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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Parent Homework Questionnaire.

You may remember that at the end of the Spring Term, we gave you a questionnaire about homework at Bishop Wood. My apologies that it has taken us some time to feedback to you about this, but I thought you would be interested to see the results; they are summarised in the table below. The figures are based on 69 questionnaires that were returned.

	Agree	Disagree
1. I think it is important Junior age children do some homework.	88%	12%
2. My child is given an appropriate amount of homework.	78%	22%
3. My child spends a reasonable amount of time on their homework.	83%	17%
4. My child is given a reasonable amount of time between the work being set and the date it is due in.	97%	3%
5. The amount of time I need to give to helping my child with homework is acceptable.	83%	17%
6. The 'homework walls' help me to support my child with their homework.	72%	28%
7. My child receives appropriate homework for their ability.	83%	17%
8. The tasks set are valuable towards my child's education.	88%	12%
9. There is enough time to read 3 times a week and practise times tables as well as other set homework.	62%	38%
10. My child is given appropriate feedback about tasks completed at home.	80%	20%

It was clear to us from the results that a significant minority of you were not convinced by the homework walls. The main concern was that sometimes tasks were on the walls that had not already been covered in class and this then caused problems at home, especially in maths. Therefore, depending on the year group your child is in, you may see the homework wall approach being used less now and in the future.

Another issue was a perceived lack of feedback about tasks. Teachers will do their best to build this into follow-up sessions in class, and where possible allow children to share what they have found out with their peers.

Time to complete tasks is clearly also a worry. We do understand the busy lives that many families have, and respect the right of children to both rest and participate in the wealth of outside activities that Tring has to offer; for this reason it is never our policy to ask for homework in the day after it has been set. Nevertheless, as a staff, we feel strongly that homework is an important part of preparing Junior age children for the move up to Secondary Education. If you have particular concerns about your child and the homework they are receiving, we are always willing to listen and work with you to try and solve the problem, so do please get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

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