

Parent School Co-operation

Herzogenaurach School for pupils with special educational needs

Basic Activities

- ▶ **Parent's school evening**

parents meet the class teacher with other parents two times a year to discuss class work: normally when the school year begins and after the half-year.

- ▶ **Parent teacher contact evening**

parents meet the child's teacher, and other therapists, individually on a programmed basis

- ▶ **Parent teacher assessment meeting**

a parent meets their child's teacher for a pre-arranged review two times in the year to discuss the pupil's school assessment plan

- ▶ **Parent's requested meeting**

an meeting asked for by a parent to discuss specific issues

- ▶ **Home visit**

the possibility of a home visit by agreement between the teacher and the parents

- ▶ Telephone contact
- ▶ School „door-step“ contact
- ▶ Travelling Diary
written frequent short notes connecting the school and parents
- ▶ Talking recorder
electronic voice recorder for children without speech to communicate with their teacher on a personal basis
- ▶ School routine letters
contact with all parents informing schools activities

Additional Activities

- ▶ **School Special Events with Parents**

festivals, projects, outside visits and so on

- ▶ **Class Events Involving Parents**

individual class events

- ▶ **Parent Helper**

parents who act to provide additional help to school staff during class or school events or out-side visits

- ▶ **School Preview Invitation**

prior to joining the school, parents may view a class in action

- ▶ **Parents Information Evening**

a meeting organised by the school, if necessary with specialists, for parents to hear of current topics, educational matters and available public services assistance

Parent's Organisation

- ▶ **Parents independent social evening**
parents organise to meet informally away from home as an opportunity to exchange views
- ▶ **Parent's Representative**
parents vote for a body to represent the pupils' parents
- ▶ **State Representative**
the Länder (state) body is a committee selected from local parent organisations representatives

Planned School Projects

- ▶ School Open Day
- ▶ Pupil and Parents Career Advisory Meeting
- ▶ School website

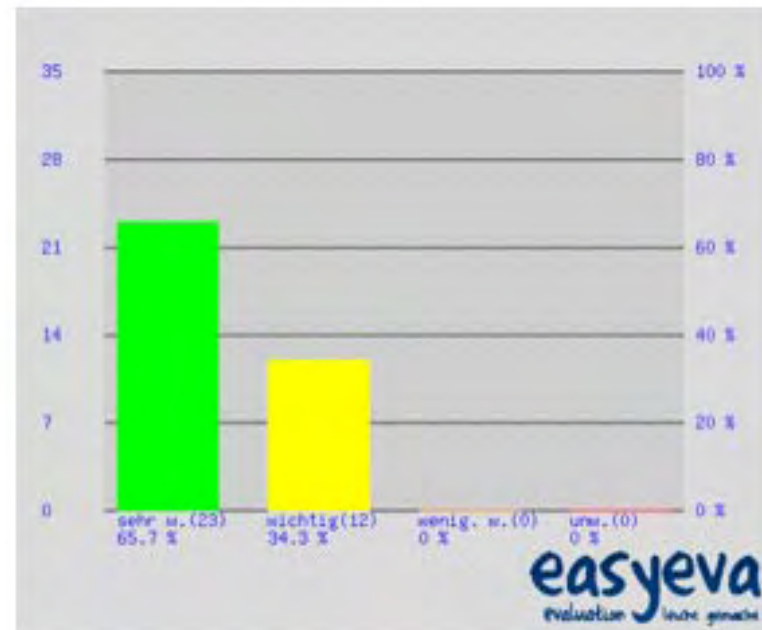
Parent's Questionnaire – Information and Discussion

35 responses of 68 contacted parents

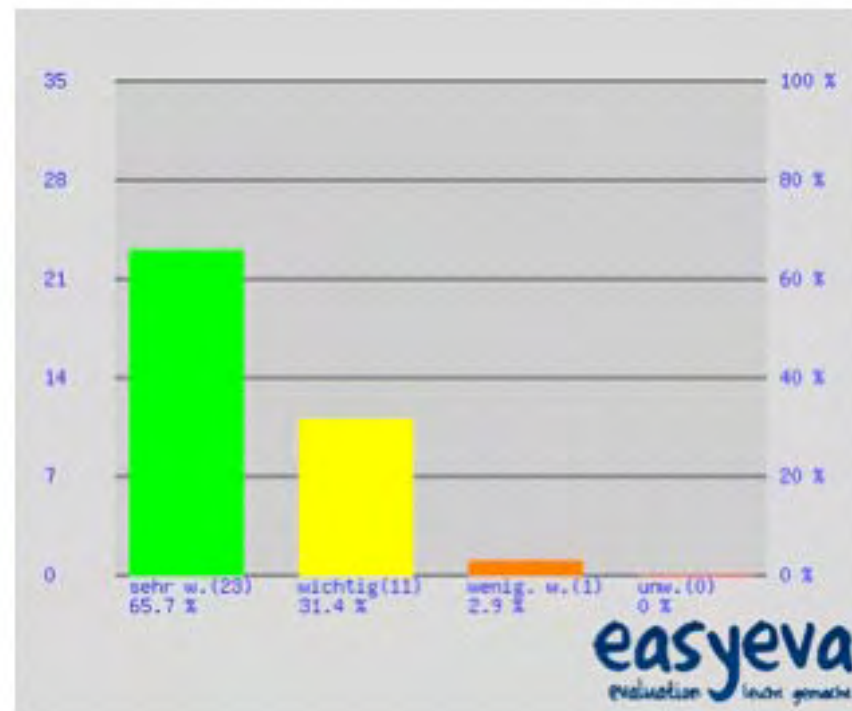


What are the Parent's Wishes?

