



Parent Consultation on Homework – October 2016

	Too much	About right	Not enough
<b>Q1. Homework / home learning is currently a topical issues in education. What are your views on the homework the children at Currie Primary School are set?</b>	141	99	32
<b>Additional comment</b> Most years about right. Some years there has been too much			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>Q2. Are you aware that out homework policy is available for parents and carers on the website?</b>	87	99	
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	
<b>Q3. The main purposes of homework at Currie Primary School are</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide an opportunity for children to consolidate, reinforce and build upon their learning in the classroom</li> <li>• develop children’s ability to plan and organise their work, developing self-discipline, routines and study skills</li> <li>• enable parents and carers to be informed about learning happening in class and to participate in their child’s learning, providing a link between home and school</li> </ul> <b>Do you agree or disagree with these aims?</b>	149	19	
<b>Additional comment</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> bullet – agree I agree with the aims but don’t I don’t think that this is what happens in reality – i.e. number 2 aim is not being met As above 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> disagree 1 person – both agreed and disagreed			

	Yes	No		
<b>Q4. We send homework home on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday. Does this suit your family?</b>	142	98		
<b>Additional Comment</b> Agree -would struggle to do over the week due to work commitments No – Mon – due back Friday as weekend are for families to spend time with one another! X 3 agree Mon- Fri would be so much better Disagree as we work / after school activities!! Would prefer spread out over a two week period as things can be different from week to week				
	Work in jotters, worksheets or on paper	Active work – things to do, visit, or make	Both	
<b>Q5. What kind of homework do you prefer?</b>	96	102	35	
<b>Additional Comment</b> None x3				
	Very important	Important	Some importance	No importance
<b>Q6. How important do you think homework is to your child's learning?</b>	87	45	65	88
<b>Additional comment</b> Yes (important) up to P3 parents are doing it <u>or</u> a lot of it Too much in the early years Important but they get too much, takes up too much of spare time!				
	Too hard	About right	Too easy	
<b>Q7. My child finds the level of homework</b>	34	150	24	
	Yes	No	Sometimes	
<b>Q8. Are you able to support your child at home with their homework?</b>	169	5	24	
<b>Additional Comment</b> Could do with more info for parents on how they are to be taught, e.g. how do you teach fractions or how to do dividing isn't always the same way as parents were taught so we are at risk of mixing up the kids learning with different techniques!! X 1 agree				

	Yes	No	
<b>Q9. Do you know we have advice / help on how the following areas are taught in school for parents on our website and what terms mean? Grammatical terms, supporting writing at home, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, mental maths, numeracy</b>	44	128	
<b>Additional Comment</b> So how do we access this? X 2 Yes to knowledge of terms, no to availability on website			
	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Q10. If you do know about these have you ever used the parent prompts on our website for help with homework and were they helpful?</b>	9	90	74
<b>Additional comment</b> I needed some help understanding the words! Don't know what this is			
<b>Q11. Is there any other information you would find useful explaining how things are taught in school?</b> Hand-outs with child on website update – x 5 agree Information on the parent teacher council site Use actual words rather than initials, we don't all know what they stand for Explanatory maths worksheet for parents (P5) and science to support learning at home – x 2 agree Homework posted on website so not relying on it being brought home How you teach maths these days 5-1 Need help with some aspects of homework – not always clear what kids are expected to do! Some more things on learning journals – 1 x agree Explanatory maths sheets P6 Advance notice of what's planned for each term – x1 agree Perhaps an example or quick explanation on homework of the strategies and language to be used with for instance long division Provide background information on methods used in maths as parents often have used different techniques Website and Wisepay are useful and I use it regularly			

**Q12. Additional comments**

Amount of homework has been about right P1-P6 but not nearly enough in P7

Concerned with capacity of school, class sizes etc.

Homework is great in terms of seeing what children are learning, but research shows there is little worth to pupils and that in today's climate it adds a lot of stress to teachers + parents

Think it is unfair how we are forced to pay for outdoor education etc.

Would rather not have homework over the weekend! FAMILY TIME 😊

What is filling the curriculum if homework required to keep up?

Homework is a major source of anxiety for my family

Tears accompany our homework most weekends

Difficult to complete homework in the time. Also feel some of it isn't very inspiring + could be much more engaging

Prefer homework to be given out on Thursday rather than Friday

Weekend fine – as lots of parents work also during week not always answer

Research evidence does not indicate large positive effect of homework so it wouldn't be a particularly bad idea to stop it

Too much in the early years – impacts on our family weekends

I do not think they get enough homework – they get quite a few days to do it. They could potentially get more.

Would like homework Monday to be handed back Friday

Homework is too easy. Is nothing to do with children. They should get more homework

Socially women's lives involves juggling full time work and family life. Homework no longer suits when mothers work full time and a review is required.

Would like homework to be reading + spelling don't think they learn much more

Working parents would prefer to spend weekends with kids rather than homework. Mon-Fri.

Following current research HW does not add to attainment and I question its validity in current times

Too much homework interferes with family time. Would prefer it was Mon-Fri instead.

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I think homework is important especially in the upper school. It prepares them to organise and reinforce what has been taught. I personally don't like project homework

Stop homework and promote optional activities to over the term for those who still want it

Not fussed either way for homework unless it aids a particular topic

The idea of no homework is appealing!

Homework can be tough and cause stress

It is good to share learning but does interfere with family time...but I'd prefer it Fri-Wed rather than over the week

Peak and troughs for homework not appealing!

Although hw makes little difference to overall attainment it is nice to share the kids learning at home + see what progress they make

