



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

HOMEWORK QUESTIONNAIRE JULY 2014

Thank you to those 81 parents and carers who took the time to complete the Homework Questionnaire; it is much appreciated. Your feedback has been very helpful.

The Governors recognise that we need to improve several areas of homework, particularly being consistent across the whole school. Action has already been taken, for example:

- Homework books or folders for each child;
- Each Phase agreeing to the style and quantity of homework;
- Published timetables for each Phase for setting, returning and/or testing of homework;
- An increase and emphasis in weekly homework for English and Maths and a reduction in the number of longer topic based activities;
- An agreement in how and when the topic based homework activities would be marked.

The Governors have analysed the responses and below is a summary of the six questions posed. Also, for those who prefer a more visual explanation, attached are graphs showing the six questions posed and the results.

1. 81 questionnaires were received.
2. The six questions posed had responses from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree as follows:
 - Taking all six questions together 73% indicated either Strongly Agree or Agree;
 - Taking all six questions together 27% are Not Sure, Disagree or Strongly Disagree;
 - 91% of respondents, Strongly Agree or Agree, about feeling confident in supporting their child in homework tasks;
 - 62% of respondents, Strongly Agree & Agree, that homework is set according to the school's policy;
 - 17% of respondents Disagree or Strongly Disagree that the standard of homework is generally well matched to their child's ability.
3. 70 respondents answered the Yes or No question about a workshop for parents: Yes response was 51 for English and 50 for Maths.
 - There will be a Maths workshop/evening for parents and carers on Thursday 29th January at 6:30 to 7:30pm
 - A date for an English workshop/evening for parents and carers is being arranged.
4. Not everybody added a comment, but there were some key themes:
 - a. 19 asked for a homework diary/book to manage all the requests and are very keen to know which days of the week homework is due. There are plenty of comments about pieces of paper either lost, crumpled up, torn etc in bags in relation to homework tasks.
 - b. Four respondents mentioned that a project set in Key Stage 2 was too difficult for the children: library did not have information to complete it; questioned if teachers had attempted to complete the task themselves before issuing to the children.
 - c. There is general inconsistency between each year group; some very happy, others comment on it being sporadic, because nothing for a few weeks and then several tasks to be completed in one week.
 - d. A number commented on homework tasks set, which were not covered in class. This meant that the parent or carer had to teach their child, before an attempt could be made on the homework task.
 - e. Not all homework is marked or feedback given, which can demotivate children.

The Governors will be gathering feedback from you in December to monitor the improvements in homework and then to decide on the next steps. We look forward to receiving your views.

Again, thank you for taking the time to help us improve the homework for the benefit of our children.

While writing, may I remind you to complete the Parent View questionnaire each academic year. This is a good way to let governors know your views on a range of issues, which Ofsted have selected.

- There is a link on the home page of the school's website: Parent Link Ofsted Questionnaire.
- It is only twelve questions and is easy to complete.
- It needs to be done each academic year.

Thank you to the 33, who completed it last academic year, and to the 1 parent/carers who completed it since September; we need more!

Mark Dennison

Chair of Governors

27th November 2014