

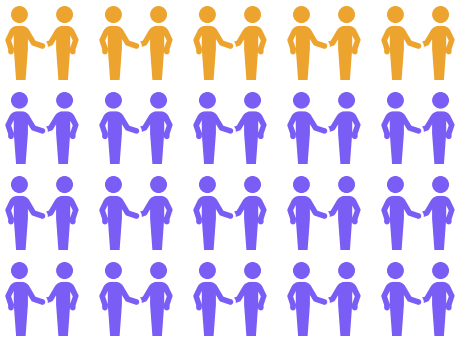
Off to a Good Start? Some facts about the transition to secondary school from Growing Up in Ireland

90%



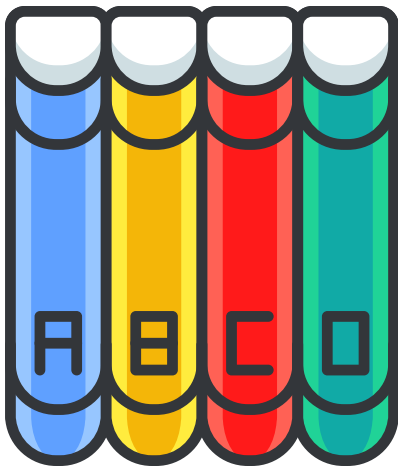
Settling in to school

Around 90% of parents agreed that their child had settled in well to secondary school



Making new friends

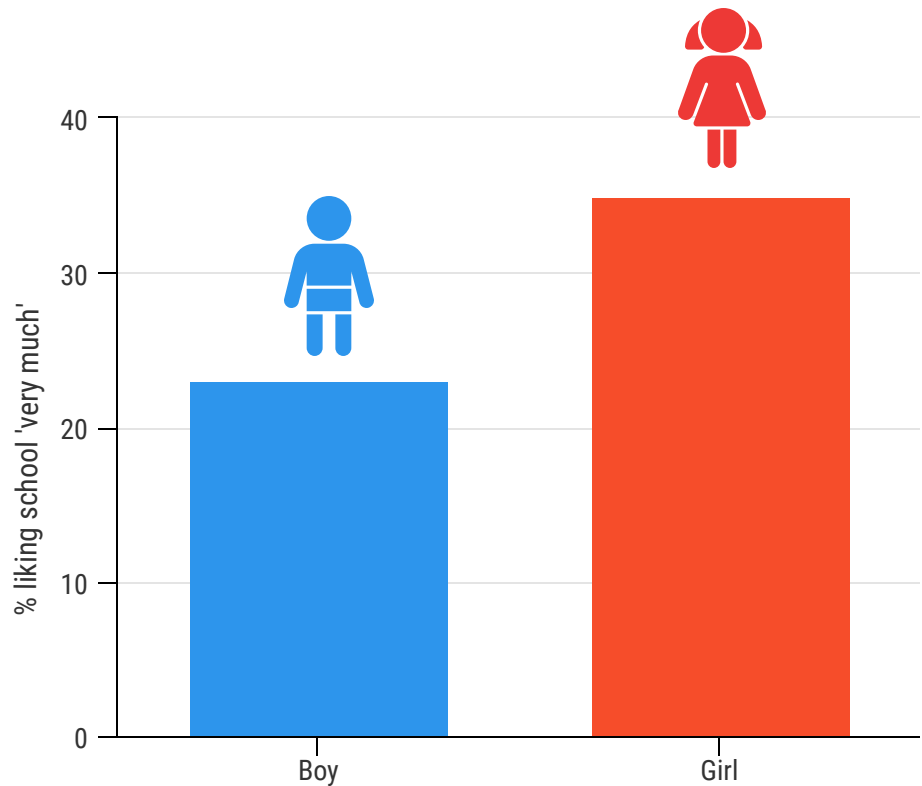
Nearly one-quarter had been anxious about making new friends



Special Educational Needs

Children with SEN were more likely to experience difficulties in the transition to secondary school

Girls were much more likely to like school "very much"



Around one-third of girls said they liked school "very much" at age 13 years compared to less than a quarter of boys

Attitudes to school over time



Nearly 40% of 9-year-olds who had "always" liked school also liked secondary school "very much" at age 13



Only 15% of 9-year-olds who had "never" liked school went on to like secondary school "very much"