



equally safe at school

a whole school approach to
preventing gender based violence

- [Equally Safe at School Theory of Change by Carolyn Blake on Prezi](#)



Equally Safe:

Scotland's Strategy for Preventing and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls

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Vision

A strong and flourishing Scotland where all individuals are equally safe and respected, and where women and girls live free from all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation – and the attitudes that help perpetuate it.

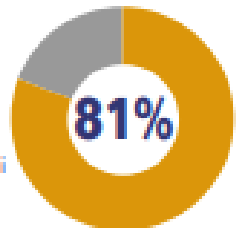
Aim of Equally Safe

To work collaboratively with key partners in the public, private and third sectors to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls.



64,807 domestic abuse incidents were recorded by Police Scotland in 2021-22.

Around **four out of five** of these incidents had a female victim and a male perpetrator.^{vii}



The 2019/20 Scottish Crime and Justice Survey found that **just under one-sixth (16%)** of those who experienced partner abuse in the 12 months prior to interview said that the police came to know about the most recent (or only) incident.^{viii}

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

The rights which relate particularly to gender inequality and gender-based violence are:

- ***Article 2 (non-discrimination)***
- ***Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect)***
- ***Article 29 (aims of education)***
- ***Article 34 (sexual exploitation)***
- ***Article 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration)***

In addition, ESAS makes children and young people's involvement central – by seeking their views and perspectives in how issues relating to gender equality and gender-based violence affect them – and by working with them to decide on and carry out actions to address their concerns.

- ***Article 12 (respect for the views of the child)***



ESAS Baseline Survey



- In January 2024 University of Glasgow researchers surveyed all JGHS S2, S4 and S6 students in English, Maths, PE & PSE.

