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Dear Parents and carers

RESULTS OF HOMEWORK SURVEY

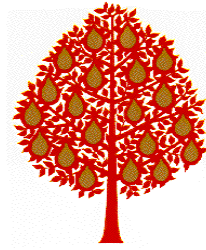
Last month I sent out a survey to ascertain your views about the homework the children currently receive in general. **78/180 parents completed the questionnaire (43%).** Your views were all very useful and enlightening to us. They will help us to formulate a new policy about learning at home.

The results are shown overleaf and I am sure you will find them very interesting. In the meantime if you have any other comments please do not hesitate to pop in to see me or your child's class teacher. Many thanks for taking the time to complete and return the questionnaire. It is important for us to know your views about all aspects of school life if we are to fully meet the needs of your young children.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Reid
Headteacher

PERRYFIELDS INFANT SCHOOL



Results from Homework Questionnaire

1. The homework helps me to know what my child is currently learning.

Strongly agree 42%	Agree 55%	Disagree 1%	Strongly disagree 0	Don't know 0	N/A 2%
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2. My child knows what they have to do for homework.

Always 29%	Usually 53%	Sometimes 14%	Never 1%	N/A 3%
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3. What do you think about the amount of homework your child gets?

It's usually too much 0	It's usually about right 83%	It's usually too little 13%	It varies too much to say 1%	Don't know 0	N/A 3%
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4. How difficult does your child find their homework?

It's always too hard 0	With a bit of help he/she can do it 59%	He/she can do it by themselves 35%	It's always too easy 3%	It varies a lot 0
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5. Teachers usually provide differentiated homework. Has this helped your child to complete their homework?

Always 26%	Usually 40%	Sometimes 11%	Never 0	Don't know 18%	N/A 5%
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6. Which of these statements best describes your thoughts about homework?

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I've not really thought about it before. (3%)

☐

I've had concerns about homework and have discussed them with my child's teacher (4%)

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I've had concerns about homework but have not discussed them with my child's teacher (4%)

☐

I think existing arrangements are fine so have had no reason to raise any concerns (82%)

☐

Something else? (please say what) (1%) and N/A (6%)

7. My child usually enjoys doing their homework.

Strongly agree 19%	Agree 68%	Disagree 6%	Strongly disagree 1%	Sometimes 4%	Don't know 1%	N/A 1%
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8. Homework is a source of tension at home.

Very often 3%	Often 5%	Sometimes 37%	Never 53%	N/A 2%
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9. I talk with my child about the homework they are doing.

Very often 57%	Often 35%	Sometimes 6%	Never 0	N/A 2%
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10. I help my child with their homework.

Very often 36%	Often 28%	Sometimes 34%	Never 0	Don't know 2%
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11. Which of these statements best describes your attitude to your child's homework? (Please tick)

- ☐ It's great: I often enjoy the chance it gives me to do things with my child. (59%)
- ☐ It's okay: sometimes I'm motivated and I'm happy with that. (24%)
- ☐ I'm not really involved but I think it's a good thing for my child to do. (4%)
- ☐ Something else? (Please say what) (9%) and 4% N/A
- It depends if he is in the mood to do it – sometimes he refuses
- We do it, but would rather not have it. I feel reading is helping much more at the moment.
- Happy to go through a worksheet with him.
- An opportunity to reinforce what they have already been learning in school – share their learning experience.
- I would be happy to be more involved with homework. I help with spellings but my child finds homework easy to complete independently.
- I think they get the right amount of homework and happy to do it together but it does cause a lot of upset.

12. Reading is also part of their homework. How often do you hear your child read in a week?

Every day (7) 17%	5 times a week 46%	3 times a week 36%	Twice or less a week 1%	Never 0
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13. What style of homework does your child like the most? (Please tick accordingly)

Work sheet – 26%
Practical activity/ game – 25%
Creative/art – 23%
Topic-based/ research – 13%
Spellings – 12%
Not sure – 1%

14. Do you have access to a computer? Yes 88% No 12%

If so, would you prefer the homework in this format rather than on paper?

Yes 3% No 64% Sometimes 33%

15. Some schools have changed their homework to a child-led approach where the children can freely select an activity from what they have been learning that week in class. The children then choose how they do this activity inside a blank homework folder. How would you feel about this?

Strongly agree 8%	Agree 29%	Disagree 30%	Strongly disagree 9%	Don't know 24%
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16. How would you feel about a mixture of our current approach and the above approach?

Strongly agree 15%	Agree 45%	Disagree 12%	Strongly disagree 3%	Don't know 25%
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KEY FINDINGS

As a school we have listened to the parents/carers and from this feedback it is clear that the majority of parents/carers are happy with the amount of homework with 83% stating that the amount is about right.

It was pleasing to hear that the majority of children (87%) enjoy doing their homework. As a school we will continue to ensure the homework is closely differentiated to ensure that some children don't find the work too easy. The expectation is that they should be able to complete their homework with a bit of help or by themselves. As mentioned before the homework is not to learn a new concept but to reinforce their prior learning.

From this feedback we will try to increase the amount of research homework for children to choose from.

The feedback on the overall style of the current homework came across as really positive. From this we will continue with our current approach to homework but will incorporate a wider variety to include more research and practical learning opportunities.

The feedback about the use of computers for homework clearly indicated that although the majority of children have access to a computer, parents were adamant that they didn't want homework through this type of media as yet. The children at Perryfields Infant School are still very young and can already access the school's DB Primary learning platform in school and at home.

Thank you once again for taking the time to complete the homework questionnaire.

Please remember that all staff are available to speak to about homework at the end of the day or please pop in to speak to me.

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