



Oakdale Primary School

10th June 2020

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Thank you for your participation in our recent parent feedback survey on home learning. The data has allowed us to understand where we need to develop and also highlight what we are doing well.

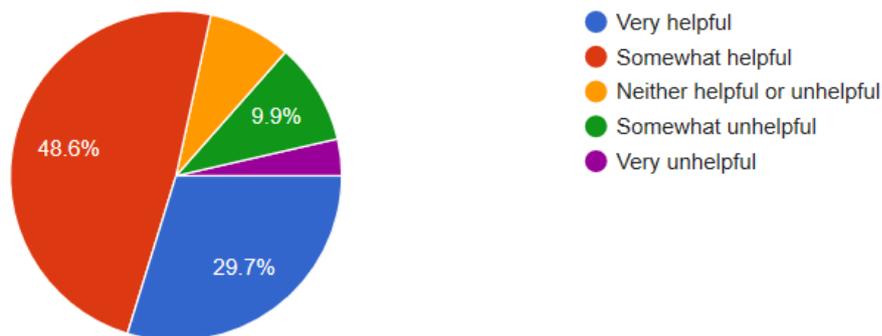
This is a new experience for us all as well as being an ever-evolving situation which is likely to change. We have been in a position where we have been acting reactively and roles have needed to be adapted to the change in the functioning of the school. This has been a difficult time for all but one that we need to adapt to as it has been made clearer this week that home learning will be the sole access to Education for many of our children until September at the earliest. Therefore, this information is important to us to ensure that we continue to support the whole school community.

There were 111 responses to the questionnaire. We also requested further feedback and wanted this to be anonymous to allow people to answer freely. Any aspect of home learning is contentious with strong opinion of what is right and wrong. Schools have not been given a suggested model for this so opinion will be divided. Comments made have also been taken into consideration in the review of home learning. We fully acknowledge that communication between teaching staff and pupils could have been a greater factor and will aim to rectify this in the coming weeks.

Current Home learning Packs

1. How helpful have you found the home learning packs sent home by your teacher?

111 responses

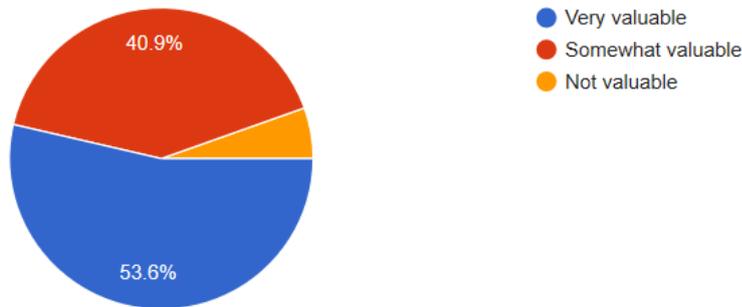


78% have found the current homework offer helpful. 4/111 responded that it was very unhelpful. It is pleasing that a high percentage of parents value the resources currently available. One of the key features of the comments was a lack of structure. To address this and to ensure weekly contact with teaching staff, we will be sending out a weekly email every Monday. This will be to the children from their class teacher. Each week will have a different theme. The first week will include a suggested timetable for a day of home learning. We hope this addresses this concern.

Use of Zoom

4. We are considering offering a Zoom class meeting on Friday afternoon for each child to share something they are proud of. Would you find this valuable?

110 responses



51% found the Zoom session very valuable and a small minority (14%) did not value this. Some of this related to providing permission to join the meetings. When school reopened we explained that we do not have the capacity to continue these meetings in this way as all staff have a bubble to teach. However, we want to be able to offer weekly contact still using this forum.