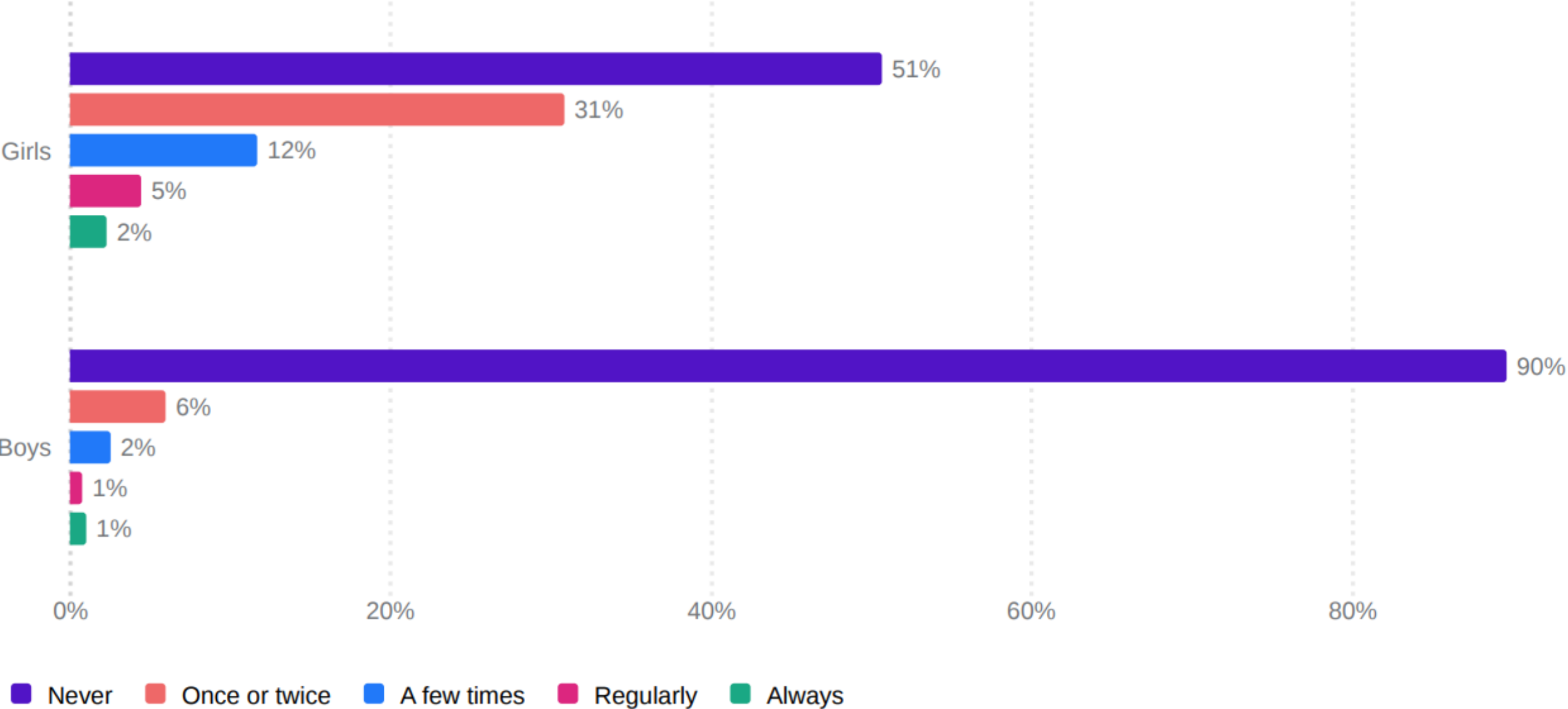
S2 = 274 students completed the survey

S4 = 265 students completed the survey

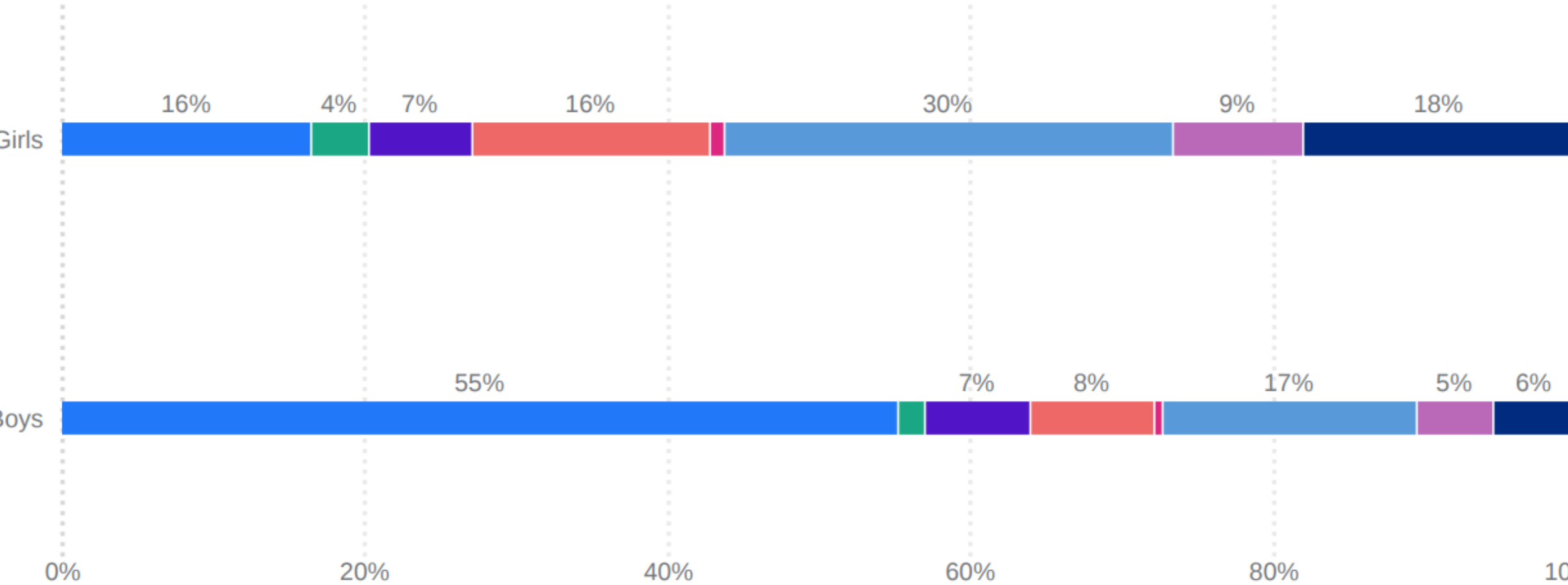
S6 = 74 students completed the survey

There is no cost to the school to take part in Equally Safe at School and there was a £500 contribution to the