

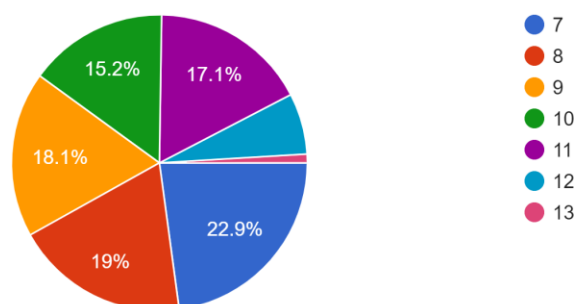
Parent Wellbeing Questionnaire responses

Spring Term 2021

105 responses

Question 1: Your child's Year Group:

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Question 2: What devices is your child using?

The vast majority of you said a laptop or similar (over 80%)

Question 3: Does your child have access to Wi-Fi?

The vast majority of you said always (nearly 90%)

Question 4: Do you feel the school are doing their best to provide a good education in the current circumstances?

88% of parents said yes, 8% unsure and only 4% (5 parents) said no.

Question 5: Any comments relating to question 4:

There were a large number of positive comments including:

- I think the school is doing a great job with remote learning
- I am impressed with the format for the lessons. There seems to be regular actual contact from teachers made up with independent learning. Sticking to the timetable gives the day a structure.
- I think school and teachers are doing an amazing job. What I like best is how positive and encouraging all the teachers are. Thank you
- School are doing a fantastic job well done & thank you.
- Yes and much better now there is live online teaching

- We have been really impressed with how the teachers have adapted to online lessons, in particular the teachers who teach full lessons via GoogleMeet. For example, maths and science.
- I have been very impressed with the work set
- We are very impressed with the way that Mrs Griffiths is leading the school through this challenging time. The actions we are seeing from Alder Grange (for example, the regular updates and letters to students and parents, and now a road trip ♥️📦) demonstrate that it's a school which truly cares for its students.
- I think the school are doing the best they can. They are thinking of the children academically & thinking of their mental health.
- I would like to thank all the teachers for all their hard work!
- I feel the school is doing amazing given its also new for teachers as well to implement home learning.
- I've been happy with the resources and communication from the school.
- School have been fantastic. They have provided a range of ways to set up lessons - live lessons, videos, set assignments etc.... It is evident how much effort has gone into planning and delivering the curriculum with a smile.
- I'm very happy with the education.
- I am confident that school are doing their best!
- Well done
- Excellent support and communications from school
- Alder Grange have been incredibly supportive throughout this difficult year.

There were some concerns:

- Some felt there had been too much work set (3)
- An equal number felt there had not been enough (2)
- Some concerns about frequency and quantity of feedback (2)
- Different ways of setting work (1)
- Future worries about exams (2)
- Struggling with communication (5)

Most of these have been responded to directly, and signposting to Google advice, seeking help from teachers (via email or calling reception) and use of the engagement tracker has resolved these.

Getting the quantity of work right is a real challenge and clearly it is easier to tailor to pupils when face to face lessons take place. In lockdown this was much harder and hence the equal numbers of those having too much and those having not enough. We will always adapt -

providing extra or reducing the quantity to support pupils, this needs to be communicated to teachers so we can sort this.

Question 6: Do you know how to access support if you or your child is struggling with remote learning?

85% said yes or sometimes, only 12% said no and 3% requested help - this has been provided.

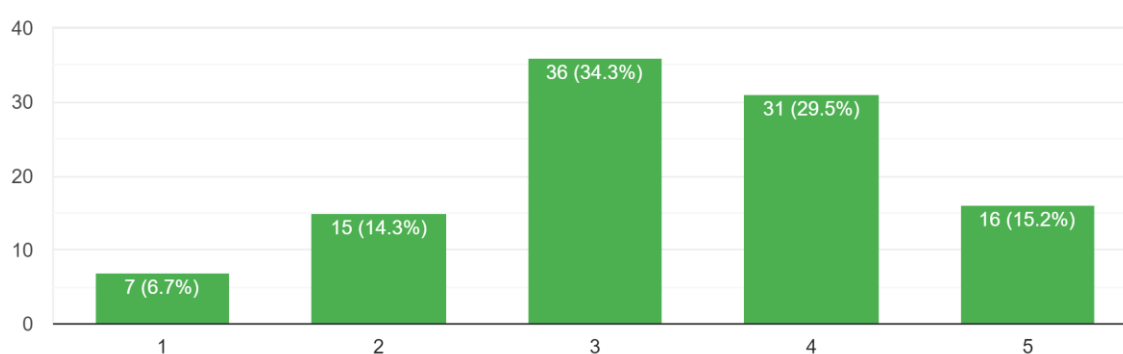
Question 7: Any comments about question 6?

Most were able to get contact and appreciated check in from staff.

Question 8:

How concerned are you about your child's progress on a scale of 1 to 5?

