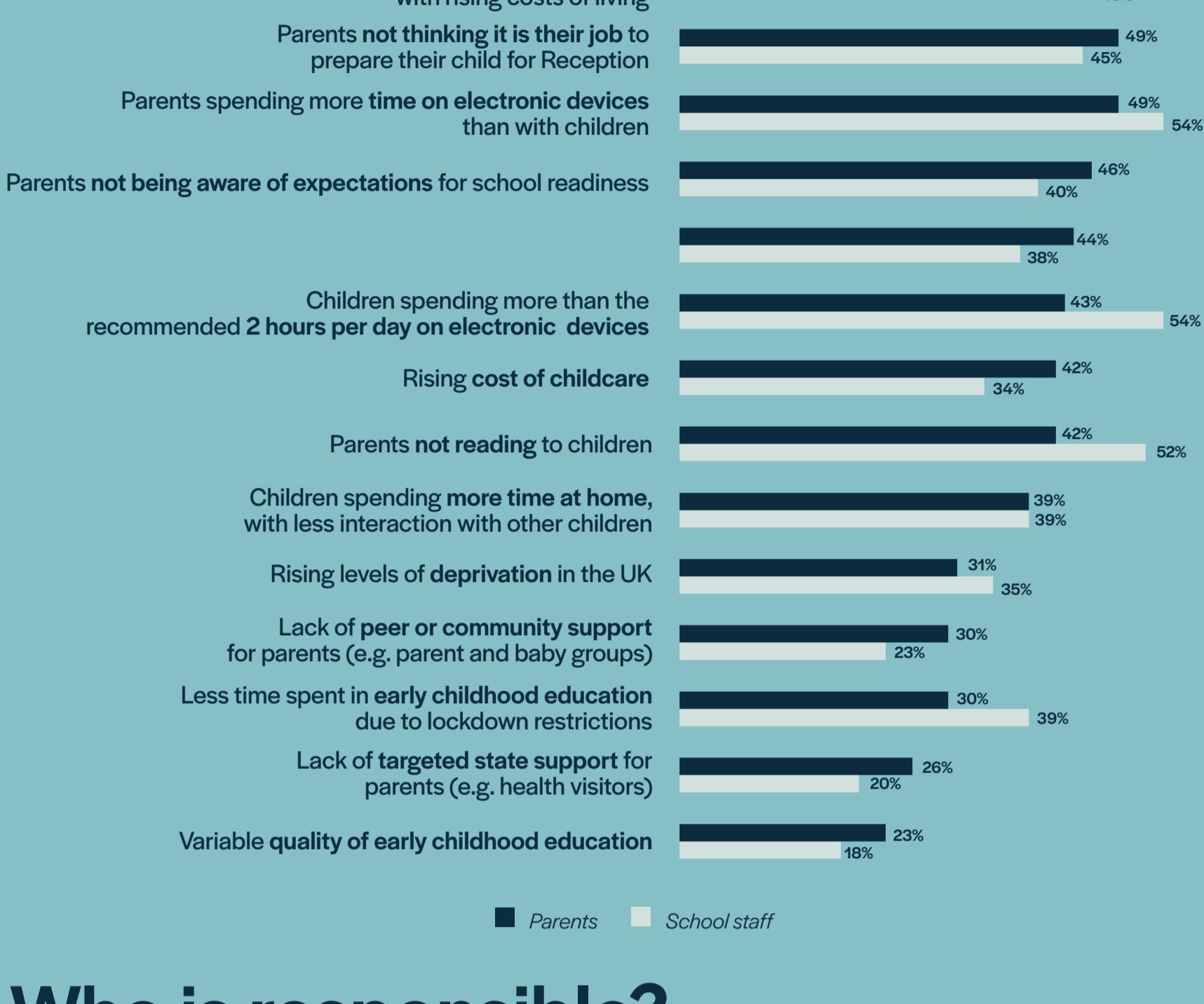
As a result, primary school staff lose an average of 2.4 hours of teacher time per day.



And almost half (49%) of primary school staff tell us that the school readiness problem is worse than last year.

