

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to complete our homework survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand how homework is working for our pupils and families, and how we can continue to improve.

I am pleased to share the key findings:

- **Participation:** We received 40 responses to the survey, representing 30% of our families. This indicates that a large proportion of parents and carers do not have strong views about homework.
- **Positive feedback:** 70% of respondents felt that the homework received is appropriate to their child's age and level. 87.5% know how to help their child with homework and felt that their child has enough time to complete their homework.
- **Areas for improvement:** Some families expressed concerns about the amount of online homework (stating a preference for worksheets) or the balance between academic work and family time. Some respondents requested more regular and consistent homework to be able to develop a routine at home.

In shaping our approach, we are guided by the **Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)**, whose research shows that well-planned homework can add, on average, **five months of progress** for pupils. The EEF highlights several important principles:

- **Purposeful tasks:** Homework should have a clear purpose, whether reinforcing knowledge, developing fluency, or preparing for future learning.
- **Linked to classroom work:** Tasks are most effective when they connect directly to what pupils are learning in lessons.
- **Clarity of instructions:** Pupils should understand what is expected and why it matters.
- **Support for home learning:** Families benefit from guidance on how to help without taking over.
- **Balance and manageability:** Homework should be achievable within a reasonable time, supporting learning without overwhelming pupils or families.

We are committed to ensuring homework is purposeful, manageable and supportive of each child's learning journey. Your input, combined with the EEF research has helped to directly shape our updated homework guidelines, which we will share with you shortly.

Next steps: Based on your feedback, we will provide regular weekly maths and English homework with a mixture of online and 'paper' tasks, a homework book for children to record their homework in and guidance for parents on how to support their children.

Thank you once again for your thoughtful contributions. Working together, we can make sure homework is a positive and effective part of school life.

Yours sincerely,



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