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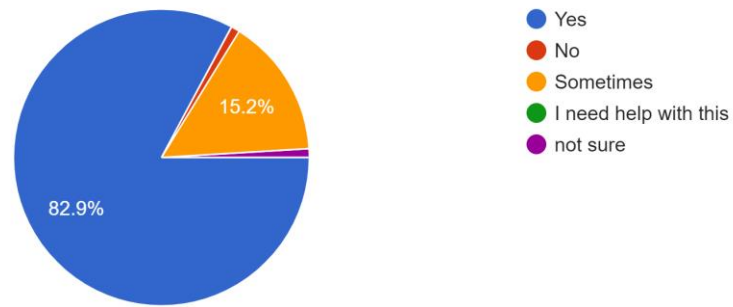
Question 9: Comments about question 7:

These generally were saying that parents were keen to get children back to school, that they were worried but also had confidence that catching up would happen, that the social aspects were being missed more than work, parents evening had really helped with identifying progress. *Overall we feel that the plans for the return will address all these worries.*

Question 10:

Do you feel able to keep your child safe online?

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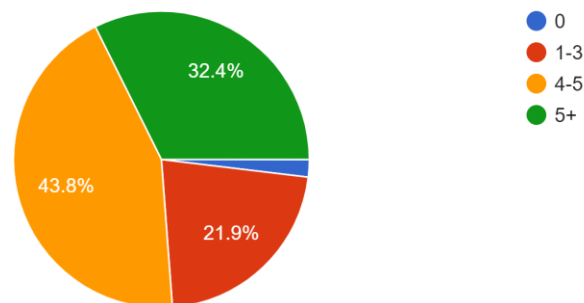
Question 11: Comments about question 10:

Most parents are happy that their children are safe online.

Question 12:

How many hours per day does your child spend accessing online learning?

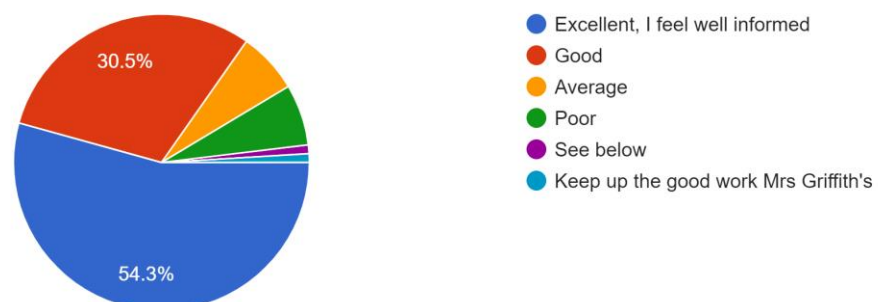
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Question 13:

How do you feel the communication from school has been throughout the pandemic?

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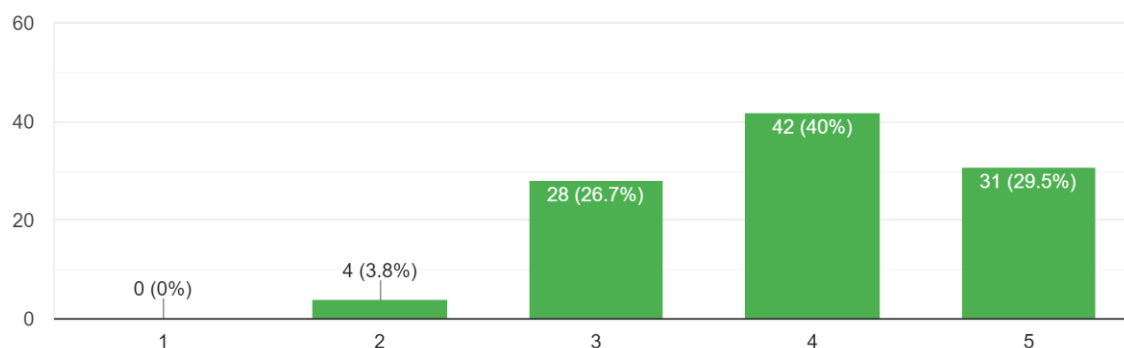
Question 14: Comments about question 13:

32 comments, most really appreciate the level of communication, weekly messages to pupils and detailed information (21) Some (6) struggled to contact individual teachers - where details were supplied these have been followed up, 1 parent felt communication was excessive, other comments varied, including positives about assemblies and appreciation for mental health support.

Question 15:

How are your family coping in lockdown on a scale of 1 to 5?

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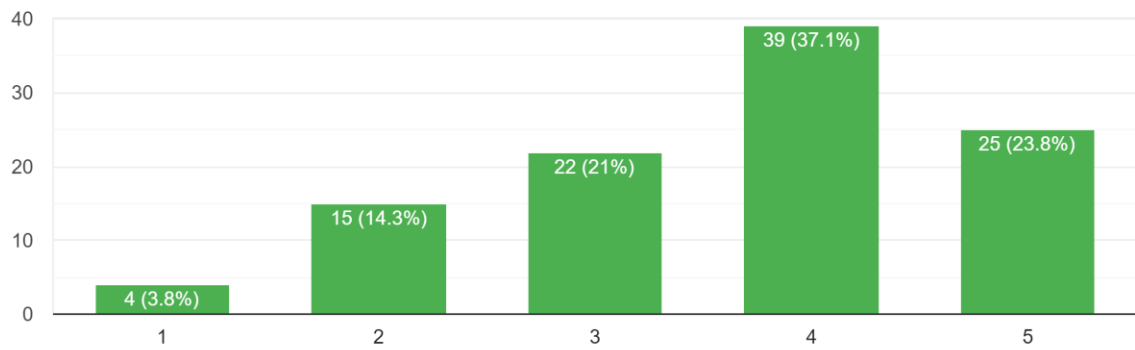
Question 16: Comments about question 15:

Most of these were personal and related to individual pupils; contact has been made where requested.

