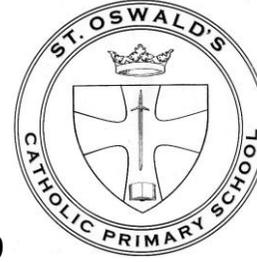


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Question Please indicate the closest category for your opinion			
1. Do you think your child/children should get homework?	Yes 88%	No 11%	No opinion 0.9%
2. How important do you think homework is to your child's learning	Very important 55%	Important 32%	Not important 12%
3. What are your views on the homework the children in St Oswald's receive currently?	Too much 18%	About right 63%	Not enough 17%
4. Please indicate the type of homework you prefer	Projects Open ended 10%	Tasks linked to weekly learning 84%	Research, self-motivated 4%
5. If children were to continue with homework, please indicate what days you prefer homework to be given	Monday for Friday 43%	Friday for Monday 19%	Friday for Friday 37%



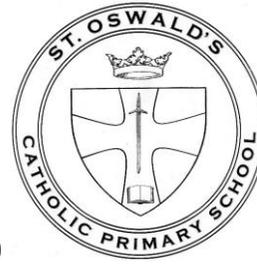
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6. <i>As well as spelling and times tables, do you think English &amp; Maths should be .....</i>	<b>Both each week</b> <b>53%</b>	<i>Alternate weeks for each</i> 42%	<i>Not at all</i> 5%
7. <i>My child/children enjoy homework</i>	<b>Yes</b> <b>63%</b>	<i>No</i> 28%	<i>n/a</i> 8%
8. <i>Homework is a source of tension at home</i>	<b>Yes</b> <b>49%</b>	<i>No</i> 48%	<i>n/a</i> 5%
9. <i>Should children receive homework during school holidays?</i>	Yes 44%	<b>No</b> <b>53%</b>	<i>No opinion</i> 3%
10. <i>Are you able to support your child at home with their homework?</i>	<b>Yes</b> <b>84%</b>	<i>No</i> 0.9%	<i>Sometimes</i> 16%

Thank you to the 111 families who responded to the questionnaire. The results will be taken into consideration when writing a new Homework Policy

### Additional comments

- As a family we enjoy homework and spending time to speak about the subject but I just feel that at times when my daughter has to do reading, maths and English she loses her attention and concentration at times I feel that maybe these things could be spread out.
- I personally feel homework helps to consolidate learning. It also allows us as parents to be actively involved in our daughters learning, it helps the home/school partnership.
- I am happy to help my child with her homework, I try my best to help her but she often gets frustrated when she doesn't understand and doesn't like it when I try to help her. This tends to cause tension between us. I think they should have less homework just one sheet a week as opposed to

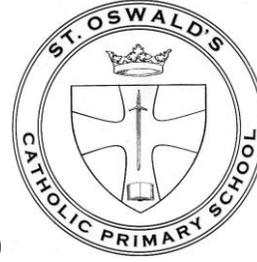


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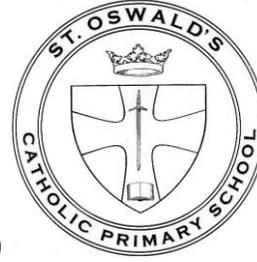
three. My child would not feel like she had to rush through it to get it done. Therefore she would be less stressed which would not lead to tension at home whilst doing homework.