school for the cost of administering the survey.

In the last 2 months, have you feared being sexually harassed at school or on the way to or from school?



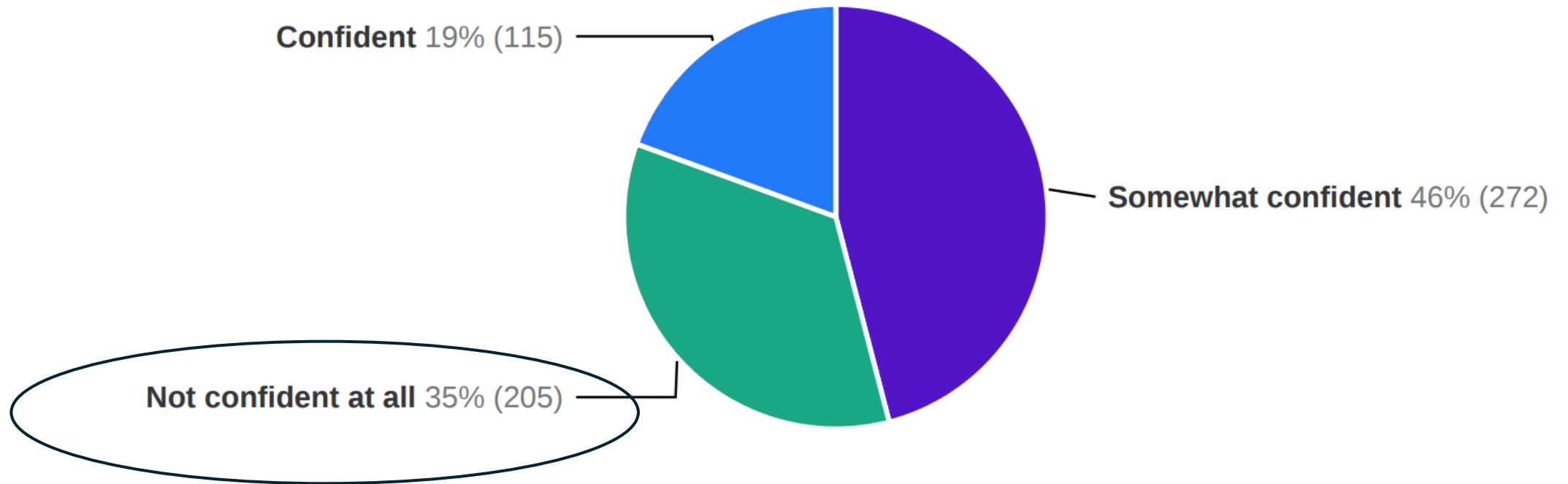
In the last two months, have you ever felt unsafe in any of the following places at school? Tick all that apply



