

ATL primary school behaviour survey

1,078 UK based ATL members, working in the primary, maintained sector, were questioned between 2 and 16 November 2009.

Key survey results:

	Overall %			
	Better	The same	Worse	Don't know
In your opinion, do you think that the behaviour of primary school pupils has changed over the last few years?				
Past two years	4.7	53.3	38.5	3.5
Past five years	2.2	32.4	55.1	10.3
Past ten years	2.7	16.7	60.8	19.8
In your opinion, do you think that primary school pupils are becoming more aggressive at an earlier age?				
Yes	76			
No	14.9			
Don't know	9.1			
Do you currently have disruptive pupil/pupils in your class?				
Yes	59.8			
No	6			
Not currently, but have had previously	34.3			
If you have dealt with a disruptive pupil, what form did it take? (tick all that apply)				
Low level disruption (talking, not paying attention, horsing around)	92.5			
Disrespect for rules (use of mobile phone in class, ignoring teacher's requests)	65.4			
Intimidation (including derogatory comments)	26.5			
Verbal aggression (including shouting, insults, threats)	58.2			
Physical aggression	59.1			
Other (specify)	11			
If you have dealt with a pupil's physical aggression, what force did they use? (tick all that apply)				
Pushing/Shoving	79.1			
Scratching	28			
Biting	34.2			
Hitting/Punching	71.1			
Spitting	29.6			
Kicking	75.6			
Other (specify)	19.1			
In general, has your job become more difficult as a result of disruptive pupils?				
Yes	76.5			
No	19.1			
Don't know	4.4			
Has dealing with disruptive pupils caused you any of the following? (tick all that apply)				
Disruption of work or class	98.1			
Loss of confidence at school	40.5			
Refusing to teach a pupil	6.2			
Mental health problems (i.e. stress)	26.5			
Physical harm (bodily harm)	16.7			
Taking leave from work	5.3			
Visit to the doctor	9.4			
Other (specify)	9.7			
In the last year, have any pupils in your school been excluded for poor behaviour?				
Yes	44.7			
No	48.9			
Don't know	6.5			

<p>What is effective in your school in managing pupil's behaviour: (tick all that apply)</p> <p>Whole school behaviour policy</p> <p>Risk assessment</p> <p>Support from senior leadership</p> <p>Support from agency professionals (non-educational professionals eg social workers, police, etc)</p> <p>Better CPD/ITT</p> <p>Nurture groups</p> <p>Behaviour partnerships with other schools</p> <p>Other (specify)</p>	<p>85.7</p> <p>17.6</p> <p>75</p> <p>36.4</p> <p>11.8</p> <p>31.4</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>20.5</p>
<p>In the last year, have any of your colleagues experienced physical aggression in school from primary pupils?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Don't know</p>	<p>59</p> <p>27.9</p> <p>13.1</p>