



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

## Maths Homework Survey

At Barrowby Church of England Primary School we believe that:

*As a Church school family, we strive for excellence, ensuring that we all feel happy, valued and loved. We aim to provide an exciting, innovative, and relevant curriculum that enables all to 'shine' and develop as creative, respectful and independent citizens. We seek to promote equal opportunities for all so that each individual is encouraged to achieve their full potential and become lifelong learners who can make a positive contribution to society.*

We asked all parents and carers, to provide feedback on their child's current Maths Homework offering.

In total, we had 163 responses to the survey.

### **Do you think Maths homework is necessary in primary school?**

|     |       |     |
|-----|-------|-----|
| Yes | 71.2% | 116 |
| No  | 28.8% | 47  |

### **Thank you for your comments.**

*It is really pleasing to note that the majority of parents see Maths homework as a necessity.*

### **If you answered Yes to the above question, please tell us why:**

|  |       |    |
|--|-------|----|
| To reinforce work done in school       | 46%   | 75 |
| It raises attainment                   | 8%    | 13 |
| Parents are informed about school work | 3.7%  | 6  |
| It helps develop independent work      | 22.7% | 37 |
| I answered 'no' to question 2          | 19.6% | 32 |

### **Thank you for your comments.**

*Research supports that Maths homework at a primary level is most impactful when it supports the work completed in school. It is also important to us as a school to help support children to be independent learners, linking to our core values.*

### **If you answered No to the above question, please tell us why:**

|  |       |     |
|--|-------|-----|
| Children spend long enough working in school | 66.3% | 108 |
| It cuts into family time                     | 11.7% | 19  |
| I struggle to find the time                  | 11.7% | 19  |
| I don't always know how to support           | 5.5%  | 9   |
| It causes anxiety                            | 4.9%  | 8   |

### **Thank you for your comments.**

*It is interesting to note that most of the parents that responded to this survey believe that the children spend enough long enough working at school and therefore should not have any Maths homework.*

### **Does your child/ren enjoy their Maths homework?**

|                  |       |    |
|------------------|-------|----|
| Yes              | 28.8% | 47 |
| Most of the time | 16%   | 26 |
| Sometimes        | 27%   | 44 |
| Rarely           | 9.2%  | 15 |
| No               | 19%   | 31 |



**Thank you for your comments.**

*It is pleasing that the majority of our children enjoy their Maths homework.*

**What do you think about the amount of homework your child/ren receives?**

|            |       |    |
|------------|-------|----|
| Too much   | 14.1% | 23 |
| Too little | 27%   | 44 |
| Just right | 58.9% | 96 |

**Thank you for your comments.**

*It is pleasing that over half our parents that responded to this survey believe their child receives the right amount of homework.*

**What do you think would be the most valuable part of Maths homework?**

|                       |       |    |
|-----------------------|-------|----|
| Learning times tables | 43.6% | 71 |
| Problem solving       | 39.3% | 64 |
| Written calculations  | 17.2% | 28 |

**Thank you for your comments.**

*Currently our homework offering in Key Stage Two focusses solely on the learning of Times Tables. We aim to keep this tool moving forward as a supportive mechanism for our children, with refining our offering to include problem solving and written calculations too.*

**What do you think would be the best system for giving out Maths homework?**

|                                     |       |    |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----|
| Online tool (Times Table Rockstars) | 32.5% | 53 |
| Workbook                            | 38.7% | 63 |
| Sheets                              | 28.8% | 47 |

**Thank you for your comments.**

*We aim to provide homework in an efficient and manageable way.*

**Next Steps for our school:**

*As a school we are interested in refining our Maths homework offering. Research supports that Maths homework for primary age pupils has little impact on their mathematics attainment unless directly linked to their current learning. Research suggests Maths homework in primary school has the benefit of involving parents in their child's learning.*

*Therefore, we will:*

- *Explore the impact Maths homework has on primary age pupils in line with research and recommendations.*
- *Review and update our Homework Policy to reflect the changes.*
- *Any changes made to our Homework offering will be communicated with parents in a timely fashion.*

Thank you for your comments and taking the time to answer this survey.

Once again, I thank you for your cooperation and assistance and look forward to working with all the stakeholders of our school, striving to enhance even further our provision and opportunities available to all.

Yours sincerely



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