- My daughter enjoys homework she likes to solve problems herself and enjoys mum or dad helping her. I like that she get her work on a Monday to be handed in for Friday.
- Sometimes instruction aren't clear what is required. Also lots of terminology has changed since I was in education so explanation for parents would be useful on what some of the new methods techniques and learning terminology means.
- Homework for my child (in reception) is pitched correctly – short, manageable tasks based upon prior learning. I don't feel that homework should ever take longer than 20 mins to complete – children work hard enough in school. I enjoy more open ended tasks as the child can take their own imitative.
- I think if a child is struggling or on plans to help with development the homework coincides with this ie English for phonics etc more conversations with parents around development.
- Sometimes it would be useful if there was a brief explanation on how to complete some of the homework.
- Homework during the school holidays is not ideal. However during years 7 onwards (working towards GCSE & A-Levels) children should be used to receiving homework from a young age as GCSE is all now exam.
- I agree with one book to read per week and one item of maths or English.
- I feel homework is very important even at xxx's young age as it keeps the continuity up between home and school as learning is important.
- Two lots of homework per week would be beneficial for example Monday for Wednesday English and Wednesday for Friday maths. I feel that it is important to have homework during the holidays as this helps to keep routine. Homework is a lovely time for the family to understand what our children are learning.
- I strongly say that children should be occupied with homework. This is an opportunity for parents to know and motivate children with their work. So please do not stop it or continue with parents who are for it.
- I find it very helpful for my child to get his homework every week. It does really help towards his studies, as he is gaining a lot from it. He likes to be involved in his homework which I personally think homework should be given out as it is really helpful to very child.



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- Sometimes my child struggles with understanding work set. I feel I sometimes have to teach my child what to do which could be problematic as I may teach them differently to school which could lead to confusion.
- Whilst xxxxxx enjoys completing homework she does get quite anxious if she forgets to do it or wants to play. Also both mum and dad work full time and it's not always possible to help her as much as we would like due to the lateness in the evening, bathtimes, bedtimes and getting ready for the next day.
- In infants children should have reading book & a home learning journal we can do maths through cookery, history by visiting a museum, maths going for a walk number hunt on doors/signs etc. science by going to 200 – take pics, draw pics write sentences etc.
- If homework is to be set, it should just be spelling/reading and timetables.
- Homework should be issued in the summer holiday but no others. I think homework lets a parent see how their child is getting on and what your child is doing in class.
- Homework should be explained clearly to the children, we have had homework in the past that nobody understood.
- There is an old saying that a child only uneducated in school is an uneducated child. This is very true, but whilst I help my children some needs better explaining.
- Think holiday homework could be small diary entries, once or twice a week. Maybe sharing with the maths and English is or telling of new information learnt.
- For infant children I think tasks linked to weekly learning is most suitable, for juniors, research and self motivated.
- I think homework should be relevant to what they are currently learning – such as research into specific topic areas they are covering. I feel St Oswald optional homework policy works well.
- Maybe for 2 or 3 weeks out of the month, do more task homework linked to weekly learning but each month allow a homework that allows children to research themselves and be creative a design task / item to make for example.
- I just feel homework does not benefit the children at this age and sometimes I do not understand the homework myself so cannot help my child so they end up telling them to ask the teacher back at school.
- At this age, they should not get homework they spend enough time in school learning! I think from y6 onwards is acceptable due to exams.
- Some of the homework is difficult and my child gets frustrated when they cannot complete it.



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- Homework cuts into our family time. It is always a problem when juggling work, activities, and clubs and family commitments. Homework would be better suited with a more casual approach to incorporate his week's topic or activities.
- Homework should be occasional and linked to exams / revision etc. Hours at school is enough for kids.
- Please start giving out homework more often.
- If the child can challenge with their hard work consider grading their homework tasks in relation to projects / research type.
- Homework is essential in a child's learning and they tend to do homework rather than work given by parents it all helps.
- Given the analysis done as you have suggested its impact is avg 2 months -given academic year is 9 months a 20% impact is significant.
- There has not been consistency with homework levels so it is difficult to pick one option.
- Homework should be linked to the learning in the classroom, so that parents will have an idea what children are learning at school.
- The homework makes big positive changes in their studies as well as in their life, homework makes the children focus on something make meaning and benefits in this life and rather than spending money on tuition on our child because we cannot get enough homework from the school. Please please provide enough homework for Monday – Friday both English and maths.
- Provides a good stepping-stone for moving up to senior school, but should be tailored to each child's needs.