

Appendix: Comments from Parents/Guardians regarding Homework in School 2021

- ✚ Homework doesn't suit every child but some could really benefit from extra reading and writing skills
- ✚ Personally, I don't think primary school kids should have homework after spending a day in school excluding maybe spellings and tables. I am lucky in the fact my child doesn't have the likes of ADHD or sensory issues but many kids do and I think homework is a huge stressor on a family dealing with such issues.
- ✚ Children go to school nearly 30 hours a week I don't think they should have to come home and do more work, I learn my kids at home like basic living skills like baking, cleaning up after themselves, family time etc
- ✚ My daughter is in 3rd class. She has anxiety, sensory and complex needs. Homework prior to senior school was always a huge challenge and struggle everyday. (homeschooling didn't work during Covid)
- ✚ Maths tables and spellings should be always part of the home work
- ✚ Regarding point 6, there should be consequences but rewarding hard work should always be done. I do think homework is necessary but also think it should not be a lot, they have spent a long day in school so hours of work when they get home is not something I'd like to see. At the moment [my child] is coping very well with the little he is asked to do. On top of that he reads with me and sometimes practice's his hand writing.
- ✚ I feel my child spending over 5 hrs in school each day is enough and with a busy home which can be stressful when it comes to getting homework done it can sometimes take away from family and dinner time as there are not enough hrs in the day especially with parents working and I would rather my child be happy kicking a ball outside and in general playing in nature than the distress it causes bringing them in to do homework. This is just my personal opinion tk you.
- ✚ Homework: it helps the parent understand how well/struggling their child is doing and help progress with the teachers
- ✚ I have enjoyed the no homework period during Covid I won't lie it can be stressful at times no homework has given us more time for snuggles and a chat after school.
- ✚ Since the start of lockdown the kids have had no homework & I feel it has benefit my daughter mentally from not having it. She used to love homework but it did cause tension if the weather was good & she wanted to play outside or she's exhausted from a long day in school. I don't feel homework has any benefit as she's doing extremely well in school. I feel if homework is to return it should only be reading. In my opinion from past experience with older children, the amount of homework given depended on the teacher & the amount was never consistent but never seemed to have any extra benefit to spend 20 mins or 4 hours doing however the more time spent on homework caused high levels of stress for both my children and myself for very different reasons. After school has become a much more enjoyable time as of late, my daughter gets to spend as much time playing out with friends instead of stuck to a kitchen table doing homework.

- ✚ *I don't believe in a sanction on any child, because I don't believe in that.*
- ✚ *They do enough work during school.*
- ✚ Children do enough work in school so home should be away from all the work so Children can use their time for playing or chilling out.
- ✚ Some children enjoy homework and thrive but others who struggle during school day have nothing left when they come home so homework can cause distress for children. Reading should be encouraged at home regularly if possible
- ✚ Reading homework and maybe 1 or 2 sums practicing what the children are covering in school

*Extracts from Parents/Guardians Survey on Homework in Sacred Heart SNS 2021