

William Penn Governors' Newsletter – Spring 2021

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all our parents and carers who have been supporting their children with remote education over the course of this term. We understand the enormous pressure placed on you and thank you for your support with home learning whilst juggling work and other responsibilities.

Stakeholder Surveys

Due to the unusual circumstances, the governing body has modified our usual stakeholder surveys to reflect the current priorities and to gain a greater understanding of how the school's remote learning provision is working for pupils, parents and staff. We received 32 responses from parents relating to 51 children – just under half the number of pupils on roll. Your feedback is really important to us and whilst we can't do the one thing all of you really want most (to have your children back in school!) there are some things we can do in response to your feedback.

The full survey results are included on the following pages but in summary, the current provision is meeting the needs of the majority of families which is reassuring to see.

Many of you took the time to include lots of additional information in the open text boxes and this has been incredibly helpful in adding context or extra information. For example, the survey showed that 78% of parents are happy with the amount of work set and the comments you added showed that none of you felt there was too little but indicated that your child sometimes struggled to complete everything that has been set. Responses such as these will be picked up with staff to ensure teachers reassure children that it is OK not to complete all the work set and I would like to reiterate this to you as parents. We fully acknowledge that every family has a different set of circumstances and face varying challenges. Whilst the guidelines from the DfE are for 3 hours at KS1 and 4 hours at KS2, please use your own judgement and adapt this to meet your own situation.

It is clear that you value the pupil check ins with the class teacher and the videos they have produced to explain the tasks and key concepts as well as the daily plans and Google Classrooms platform. The feedback regarding additional support the school could provide is more wide ranging but will be shared with the teaching staff for them to review and consider going forwards.

It is helpful that the responses and comments from the pupil surveys largely mirror those from parents. It is clear they are working incredibly hard and relish contact with their teachers and friends.

Finally, I would just like to say how much we appreciate the kind and positive comments so many have you made with regards to the support you are receiving from the school in terms of remote education and general concern for you and your children. These will be shared with the whole school staff who I know will welcome hearing how much their hard work is valued.

We look forward to welcoming your children back into school as soon as we are able to do so.

Best wishes

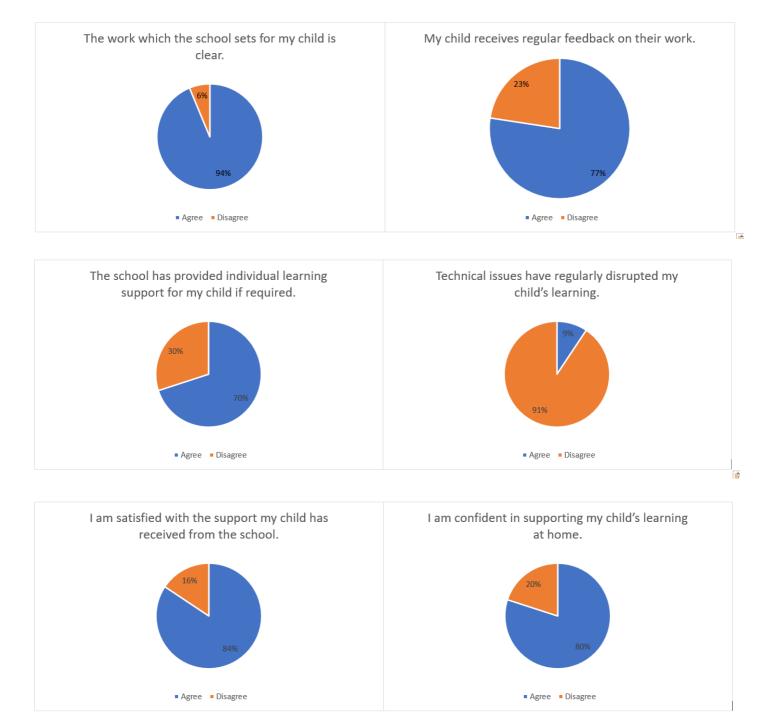
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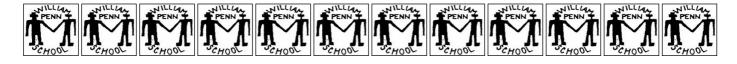


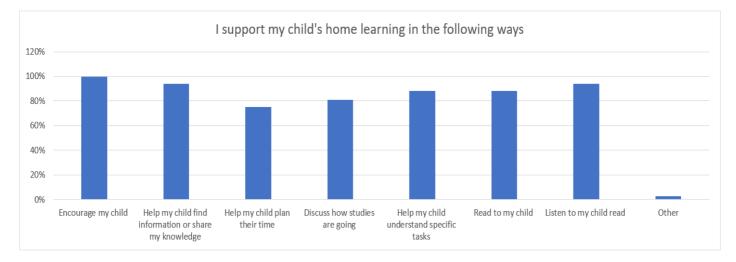
Stakeholder Surveys Spring 2021 Summary of Responses

Remote Learning Provision

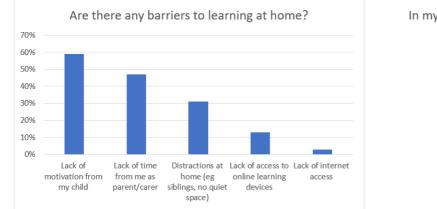


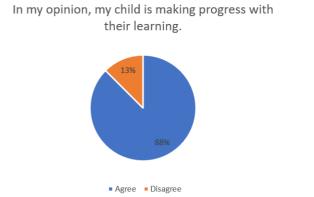




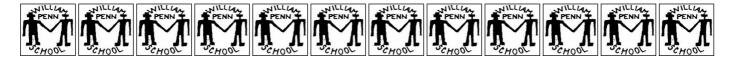






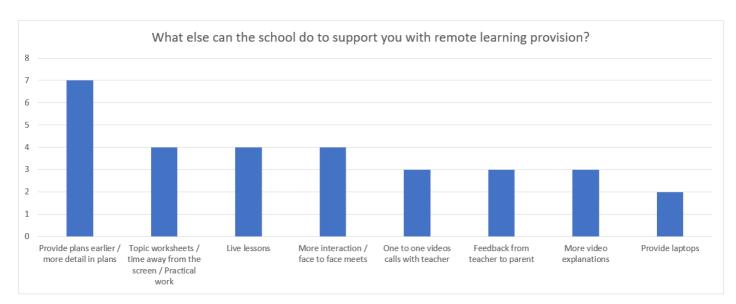


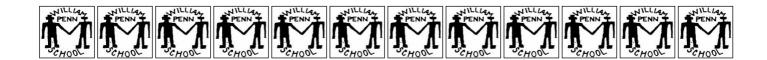














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