

WOODSTOCK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPIL HOMEWORK FEEDBACK SUMMARY

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Pupils in KS1 and KS2 (246 in total) were asked to complete a questionnaire giving their views on homework to inform a re-write of the school's Homework Policy.

Key Findings:

- ❖ The majority of pupils (82%) think homework is important. This was the opinion across both KS1 and both lower and upper KS2 pupils.
- ❖ Over 50% of pupils across the school stated that they enjoy homework either a lot or usually. Interestingly, this figure was higher for pupils in KS1 compared to KS2.
- ❖ 80% of pupils across KS1 and KS2 think that homework helps them to learn.
- ❖ The percentage of parents that always or usually help with homework is high in KS1 but decreases as children get older. This could be a reflection of children taking increasing independence for their homework.
- ❖ It is the school's expectation that all children complete homework each week. Figures suggest that this is generally the case, with 97% of our oldest pupils usually completing homework each week.
- ❖ Most pupils across the school think they get enough homework.
- ❖ Whilst overall 58% pupils state that they get enough time to do their homework, a significant number of pupils in each key stage think either that they do not, or do not know. This will be investigated further.
- ❖ 61% of children think homework helps them do well at school.
- ❖ Two-thirds of children in each key stage and phase, think that the level of challenge of their homework is usually about right (69%). The other third of pupils are split between those viewing homework as either too easy or too hard.
- ❖ Overall 65% of pupils stated homework can, often or sometimes, cause arguments at home. Clearly this is something that we want to address and will be discussing as a staff.
- ❖ Over half our pupils say they worry about their homework, either often or sometimes. Class teachers will be speaking to children to gain a better understanding of what causes children to worry. We will then be discussing what we can do, to avoid this.
- ❖ Whilst most children across KS2 think everyone in a class should get the same homework many made insightful comments. Two of interest from Y5 pupils, were, *'Everyone should not get the same homework because people are at different levels in their work.'* and another, *'..... because one person's challenge is another's comfort zone.'*
- ❖ 80% of pupils say that they prefer to receive their homework weekly in-line with the current arrangements. A third of KS1 children said they would like homework daily.

CLASS	Cygnets	Ducklings	Goslings	KS1 Summary	Key Finding	Kingfishers	Nightingales	W/peckers	Y3/4 Summary	Key Finding	Kestrels Y5	Red Kites Y5	Falcons Y6	Y5/6 Summary	Key Finding	Overall
NOR	28	27	28			31	30	29			22	21	30			246
I think homework is important:																
Agree	25	23	21	83%	Agree	21	21	26	81%	Agree	19	21	20	82%	Agree	82%
Disagree	3	1	1	6%		0	0	0	19%		0	0	0	-		-
Don't know	0	3	6	11%		10	4	3	-		3	0	10	18%		
I enjoy homework:																
Yes, a lot	11	19	9	47%	Yes, a lot	2	8	3	14%		2	2	0	5%		23%
Yes, usually	5	5	4	17%		10	9	13	36%	Usually	8	9	14	42%	Usually	31%
Sort of	12	12	7	25%		10	11	11	26%		11	7	12	41%	Sort of	34%
Not much	0	0	3	4%		6	0	2	9%		1	2	3	8%		7%
No	0	2	5	8%		3	2	0	6%		0	0	0	3%		6%
Doing homework helps me to learn:																
Agree	28	23	21	87%	Agree	17	24	24	72%	Agree	19	21	19	81%	Agree	80%
Disagree	0	0	1	1%		2	1	1	4%		0	0	4	5%		4%
Don't know	0	4	6	12%		12	5	4	23%		3	0	7	14%		17%
An adult helps me with my homework:																
Always	14	12	14	48%	Always	7	4	4	17%		5	5	1	15%		27%
Usually	7	4	8	23%		7	9	7	26%		1	5	8	19%		23%
Sometimes	5	7	2	17%		17	15	17	54%	Sometimes	12	10	18	55%	Sometimes	42%
Never	2	4	4	12%		0	2	1	3%		4	1	3	11%		9%
I do the homework that I am set:																
Always	22	18	19	71%	Always	15	23	21	66%	Always	14	17	20	70%	Always	67%
Usually	6	5	6	20%		10	6	3	21%		7	3	10	27%		23%
Sometimes	0	4	1	6%		3	1	5	10%		1	1	0	3%		7%
Never	0	0	2	2%		3	0	0	3%		0	0	0	0%		2%
I think I get enough homework:																
Yes	20	15	20	66%	Yes	29	24	22	83%	Yes	20	18	27	89%	Yes	79%
No	6	10	4	24%		2	0	3	6%		1	2	0	3%		11%
Don't know	2	2	4	10%		0	6	4	11%		1	1	3	7%		9%