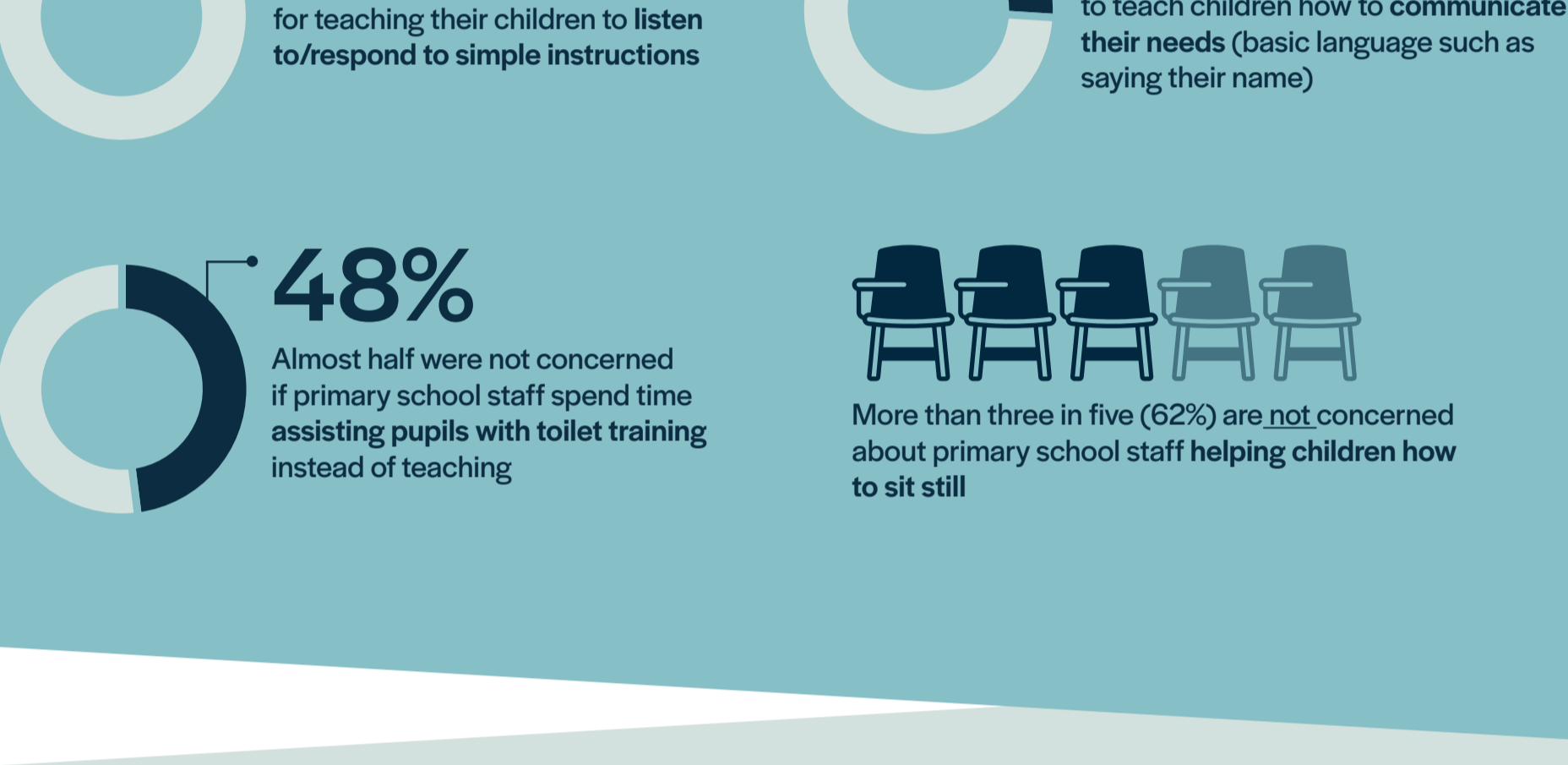
Why aren't children ready for school?

Parents and primary school staff were asked why they thought children starting Reception in 2024 weren't ready for school.



Who is responsible?

We asked parents who they thought was responsible for making sure children meet key developmental milestones before they start school:

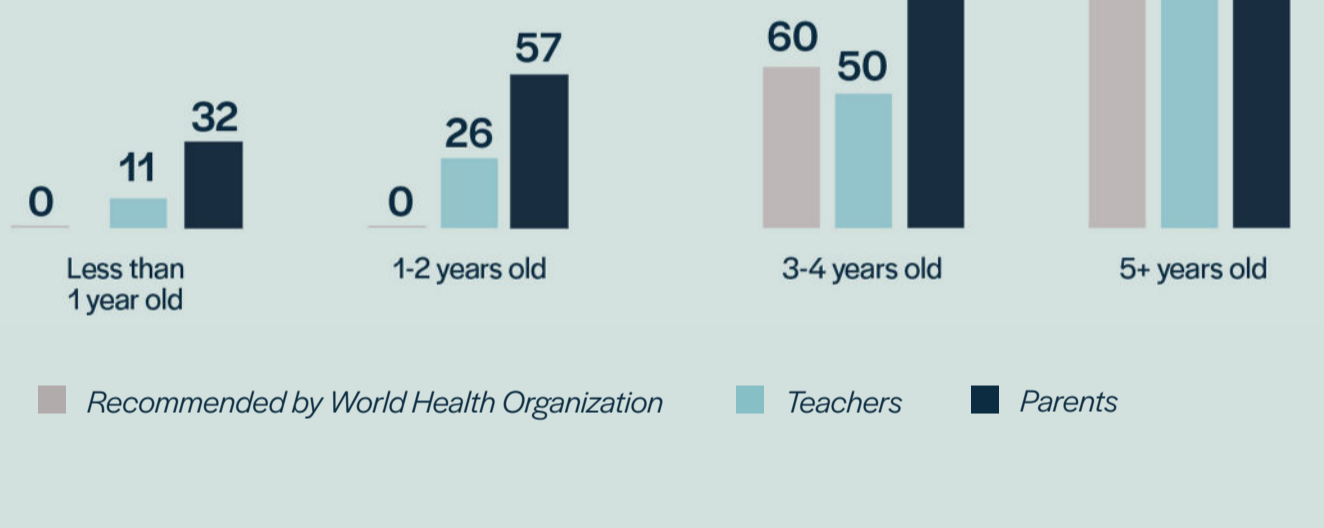


A look at screen time



Primary school staff and parents have different views on how much time children should spend on screens each day:

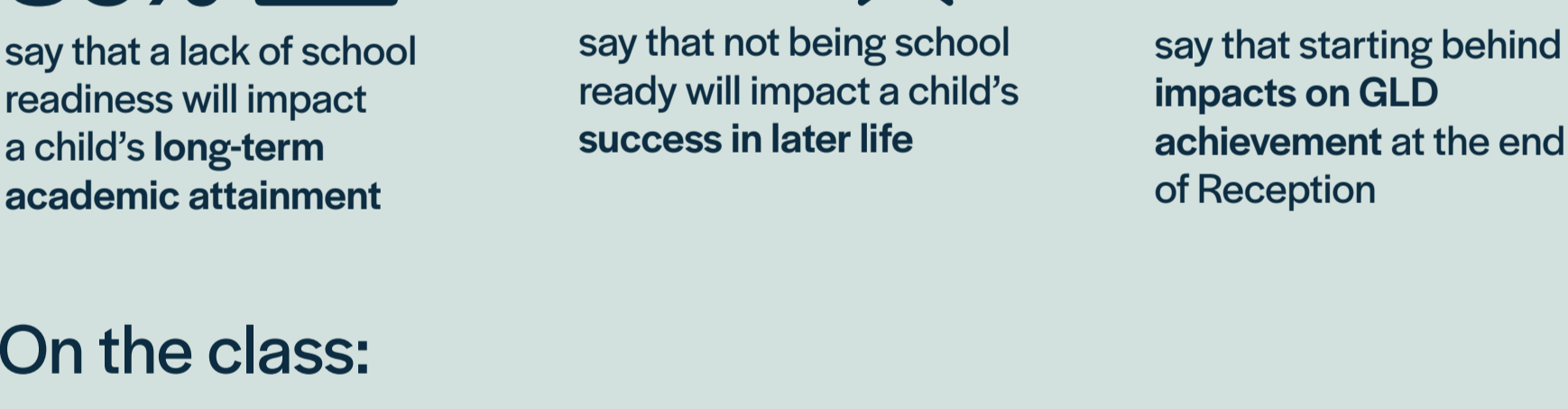
Average appropriate screen time by age of child (minutes)



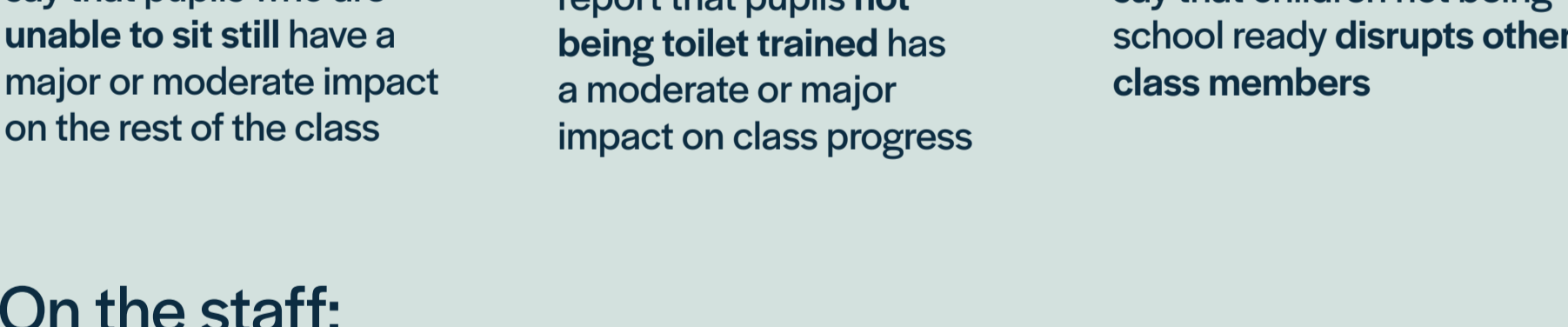
The impact on the school ecosystem

Primary school staff remain clear about the long-term impact of a significant number of children not meeting their developmental milestones:

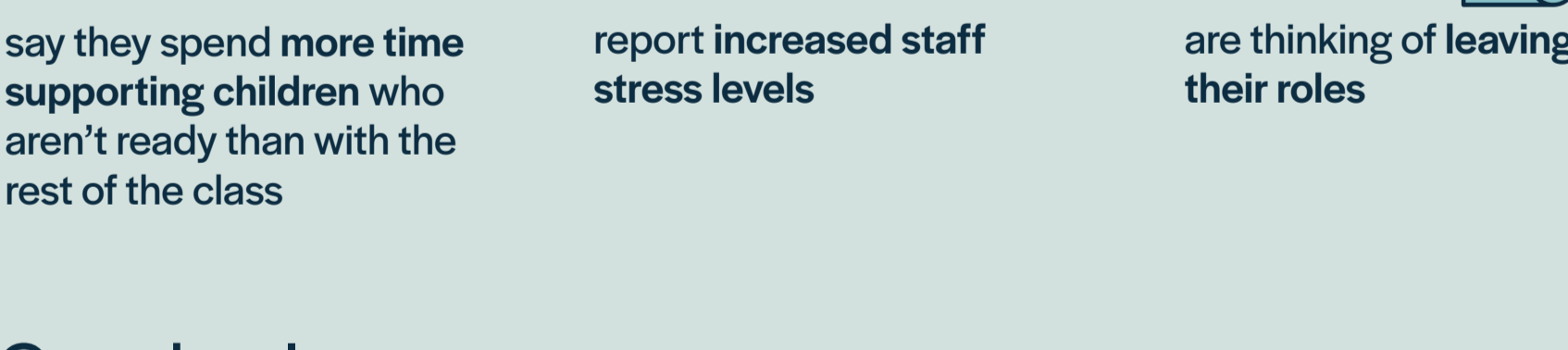
On the child:



On the class:



On the staff:

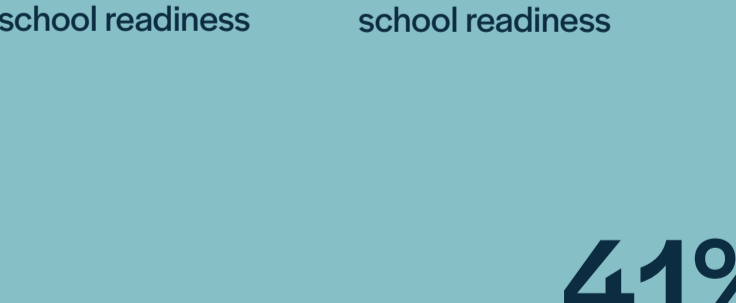


On schools:

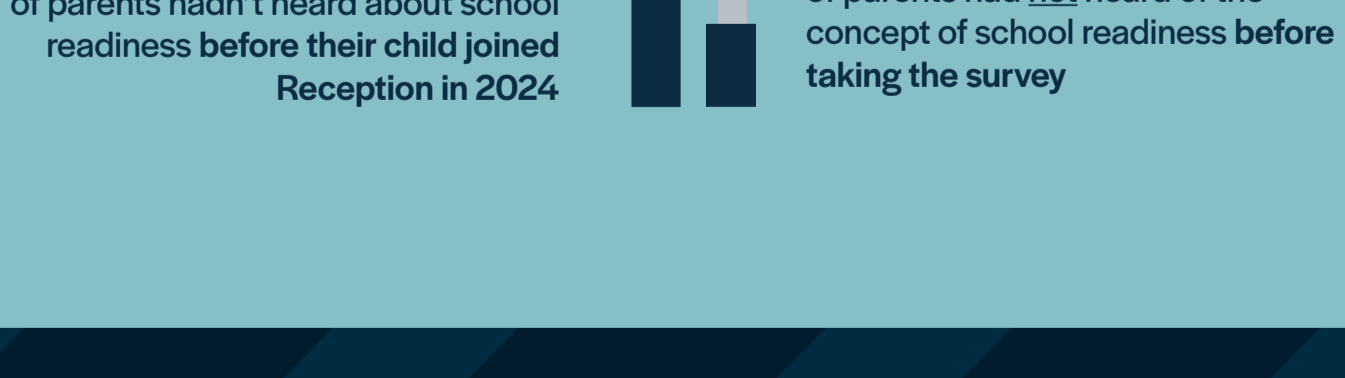


The quality and quantity of information

Primary school staff say:



Parents say:



What would help?

When asked what would help more parents in the UK ensure their child is ready for Reception, parents said:

