

**Homework Survey Results**

**88 questionnaires were sent and 54 returned = 61%**

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| 1) What do you think about the amount of homework your child gets?  It’s usually too much 14%  It’s usually too little 0%  It’s usually about right 74%  It varies too much to say 12% |
| 2) How difficult does your child find their homework?  It’s usually too easy FS = 7%  It’s usually about right 69%  It’s usually too hard 2%  It varies too much to say 22% |
| 3) How much time would you estimate your child spends on their homework **per week**?  Here were the range of responses in Key Stages:  Foundation Stage: 1 – 2 hours being majority response, 2 hours, 2 ½ hours, 3-4 hours, 4 hours  Key Stage 1: 2 ½ hours, 3 – 4 hours, 5 hours ­(variety of responses indicating that ½ hour – 1 hour per night)  Key Stage 2: 1-2 hours per night, 2 – 3 hours per night, weekly: 3 responses with 4 hours the rest were a variety of 5 – 7 hours, 6 hours, 7 hours, 8 hours, 9 hours, 10 hours |
| 4) Does your child know what they have to do for their homework?  Always 34%  Usually 46%  Sometimes 20%  Never |
| 5) Does your child enjoy doing their homework?  Always 20%  Usually 41%  Sometimes 30%  Never 9% |
| 6) Is homework a source of tension at home?  Often 13%  Sometimes 63%  Never 24% |
| 7) Do you help your child with their homework?  Often 54%  Sometimes 44%  Never 2% |
| 8) Do you feel you have enough knowledge to help your child with their homework?  Yes 46%  Most of the time 50%  No 4%  Not sure 0% |
| 9) Do you feel you receive enough information on homework from the school?  Yes 72%  No 24%  Usually 4% |
| 10) Would you welcome and use any of the following if available?  Parents’ workshops in the evening 11%  Additional information pages on the school’s website 52%  Additional information leaflets 37%  Something Else: Parent Email, Further explanation in KS2 |
| 11) Are there any topics that you would welcome additional advice on?  Reading with my child 19%  Learning spellings with my child 15%  Learning maths facts at home 48%  Something else: Resources used  Some parents did not answer this question |
| 12) Do you have any comments/ideas about the content of your child’s homework?  Foundation Stage:  A homework diary would be great so parents know exactly what child has to do  Would like more challenging homework, writing practice in P1 would be great – more variety e.g. a worksheet the odd night  Would like more content in written homework  More homework for P2 required and written spelling as there is a big jump to P3. Would like written spelling for homework to encourage handwriting and word recognition  Enjoy games sent home – promotes one-to-one time  Like the new reading record – shows detail of what has to be done and when  Shouldn’t be too burdensome  Key Stage 1:  All well explained in KS1  If homework from a text book, would like the pages and section to be completed written in homework diary  Would like homework pack at start of week  Good structure  Content good but would prefer just 3 written homeworks in week to give a night to focus more on reading  Good variety  Spelling not challenging enough  Key Stage 2:  Homework should be more literacy/ numeracy based in P6/7  Research homeworks need specific learning outcomes and enough time to complete – the night before is not sufficient  Too much homework – all night is spent at homework  No need for wordsearches  Volume of work too much – written, spelling, reading and mental maths  Maths/ English written homework with reading is suffice  Content not sufficient for P6 child - needs to have clear instructions, very varied and as a result don’t know from one night to the next what to expect  Lacks clarity, not enough information for what’s expected  Appears to have very little explanation  Lack of information in homework diary  Just would like child to know what to do for homework – frequently have to ring other parents to find out  Homework too much especially with child working all day  Would like a structured pattern of homeworks – set tasks per night |
| 13) What do you feel are the benefits (if any) of homework for you and your child?  See what my child is capable of  Great seeing what they are learning in school  Great way of learning my child’s progress  Beneficial for parents to see where child needs help – what areas need support and help child to improve  Important link between home and school  Vital learning opportunity for parent and child  Parent can have an active role in child’s learning  Consolidates learning  Helps my child be independent  Time spent together with no distractions  Quality time bonding  Enjoyment  Very little benefit at present for such an important year  Too tired to do extra reading after all homework done in KS2  Find mental maths good for independence |
| 14) Do you have any further comments you would like to make about homework?  Can be too much – up to 2 hours in KS2, too much when child tired. With parents working, by time tea is over, spend up to 2 hours homework, evening activities, prepare for next day, there is no family time  Needs specific learning objectives\*  Adequate time required for research homeworks  Child needs to be clear on what’s required of them  Child can be sitting at main homework for an hour when struggling with homework  Home School link is good |
| 15) Please could you state whether you would be happy to discuss homework with someone from school as part of this survey, if necessary?  Yes 65%  No 24%  Some parents did not answer this question |
| 16) Does your child have access to a computer at home?  Yes 98%  No 2%  They can access one else where if necessary. |
| 17) Do you have access to the Internet at home?  Yes 98%  No 2% |
| 18) Does your child use the school website for any activities in Kids Zone?  Frequently 6%  Sometimes 57%  Never 37% |
| 19) Do you use the school website?  Frequently 22%  Sometimes 48%  Never 30%  If so, what do you use this for? News, events, activities, photos, help at home, newsletter |
| 20) If homework were to be made available for P6/7 pupils in an electronic format, would you find this useful?  Yes 35%  No 30%  Some parents did not answer this question |
| The following questions were for children to answer  22) What is your favourite type of homework?  Numeracy 32%  Literacy (including reading) 42%  Art 4%  Creative 4%  Computer/ ICT 4%  World Around Us 4%  Tables and Spelling 6%  Tricky Words 2% |
| 23) When do you like to do your homework if possible?  As soon as you get home 65%  After your evening meal 26%  First thing in the morning  Some other time (please say when) After a snack when come home 9% |
| 24) Do you have any other ideas or comments about homework?  Less homework on nights we have clubs/ activities  Spelling too easy  Can be annoying!  I’m confused with literacy/ numeracy  Make it more exciting!  Only have numeracy homework!  Want no homework!  Harder things for homework please!  Enjoy mental maths homework |

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| Homework club from 3.00 – 4.00pm | £1.00 is a reasonable cost for this service | Any further comments  Purposeful suggestion  Excellent idea for working parents  Valuable service  Great if struggle to get child to do homework at home  I prefer to do homework at home  Great idea and will use it some days as I also like to do homework at home |
| 39 % would use this service  13% would use it sometimes  Some parents did not answer this section. | 44% agreed  2% thought it could be £1.50 - £2.00 |