

Homework Questionnaire Analysis of Answers

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Total number of responses received: 310

Year 3: 104 responses

Year 4: 82 responses

Year 5: 60 responses

Year 6: 64 responses

The school will ensure that the amount of homework given will increase as they move through the school and link with the expectations of KS3. If you wish your child to extend their learning above the tasks 'The Street' has a range of additional learning tasks as does My Maths (currently just Year 5 and 6) and Purple Mash. Your child should know their password to access these sites.

What do you think about the amount of homework your child gets?

The majority of responses (72%) noted that there was the 'right' amount of homework although it is worth noting that 16% of responses felt that there was too little.

How difficult does your child usually find his/her homework?

The majority of responses (66%) noted that it was about 'right' although 19% felt that homework varied too much to say.

The school needs to ensure that homework does not vary too much. The amount and expectations should remain consistent however you may well find that your child finds different subjects and some concepts more difficult than others.

My child learns a lot from doing his/her homework?

Majority agree (60%) but 17% disagree.

Homework set is an opportunity to prepare for new learning, practise a skill already learnt or apply knowledge/skills.

Homework is about pupils preparing to learn or applying skills. We aim for pupils to increase in independence as they move through the school.

My child knows what she/he needs to do for homework. 78% felt that they always or usually know what to do although 22% felt that their child only sometimes knew what to do.

Completing homework helps my child to become independent 77% either agree or strongly agree although 17% disagree.

The majority of parents always see their child's homework.

Class teachers always review the homework with the class before it is sent home. Instructions for completion may well also be on the task sheet. Pupils can also ask teachers for additional advice as homework is never due in the next day.

My child usually enjoys doing his/her homework. 80% of parents noted that they sometimes/usually enjoyed completing their homework. Although 75% responses notes that it can be a source of tension at home.

Homework is a link to learning completed in class or learning which is yet to be covered in school. However it is important for pupils to have an opportunity to learn about concepts and ideas outwith the KS2 curriculum.

The school advises parents to set an agreed time to complete homework each week so that the completion fits in with other weekly commitments. Homework is an important opportunity for pupils to learn how to organise their time effectively.

Most parents stated that homework is better when it is linked to work done at school.

There was a mixed response with regards to feedback that parents receive from teacher: 70% felt that they were satisfied but 23% felt that they were only sometimes satisfied with feedback received.

Depending on the focus of the task basic spellings and punctuation may be corrected. Effort is also rewarded in line with the class/year system if appropriate.

Most parents had to remind their child to do their homework and felt that they had enough knowledge to support them with it.

Most parents would like to be informed each time if their child did not hand their homework in

Most parents are aware if their child does not complete their homework and send it in to school on time however the school will ensure parents are aware via home contact books/planners if homework is not handed in on time.

Projects and creative tasks: 42% of parents disagreed but 30% agree with the use of this in homework.

Parental feedback was varied on this question with a number of parents noting their concern over 'craft' type activities. It is important that pupils have an opportunity to develop a range of skills and understanding; not just those related to writing, reading and maths. Any creative task is given a longer lead time for completion.

Which sources of advice on homework would you welcome?

- Information leaflets
- Workshops
- Info on the school website.

Most parents felt that between 1 and 2 hours of homework was sufficient in a week.

The amount of homework increases as the pupils move through the school. It is designed to link with expectations that KS3 has of our pupils.

- Maths workshops were offered this year. Each year the school will continue to offer workshops.
- Additional information to support learning is available on 'The Street'
- Additional information is on the school website under the 'Homework' tab.