

**Homework Survey Results**

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

|  |
| --- |
| 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 hoursKey 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 usedSome 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 doWould like more challenging homework, writing practice in P1 would be great – more variety e.g. a worksheet the odd nightWould like more content in written homeworkMore 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 recognitionEnjoy games sent home – promotes one-to-one timeLike the new reading record – shows detail of what has to be done and whenShouldn’t be too burdensomeKey Stage 1:All well explained in KS1If 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 readingGood varietySpelling not challenging enough Key Stage 2: Homework should be more literacy/ numeracy based in P6/7Research homeworks need specific learning outcomes and enough time to complete – the night before is not sufficientToo much homework – all night is spent at homeworkNo need for wordsearchesVolume of work too much – written, spelling, reading and mental mathsMaths/ English written homework with reading is sufficeContent 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 expectLacks clarity, not enough information for what’s expectedAppears to have very little explanationLack of information in homework diaryJust would like child to know what to do for homework – frequently have to ring other parents to find outHomework 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 ofGreat seeing what they are learning in school Great way of learning my child’s progressBeneficial for parents to see where child needs help – what areas need support and help child to improveImportant link between home and schoolVital learning opportunity for parent and childParent can have an active role in child’s learningConsolidates learningHelps my child be independentTime spent together with no distractionsQuality time bonding EnjoymentVery little benefit at present for such an important yearToo tired to do extra reading after all homework done in KS2Find 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 timeNeeds specific learning objectives\*Adequate time required for research homeworksChild needs to be clear on what’s required of themChild can be sitting at main homework for an hour when struggling with homeworkHome 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 answer22) 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/ activitiesSpelling too easyCan be annoying!I’m confused with literacy/ numeracyMake it more exciting!Only have numeracy homework!Want no homework!Harder things for homework please!Enjoy mental maths homework |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Homework club from 3.00 – 4.00pm | £1.00 is a reasonable cost for this service | Any further commentsPurposeful suggestionExcellent idea for working parentsValuable serviceGreat if struggle to get child to do homework at homeI prefer to do homework at homeGreat idea and will use it some days as I also like to do homework at home |
| 39 % would use this service13% would use it sometimesSome parents did not answer this section. | 44% agreed2% thought it could be £1.50 - £2.00 |