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## Homework Questionnaire Feedback

We really value your opinions and are always looking for ways to improve our school community. 194 families completed this questionnaire, which is our biggest family response yet. Thank you! Below is a summary of our families' views regarding our approach to homework and what we are going to do in response to your feedback. The full collated questionnaire responses can be found on the school website in the homework section.

### Key themes:

- Most (78%) of our families believe homework supports their children's learning.
- Majority (66%) of our families value getting homework.
- Majority (65%) of our families enjoy completing homework.
- Majority (61%) of our families would prefer homework to be issued Monday – Friday.
- Few (12%) of our families think there should be no homework.
- Majority of our families feel our homework approaches could be further improved.
- Most of our families would welcome sources of support for homework including information leaflets, information on school website and homework clubs.

### Family suggestions for improving homework approaches:

- Homework should be optional.
- Homework shouldn't be every night.
- Certain times of the year would benefit from being homework free – December and June.
- Homework should reflect current learning in the classroom.
- Focus on reading and basic numeracy skills.
- Homework should be personalised.
- Homework should fit around families' out of school commitments.
- Homework should have a consistent approach across the stages.
- Homework should be fun, challenging and include choice.
- Family projects.
- Homework should take no longer than 10mins a night unless the child wants to spend longer on it.

### How we are taking this forwards:

- To offer our families a flexible approach to homework to fit in with their family life.
- To encourage regular reading and practise on key numeracy skills at home.
- To introduce Learning Logs which offer an optional selection of challenges for children to choose from across a half term.
- To create a list of activities that families can undertake together in and around Newtongrange that doesn't cost a lot of money.
- To reduce homework during busy times of the year – December and June.
- To further develop sources of homework support including a homework club.

Further information and changes to homework will be communicated in due course.