

2024 WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK SURVEY



January 2024
ALDERLEY EDGE CP SCHOOL

Context:	<p>In 2024, the school’s homework policy and practise was due for review by staff and Governors.</p> <p>As part of the process the views of parents and children was considered important.</p> <p>The parent body were asked to contribute to an online survey.</p> <p>The survey coincided with the end of a period of school closures and home learning and parents were asked to consider their responses in light of ‘normal’ homework arrangements.</p> <p>However, during the latest school closure, Microsoft Teams was used extensively for home learning in replacement of the VLE. Therefore a question regarding this as a preferred method of communication was included.</p> <p>Response rate – 10%</p>
Areas of Strength:	<p>83% of respondents believed that homework should be given.</p> <p>The amount of homework set should reflect the age of the child with older children receiving more homework.</p> <p>Reading and homework linked to maths and English were the most preferred type of homework</p> <p>Vast majority of parents knew how to support their children with homework most of the time.</p>
Areas of Consideration for the Senior Leadership Team:	<p>51% preferred online homework and 49% paper-based activities. This is a shift from previous surveys towards more paper-based learning.</p> <p>Homework can cause tension at home and therefore teachers need to make it clear that homework should not be seen as a punishment.</p>
Next Steps:	<p>Sharing of report with school community including staff, governors and parents</p> <p>Meeting of the Senor Leadership Team to discuss and address the areas highlighted</p> <p>Review of the homework policy and practise</p> <p>Staff training</p>

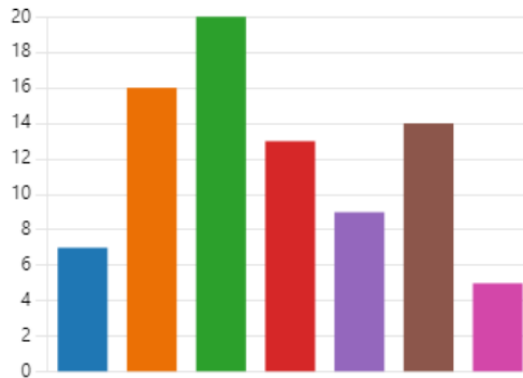


1. Please indicate which class your child is in

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● Reception	7
● Year 1	16
● Year 2	20
● Year 3	13
● Year 4	9
● Year 5	14
● Year 6	5



2. Do you think your child should be given homework?

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● Yes	70
● No	14



3. How much time do you think children should spend on homework every week?

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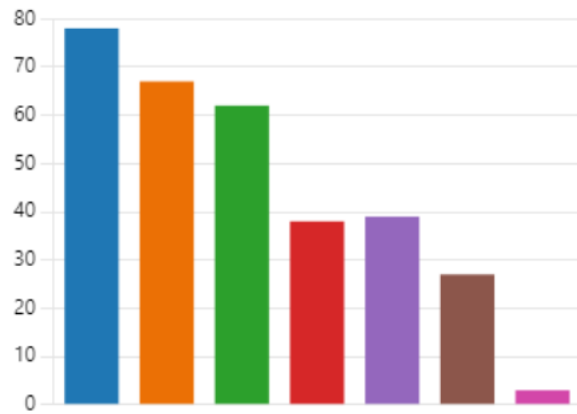
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● I do not think they should have ...	13
● Less than 30 minutes per week	15
● 30 - 45 minutes per week	19
● 45 minutes - 1 hour per week	21
● More than 1 hour	16



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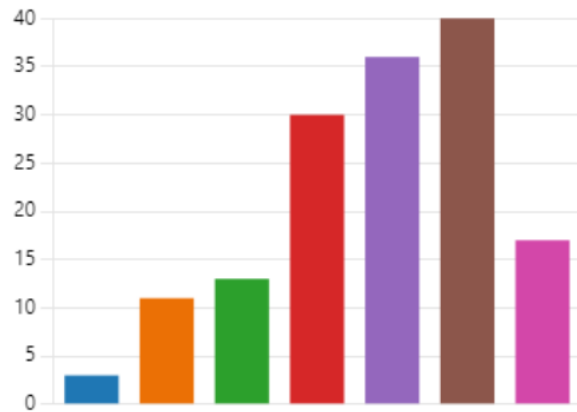
● Reading	78
● Maths	67
● Writing	62
● Topic / research based activities	38
● Creative activities	39
● Projects	27
● Other	3



5. What homework activities do you think are less valuable?

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● Reading	3
● Maths	11
● Writing	13
● Topic / research based activities	30
● Creative activities	36
● Projects	40
● Other	17



6. Does your child prefer to complete homework online?

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● Yes	51
● No	33



7. My child usually enjoys their homework...

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Always	5
Usually	35
Sometimes	32
Never	11
Not sure	1

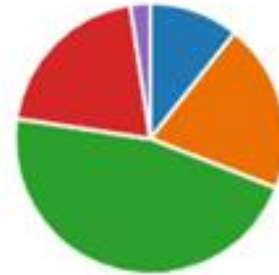


8. Homework causes tension at home...

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Always	9
Usually	17
Sometimes	39
Never	17
Not sure	2

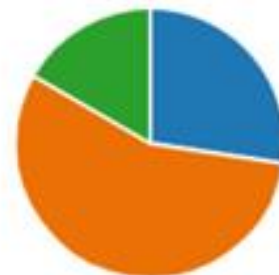


9. I know how to support my child with their homework...

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Always	23
Usually	47
Sometimes	14
Never	0
Not sure	0



Anonymous comments - themes	Response from School
The timing of homework – when it is given out and handed in.	<p>The SLT will monitor to ensure that homework is published on Wednesdays by 4.30pm.</p> <p>The timing of homework is a difficult issue as some families prefer to do it in the week and others at weekend. We also need to give the teachers time to look at it and mark (if required). Therefore, this is why it is given on a Wednesday and returned on a Monday to try and cater for all needs.</p>
Online v paper-based activities	<p>Most year groups have been trying to strike a balance to suit all different learning styles.</p> <p>We will ensure that there is a balance in all year groups between online and paper-based activities.</p>
Printing out paper-based activities	<p>As a school we have a policy to not print out paper copies of homework. We made this decision for cost and environmental reasons. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes some families.</p>
Use of Purple Mash	<p>IT appears that some people love it and others don't. We will try and balance its use.</p>
Homework should be optional	<p>The general consensus is that homework should be given to reinforce learning, share with parents what children are doing in school and to develop routine for high school.</p> <p>If your child is unable to complete homework due to family commitments and other activities this is not a problem. Please let your class teacher know and they will not chase for missing homework.</p>
Phased approach to homework so it increases over the years.	<p>This is already in place:</p> <p>Foundation Stage - 30 minutes per week reading activities</p> <p>Years 1 and 2 - 1 hour each week (20 minutes of which is structured homework, plus reading)</p> <p>Years 3 and 4 - 1.5 hours each week (30 minutes of which is structured homework plus reading)</p> <p>Years 5 and 6 - 2.5 hours each week (40 minutes of which is structured homework plus reading)</p>
Project based homework	<p>Some children and families enjoy completing a project and others don't. The opinion is mixed.</p> <p>We try to cater for all interests and learners. If you have a problem with a project that is set please speak to your child's teacher. Teachers prefer to see a child's own work rather than one that has been heavily supported by an adult!</p>

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to this survey.

Your views will be considered carefully and will help lead changes in homework policy and practise if needed.

Yours sincerely

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