- ▶ Specific individual information about their children at school
 - *Parents see a higher priority for individual on-going children's assessment than the parents school evening*



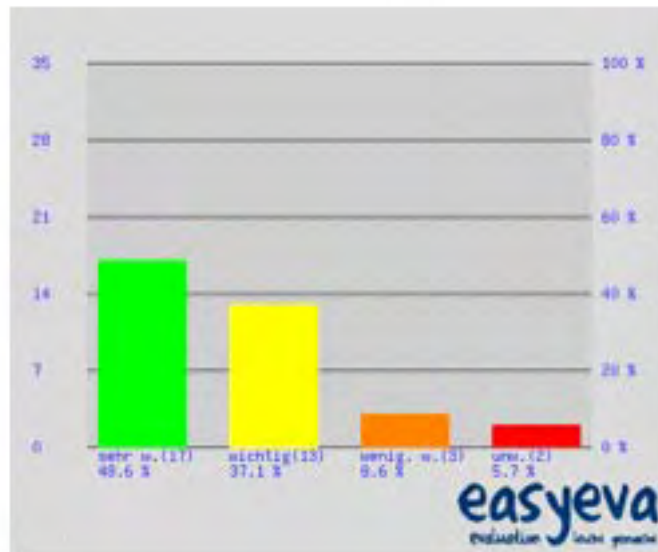
- ▶ **Opportunity for short teacher contact**
such as telephone, on the school door, Travelling Diary or Talking Recorder
→ a priority wish of parents



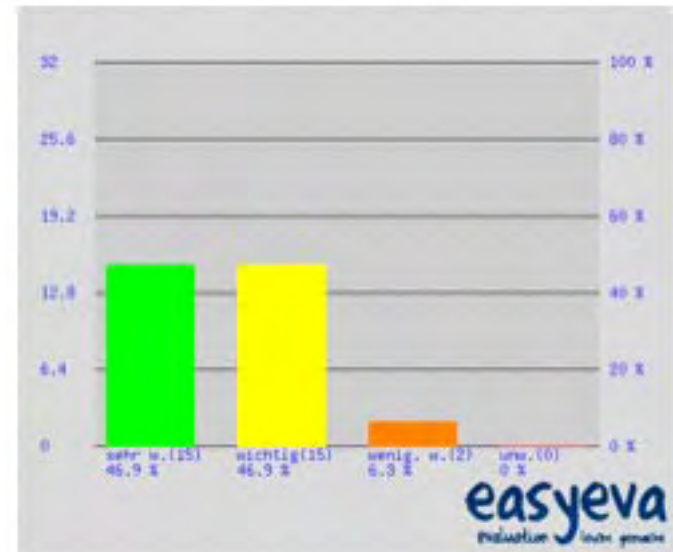
► School assistance information

→ *Parents want a greater range of information before and in the early school years; later also as school leaving approaches*

*especially before
joining school
(how the school works)*

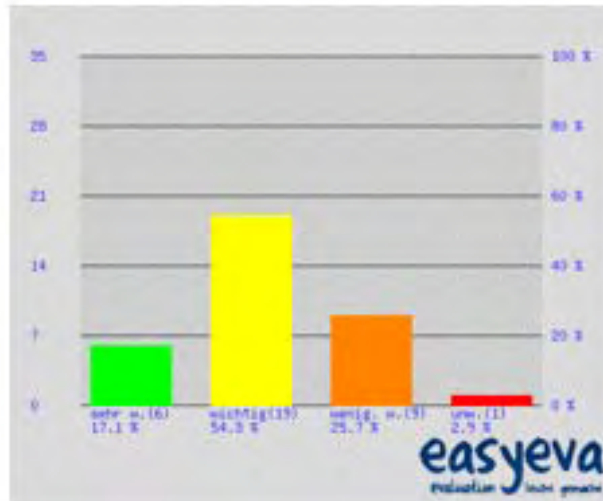


*at a time to assist with
career opportunities
(life after school)*



What can Parents do?

- ▶ Commitment to occasional school special events
(such as Summer open day, for example)



- ▶ Parent helper for special assistance
(a small number of assistants or additional helpers for class or outside visits)

▶ Home visits are not seen as important

→ in careful consideration of a pupils' needs it is very occasionally the school's wish to arrange a home visit to help with the educational assessment