I usually get enough time to do my homework:																
Always	23	16	13	63%	Always	9	21	22	58%	Always	2	16	20	52%	Always	58%
Usually	0	3	14	20%		14	3	3	22%		18	3	4	34%		25%
Sometimes	5	8	1	17%		8	6	4	20%		2	2	6	14%		17%
I think homework helps me to do well at school																
Yes	22	20	15	69%	Yes	16	21	21	64%	Yes	2	16	17	48%	Yes	61%
No	0	6	9	18%		4	2	3	10%		8	1	4	18%		15%
Don't know	6	1	4	13%		11	7	5	26%		12	4	9	34%		24%
My homework is usually:																
Too easy	5	11	9	30%		5	2	3	11%		2	2	1	7%		16%
Just right	19	9	13	49%	Just right	20	24	24	76%	Just right	18	16	27	84%	Just right	69%
Too hard	4	7	6	30%		6	4	2	13%		2	3	2	10%		15%
Homework can cause arguments at home:																
Often	11	9	9	35%		7	2	2	12%		2	3	7	16%		21%
Sometimes	13	9	9	37%	Sometimes	16	13	18	52%	Sometimes	8	8	15	42%	Sometimes	44%
Never	4	9	10	28%		8	15	9	36%		12	10	8	41%	Never	36%
I understand what I have to do for my homework:																
Always	20	13	12	54%	Always	5	11	15	34%		7	5	8	27%		39%
Usually	5	6	9	27%		19	14	8	46%	Usually	10	13	19	58%	Usually	42%
Sometimes	2	7	2	12%		7	4	6	19%		5	3	3	15%		16%
Never	1	1	5	8%		0	1	0	1%		0	0	0	0%		4%
I worry about my homework:																
Often	4	6	7	20%		8	5	4	19%		3	1	3	8%		17%
Sometimes	5	8	2	18%		16	11	10	41%	Sometimes	11	20	12	59%	Sometimes	37%
Never	19	13	19	61%	Never	7	14	15	40%	Never	8	0	15	32%		45%
Do you think everyone in the class should get the same homework?																
Yes	5	5	12	27%		13	17	10	44%	Yes	11	12	12	48%		39%
No	23	18	15	67%	No	9	8	12	32%		11	7	7	34%		45%
Don't know	0	4	1	6%		9	5	7	23%		0	2	11	18%		16%
I prefer to have my homework:																
Daily	6	19	4	34%		8	5	2	17%		1	3	0	5%		20%
Weekly	22	8	24	65%	Weekly	23	25	27	83%	Weekly	21	18	30	95%	Weekly	80%

*Please note that not all percentages will total one hundred due to rounding.

Pupils were asked: <i>What kind of homework helps you learn best?</i>		
KS1 key responses	KS2:Y3/4 key responses	KS2:Y5/6 key responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Time tables and spelling practice ❖ Maths ❖ Creative tasks ❖ Spelladrome ❖ Handwriting practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Maths ❖ Literacy tasks including comprehension ❖ Creative tasks ❖ Online homework – Mathletics and Spelladrome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Maths, Mathletics, times-tables ❖ Literacy tasks ❖ Research tasks – fact files help you remember key things

Pupils were asked: <i>Why do you think you get homework?</i>		
KS1 key responses	KS2:Y3/4 key responses	KS2:Y5/6 key responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To discover new things ❖ To help us learn more ❖ To show our parents what we have been doing in school. ❖ To get better at school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ So we learn more. ❖ Gives us extra practice of what we have done in class. ❖ Helps us at schools. ❖ Helps us become independent learners. ❖ Extends our knowledge and understanding. ❖ It helps the teachers see what we know. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To help you learn. ❖ To show parents what you are learning in school. ❖ To build on what we have learnt in class to develop your confidence. ❖ To deepen your understanding, if you have been stuck on something in class. ❖ Helps prepare you for secondary school.

Pupils were asked: <i>Is there anything you would like to change about homework?</i>		
KS1 key responses	KS2:Y3/4 key responses	KS2:Y5/6 key responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ More science and art tasks. ❖ Do it every day. ❖ Year 2s should get more than Y1s. ❖ Have Mathletics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Less/more homework ❖ Same/different level for all. ❖ More online homework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sometimes it is a bit too easy. ❖ Homework should be given on a Monday and handed in on a Friday so we can relax at weekends. ❖ Many of us have events on Saturday or Sunday which doesn't leave us much free time. ❖ Small daily tasks would be good.

Pupils were asked: <i>Is there anything else you would like to tell us about homework?</i>		
KS1 key responses	KS2:Y3/4 key responses	KS2:Y5/6 key responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Can we have more description about what we need to do and how to do it? ❖ Do homework during the week and not at weekends. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Homework should be fun and exciting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ I really enjoy homework but sometimes it can take over the weekend. ❖ There is a lot of it! ❖ Some people should get easier homework. ❖ More maths challenges!