

Third bend rules to get good school

GOING to church, using a relative's address and buying a second home are some of the tactics parents use to get their child into a good school, a report reveals.

Almost a third say they know someone who has bent the rules.

A similar number know someone who has gone to church to get their child into a religious school.

About a quarter of parents say they know others who found a second home while 16 per cent were aware of parents who have used a relative's address. Both of these methods are potentially fraudulent.

The Sutton Trust Parent Power report draws on a YouGov survey of 1,017 parents.

Geoff Barton, of the Association of School and College Leaders, blamed "punitive" accountability which labels some schools as under-performing and called for an approach to ensure "every family has access to a good school".