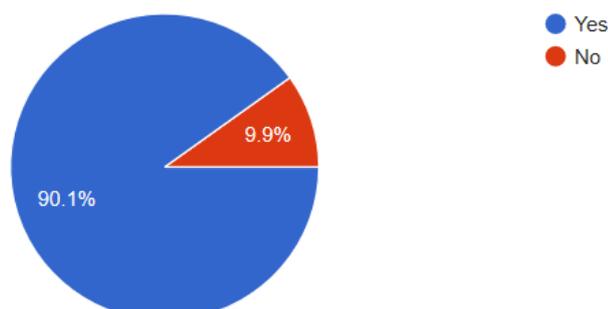
The result for the offer of a Friday afternoon class Zoom meeting was positively received with 95% suggesting this would be valued. We intend to send out a Zoom invite every Thursday to the class via ParentMail. We will need permission for this if you have not already done so. **Please login to ParentPay to provide permission for us to send this, we can only offer this for children with permission to do so.** This will be open from **today Wednesday 10th June to Wednesday 17th June**. Please contact the office if you have any difficulties accessing this.

The children will have the opportunity to share a piece of work they are proud of to their class and class teacher to celebrate their learning. We want the children to remain motivated to learn and we hope that this will support this as some of the comments referred to finding this challenging at home. The weekly email will guide the children to the activity which will be shared at the end of each week. This will be for all children to attend, whether they have returned to school or not. We will allow time for the children to get home so they will not start until 12.45pm at the earliest.

Work Sharing and Feedback

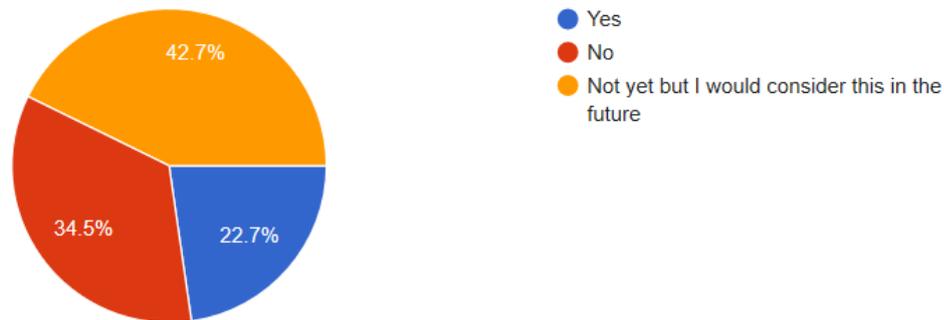
5. Do you value being able to share home learning with your child's class teacher?

111 responses



6. Did you send your child's work into school?

110 responses

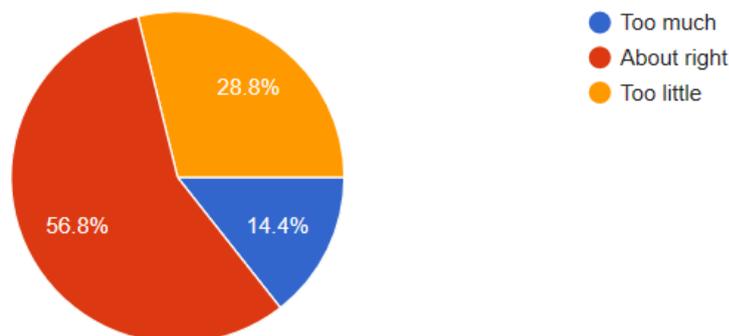


It is very evident from this data that parents value being able to send work to the class teacher. However, there were some misconceptions relating to this process and it is clear that we need to clarify this process: Twitter is not the forum for feedback if work is sent in. All work should be sent to the office. This is then sent to the class teacher. This process allows us to ensure that feedback is provided. The class teacher will send a response. This will be sent from the office. We were then sharing some examples of the work sent in on Twitter to share this with the wider school community and to celebrate home learning. The feedback is from the class teacher is the main reason for sending work in. Only 23% have used this so far and we would love to see more examples of work sent in.

