



Education Resources
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Woodie News February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I really hope this newsletter finds you all well after 4 weeks of 'Home Learning'. We will have to wait now until the 16th of February to find out the exact plan for our children returning. We are keeping everything crossed.

I know I keep saying it but 'Thank You' for supporting your child with their learning. Please remember that working at home is not the same as school so just try to do your best.

We are aware that many of our children are needing a wee break and are really missing their friends. To highlight this and the importance of positive health and wellbeing for all, we have decided to focus on our 'Emotion Works' programme for two full days next week. On Thursday and Friday your child will receive three challenges, each set by a different teacher. Click on the link included in the email to find out more about our Emotion Works programme. We have sent you a flier outlining the plan. Please note that we are offering drop in sessions to support our parents' and carers' wellbeing too! If you fancy a chat, it would be lovely to catch up with you. I hope you enjoy a wee break from the old routine for a couple of days.

Over the page I have include the results from our recent survey and added a couple of parental comments. Thank you for all your responses. We have read them all and will try to action your suggestions where we can. The many positive comments were a real boost for the staff. I really appreciate the hard work and dedication from all school staff who always go the extra mile for our 'Woodie Weans'. It has been a real positive team effort, despite the same challenges we are all facing. Please relax and enjoy the fact that there will be **no** home learning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week!

Keep safe everyone,
Elaine Renwick
Head Teacher

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Dates For Your Diary

8th Feb	HOLIDAY
9th Feb	HOLIDAY
10th Feb	INSET day. No work on Google Classroom

Top Marks

Congratulations to Mrs Ferguson who recently gained a merit in 'The Theory and Practice of Nurture Groups' from Nurture UK. Well Done!



Youth Family and Community Learning Services

Evelyn, our partnership worker, has been a huge support to many of our families throughout this time. She has been out to do a few door step visits and made contact with many of our families. A big 'Thank'. Evelyn is with us every **Wednesday** and **Thursday** and you can contact her via our school office.

A huge thank you to Rocca Restaurant in Hamilton for their kind donations of food packages. These were gratefully received.





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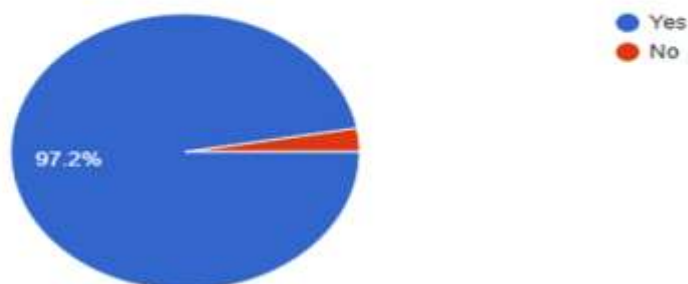
Parent Questionnaire Results

Many thanks to the 145 families (39%) who responded to our recent Parental Questionnaire. Your feedback and comments are really valued and we have made a few changes, where possible as a result. We have taken the opportunity to contact our families to offer further support.

Please have a look at the responses:-

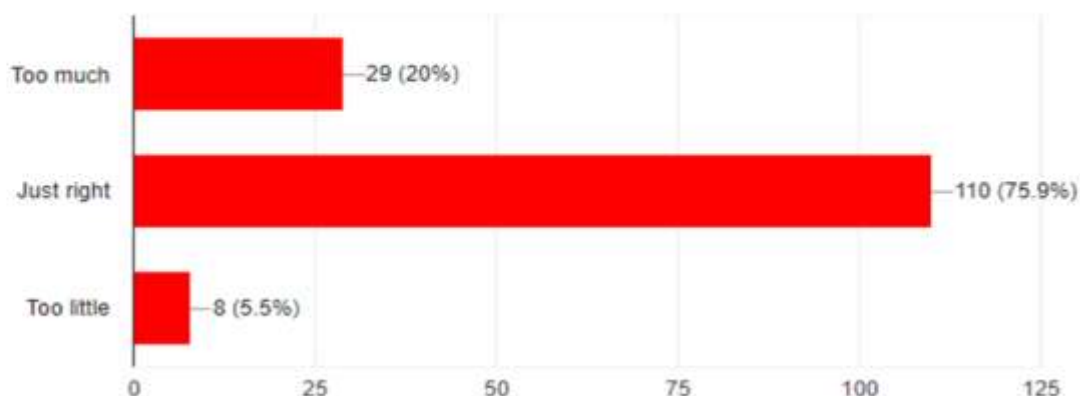
As a school, have we provided you with enough information and guidance to help you support your child's online learning?