Question 17:

How concerned are you about your child's emotional health and wellbeing on a scale of 1 to 5 ?

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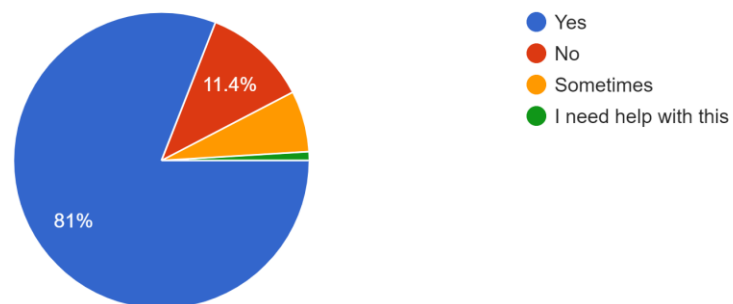
Question 18:

Most comments here were about lack of social interaction and eagerness to get back to school, appreciation for no-screen time on Fridays, and worries about exercise and activity levels. All of these should be resolved by the re-opening of schools.

Question 19:

Do you know how to access support if your child is struggling with wellbeing?

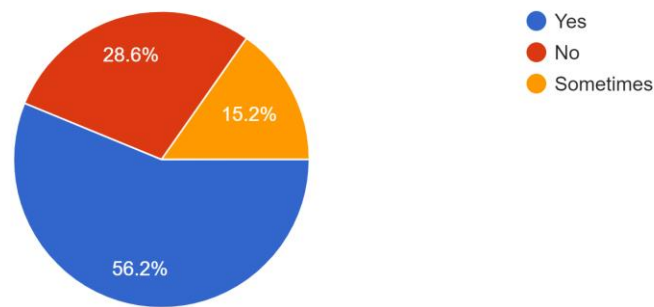
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Question 20 & 21:

Are you contacted if your child does not engage?

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Comments here were all positive, parents getting information about engagement and most happy with the levels of engagement from their children.

Question 22: Is there anything you feel we could do to improve with engagement?

No - 38 responses, many including lots of positive comments about how lockdown has been handled by school.

Other comments included improved communication (4) and some good ideas for other activities, such as meets for social time that we will take on board for future.

Question 23: Anything else we could do to improve:

No (14)

Reduced quantity of work (2)

More communication with parents (4) – *We introduced the engagement tracker emails during lockdown, Achievement Leaders monitored the attendance at Google Meets and made contact with parents if we were concerned about engagement. Those who we were aware were struggling received weekly welfare checks. Mentoring, counselling, careers interviews & school nurse appointments continued virtually in lockdown.*

Careers advice (1) – *this has been in place – there is an online careers hub and appointments can be requested with our careers advisor*

Worries about rules being followed on return/safety in school (2) – *the induction planned for the first day back will emphasise the need to keep safe and be reinforced by all staff in all lessons.*

Year 9 options info – *There will information about these after Easter, but pupils have been told in assembly that they will have the opportunity to re-choose all options in readiness for*

Year 10. A new options form will be circulated and explained in school for pupils and parents will be invited to a virtual options evening.

More no-screen time (2) – In later weeks more tasks were deliberately set as non-screen activities, the no-screen Friday, and end of term wellbeing day all aimed to reduce screen time. Hopefully we won't have another lockdown, but if we do this will be built in from the start.

Worries about exams (2) – hopefully the information we have shared so far will reassure, as soon as exam boards give us final details about how to evidence grades we will share.

Teachers are now working with Year 11 and 13 to gather evidence and complete assessments.

Other comments:

- I think the 'road trip' organised by the school shows that the school is thinking about its pupils and their families.
- I would just like to say thank you to all the teachers, staff and leaders for everything they have done during this time. It cannot be easy but school has done brilliantly
- Keep up the good work
- The recent policy of not setting homework has been really helpful as it was becoming quite challenging to complete both unfinished class work and homework.
- We would like to thank the staff and teachers for all their hard work and dedication throughout this difficult time.
- I really like your ideas about pupils having less screen time!
- Thank you for your hard work during this challenging time
- I know that the Alder Grange staff are available if I have any concerns, and I would contact them if I had worries. The open communication from the school means parents should always have a good idea of what is going on.
- Just worried about the impact of all of this on their education and mental health.
- I would like to thank school for their prompt replies to any questions I've raised
- Just a huge thank you for all the kindness, support and encouragement that our son has received. Thank you for all the hard work that has gone into looking after the children.