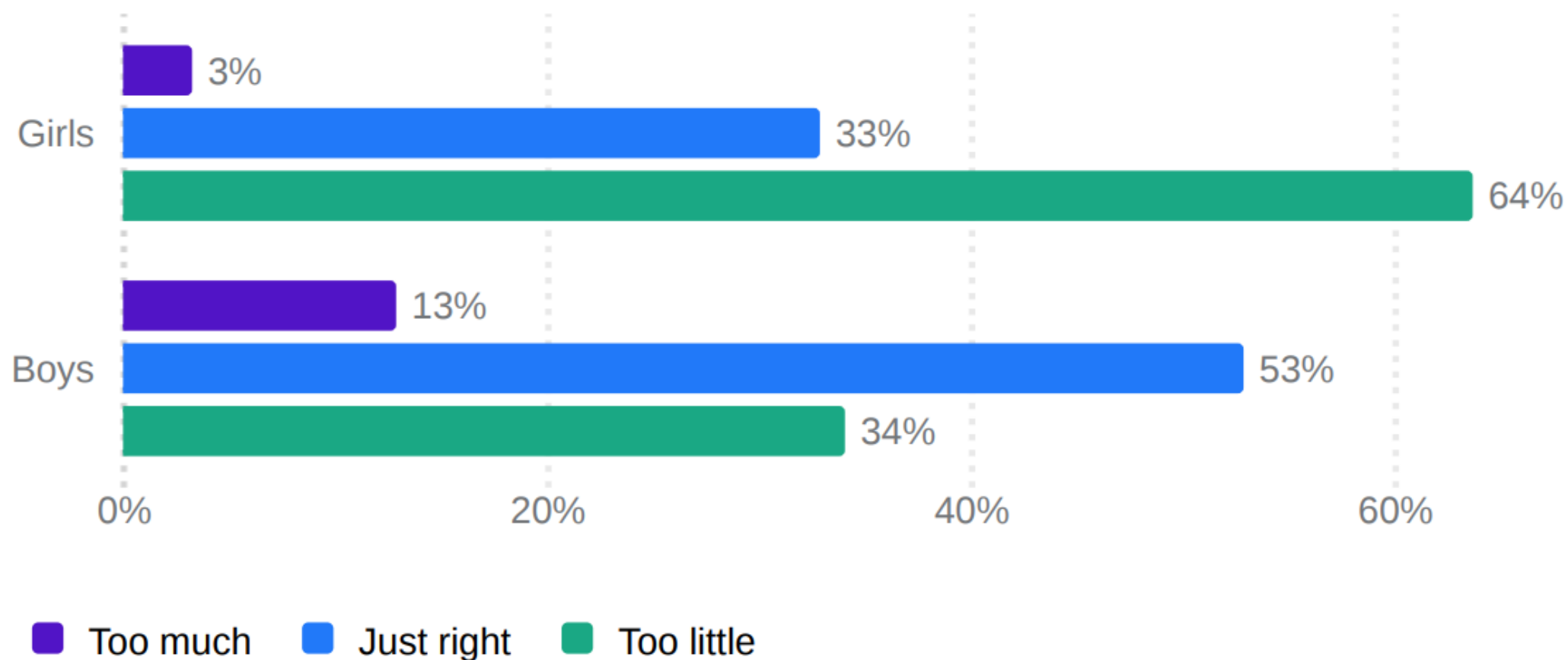
- I have always felt safe at school in the past two months
- In the cafeteria/school lunch area
- In the classroom
- In the hallway
- In the library
- In the school toilets
- On the school grounds
- On the way to or from school

If you saw the following behaviours in your school, how confident would you feel about telling a teacher or other staff member?

