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Home Learning Feedback - January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to those of you who contributed to the recent Learning Survey. There were 166 responses.

We wanted to share the results of the survey with you and also wanted to let you know that as a result of your feedback and comments, we are working on a few adjustments/developments to make our offer even better.

As you will see, the survey results are extremely positive and we are so pleased that the vast majority of those who took part are happy with what we are providing. We have published the results on the next couple of pages but wanted to draw your attention to a few points/resulting actions:

- 1) Live lessons are overwhelmingly the preferred method of teaching. However there were a few parents who would prefer pre-recorded lessons and many who preferred live lessons said their children would benefit from the live lessons being recorded. We have looked into this and it is an option. However, it would mean that all children participating in the lesson would be recorded. It would mean that if you did not want your child to appear on the screen, their camera would need to be turned off. They would still be able to participate by using the hands up button and their contributions would still be heard. We would have to leave the responsibility of ensuring that videos were turned off for those who did not want their children to appear on screen to the individual child/parent. We will not be able to proceed with this option if there are parents and carers who do not consent. Please can you let me know via email by no later than Friday if you have concerns about this option or if you do not consent. h.freeman@bigginhillps.com
- 2) We will continue with two live lessons a day as again, this was by far the most popular option. At this stage we cannot do anymore than this. That said, if you are feeling overwhelmed or your child is unable to join both live lessons - please do not worry. We only ask that you do what you can, we understand that for parents and carers who are working, who have other children at home or where space and time are limited, home-schooling can be extremely challenging. Do what you can and keep in touch to let us know if you get to the point where it is all too much! Try to ignore what those around you are/are not doing - just do what you believe to be right for your child. Our only expectation is that they are engaging with some of their learning each day - you decide how much. This will be different for every child/family.



- 3) We analysed the comments from the survey and drew out the following common thread; we are considering including:
- a more relaxed session that was a chance for children to socialise with their classmates
 - ways to encourage older readers to continue to read whilst at home
 - activities that allowed all children to practice weekly spellings and maths challenges
 - teachers or LSAs staying on the live lesson for a bit longer to help the children while they are working

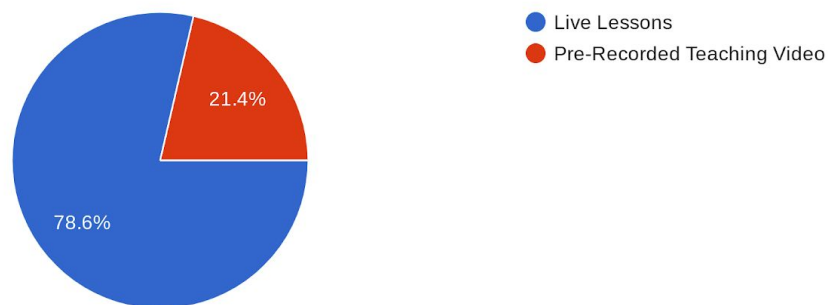
These are all great ideas and we are considering how each one might be addressed - we will keep you posted!

- 4) Some people suggested that sessions on how to use Google Classroom would be useful. We could offer these, they would take the form of online tutorials and though we would be very happy to run something like this, we are equally happy to talk people through how to do things over the phone and have already done this for many families. If you are struggling and like the idea of a tutorial then please let us know - we will only run these if there is enough interest. Otherwise we will continue to support families on an individual basis.

THE RESULTS

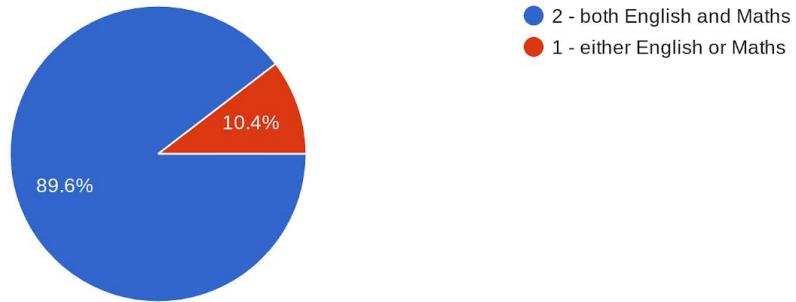
Would you prefer live lessons or pre-recorded teaching videos?

145 responses



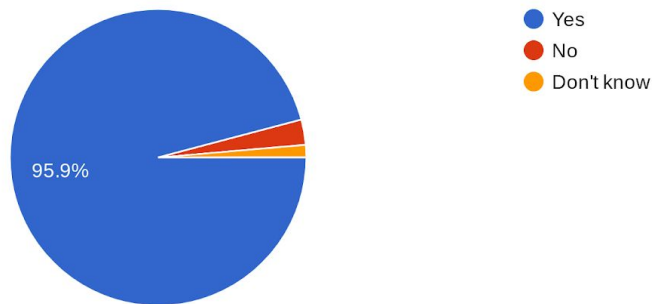
How many lessons would you like a day?

144 responses



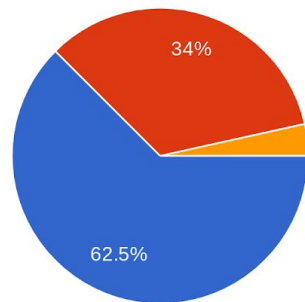
Have teachers been engaging well with your children while they have been at home?

146 responses



Overall do you think that the home learning offer as it stands is:

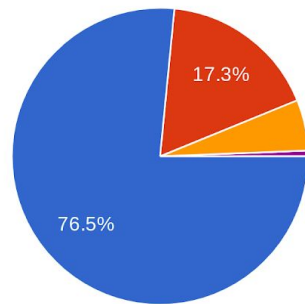
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- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Inadequate (if this is the case please make some constructive suggestions about what you think could be better in the next box)

How good do you think communication to parents and carers has been in relation to school closure and the key worker and vulnerable provision? 10 is the highest score and 1 is the lowest.

162 responses



- 10
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
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Thank you so much once again for taking the time to take part in the survey, your opinions really matter to us and will be instrumental to us improving our home-learning offer.

If there is anything that we can help with in terms of home learning - please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

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