Amount of Work

8. On average how is your child finding the amount of work set?

111 responses

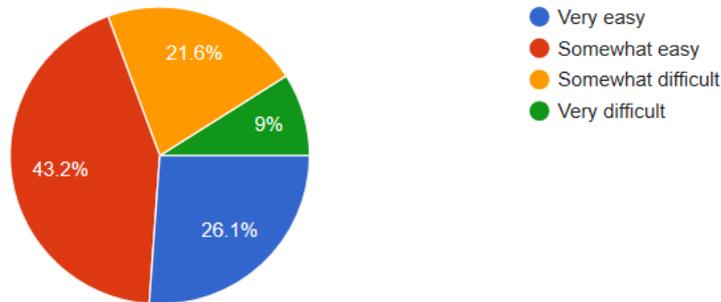


Whilst the majority of responses suggested that the amount of work sent was 'About right' we will increase our provision. The resources however these will be purchased, not set by the teacher, as they are full time teaching. We are very mindful that balancing home learning and working from home has caused difficulties for some of our families so it remains parental choice in how much is completed as we don't want to add additional pressure at this time.

Online learning

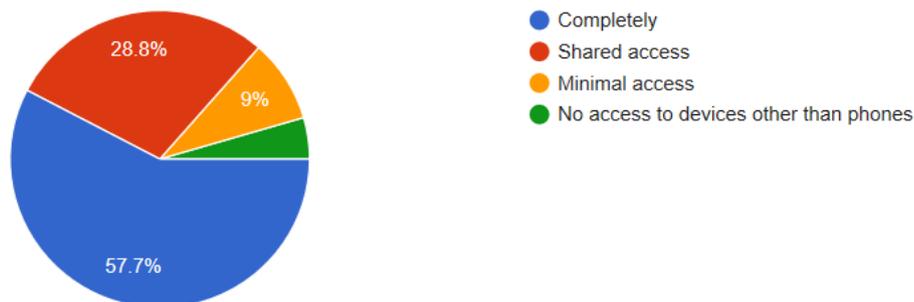
9. How easy have you found it to access the online platforms?

111 responses



10. Do you have sufficient devices available to enable all to work from home?

111 responses

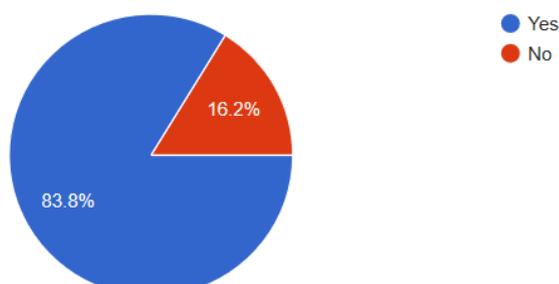


The majority of parents who responded have been able to access the online resources. We will aim to balance the opportunities for online learning with creative tasks and written tasks. The fortnightly overviews and support documents provided on the website will continue. We understand that the zip files have proven problematic for some to access. The website only allows us to upload files in this way. Printed copies of key documents are available upon request. Some comments suggested that parents believed that all homework would be stopped. This is not the case.

Textbook Offer

11. Would you prefer for the children to receive English and Maths textbooks to be collected from school to last for the duration of the term?

111 responses



84% would like textbooks to support learning at home. We have purchased a reading, writing and maths textbook for each child. Children in school will bring these home on the specified dates. Parents will be able to collect their child's packs (they will be labelled and available outside the school entrance) on the following dates to ensure that social distancing can be adhered to:

Monday 15 th June	-	Reception and Year 1
Tuesday 16 th June	-	Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 17 th June	-	Year 2
Thursday 18 th June	-	Year 3
Friday 19 th June	-	Year 4

We hope that these new measures will be well received. In summary the actions will be:

- 1. Weekly email from the class teacher to set the children up for the week and to offer advice and support. These will start on Monday 15th June.**
- 2. Weekly Zoom class celebration meeting every Friday afternoon. The theme for work sharing will be added to the weekly email from the class teacher. The link will be sent by ParentMail on Thursday each week. These will start on Friday 19th June.**
- 3. If permission has not yet been provided please submit this by ParentPay by Wednesday 17th June.**
- 4. The opportunity to send in examples of learning at home to the class teacher for feedback is still available and we hope will be utilised more in the future.**
- 5. Fortnightly topic homework will still be made available on the website on 19th June and 3rd July. This will take us to the end of term.**
- 6. Text books will be provided for every child.**

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