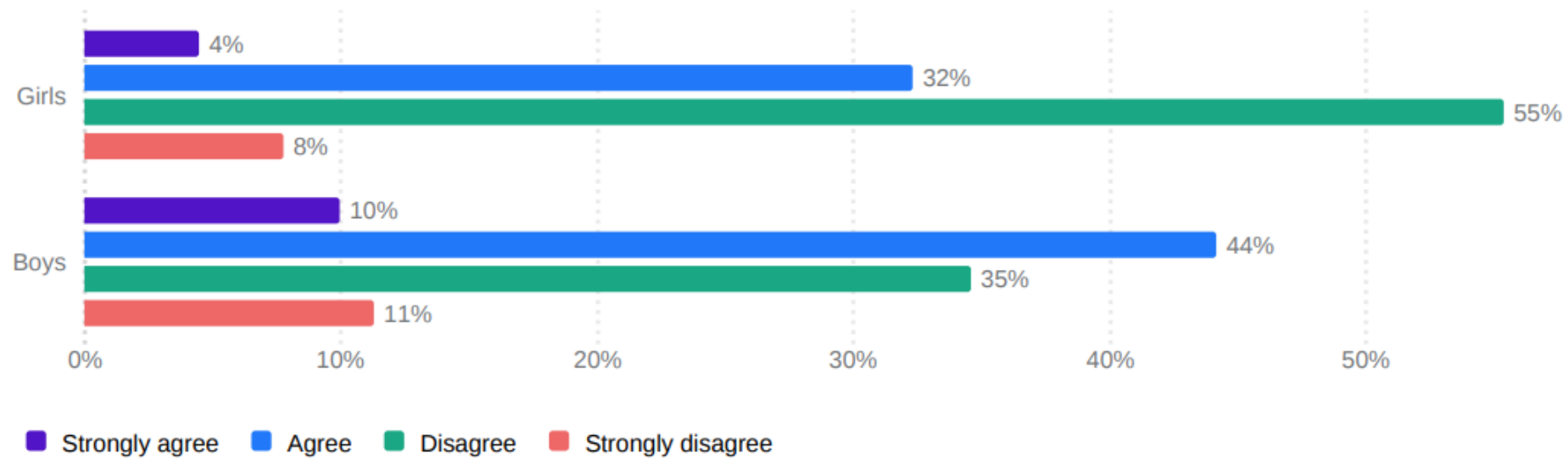
Students making unwelcome sexual comments, jokes or gestures



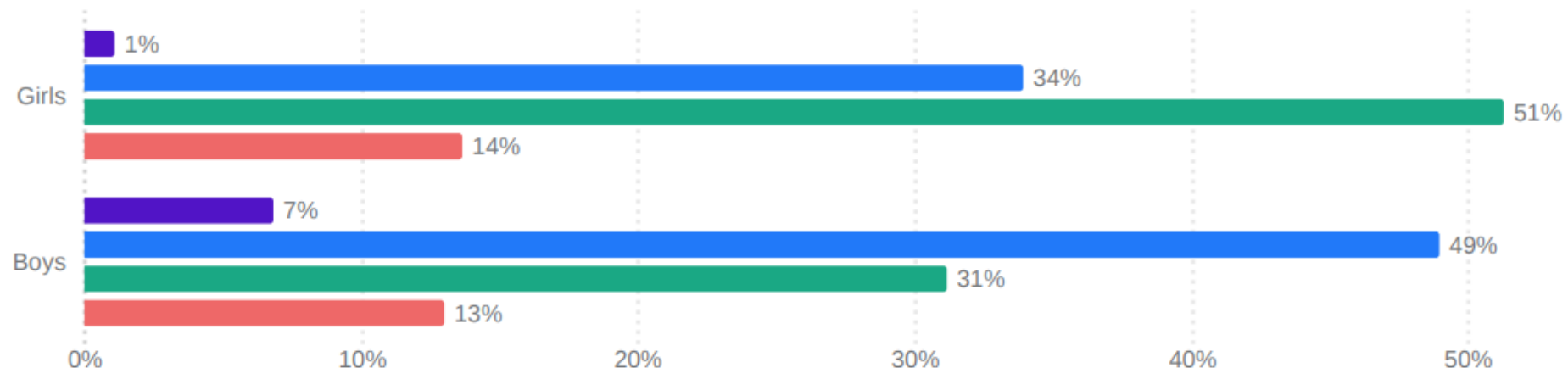
In your opinion, how much is gender-based violence talked about in your school?



I know how I can help make my school a safer place



Teachers and students really trust one another



Next Steps



Term 3 – 2024

- Consider the data for your L&T and faculty improvement plan/SIP
- Complete the staff survey: 10 minutes – **next week**
- Find out more – read the full survey data, look at the ESAS website
- Join the action group
- Complete the 45 minute e-learning module – **INSET Day**

2024/25

- Action group established and action plan enacted.