145 responses



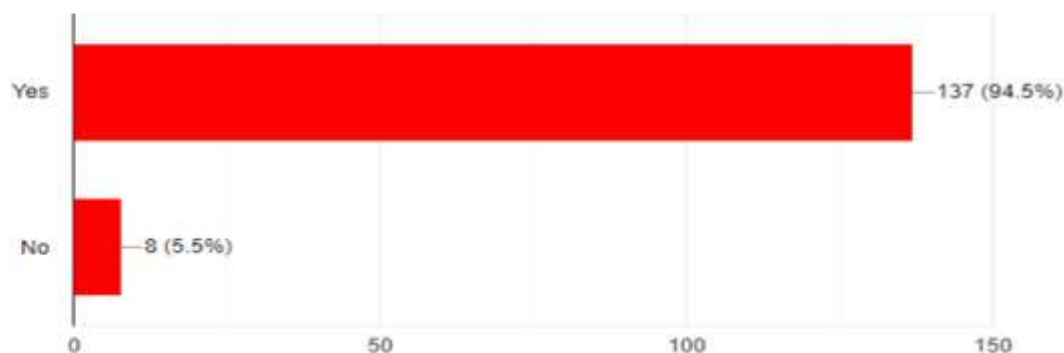
On a daily basis, how would you rate the amount of learning on the Google Classroom?

145 responses



We have introduced Google Meets to provide a way for all children to remain in contact with the teacher and classmates. Is this helpful/supportive for your child?

145 responses



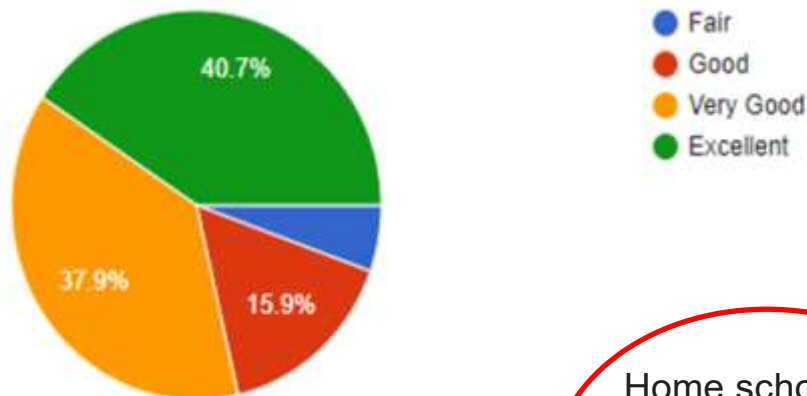
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What standard of Remote Learning are you being offered at Woodside Primary School?

145 responses



I feel my daughter would benefit from being on google meet for longer periods of time to be with her teacher and classmates. I can physically see how good this is for her mental health. She is so much more positive after seeing them.

Home schooling is extremely challenging but Woodside are doing everything

Thank you so much for all of the hard work and effort you're all putting in. It's keeping some kind of normality to our day and it's been very much appreciated. We don't always get round to doing the extra curricular stuff but we always try to keep on top of language and maths.

I am picking and choosing what to use. Mainly the maths and language work. It is very difficult to juggle work and two kids alone so we manage about 3 twenty minute sessions within the day. The google classroom was really difficult to navigate the first week but things seem to be uploaded so much clearer now.

I'm happy with the excellent support you are giving, this is different for you also to manage and together it's working well. Thank you

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