Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of term, and I am sure you are all looking forward to a complete rest from the remote learning! We know that this has been incredibly challenging and all of us at Walnut Tree Walk want to thank you for your support with the children's learning at home. As I have said before, we know many of you are having to juggle working from home or other challenges alongside supporting children with remote learning, but it has been great to see such high engagement right to the end of the term. This week I am delighted to say that some classes had 100% of children engaging with the key learning on Google Classroom!

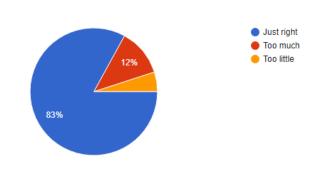
All of us at Walnut Tree Walk really hope that the government say that schools can fully reopen on 8th March; I will of course write to you with details once we have a return date confirmed.

Thank you to all of you who responded to the parent questionnaire yesterday. We had 102 responses so it was great to get so much feedback. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive as you can see from the summary below and we really appreciated all your lovely comments.



We had a good representative mix across year groups, and those in school or at home:

The vast majority (83%) of parents responded that the amount of work we are setting is just right, with 12% saying it is too much and 5% that it is too little.



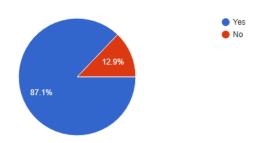
We are instructed by the Department for Education to set a minimum of 3 hours work per day for Early Years and Key Stage One, and 4 hours a day for Key Stage Two. Bearing this in mind, the work set at Walnut Tree Walk is...

100 responses

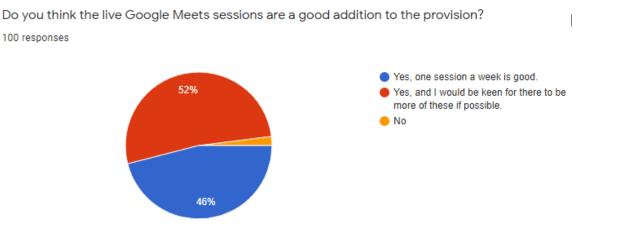
We then asked about whether parents would be keen to have another Screen Free Day in the future. 87% said that they would, so this is something we will plan for in the first fortnight back after the half term holiday.

Last week we had a Screen Free Friday. Would you like to see another Screen Free Day in the future?

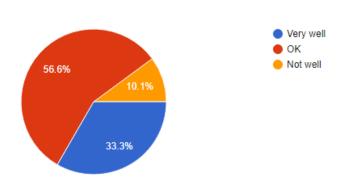
101 responses



The Google Meets sessions have been very well received with just 2 out of the 100 people who answered that question saying they did not feel it was a good addition to the provision. Just over half said they would be keen to have more Google Meet sessions, and just under half said the current one session is good. We will be looking to offer a second session for each child per week after the half term. I will write with details of what this additional session will look like at the start of term.



The next question was to find out about how the children are coping with the lockdown.



Mental health and well being is very important at Walnut Tree Walk. Please reflect and respond on behalf of your child. How is your child generally coping with the lockdown? 99 responses

We have expanded our mental health and therapy provision at Walnut Tree Walk, and we are now a feeder school for the Lambeth Mental Health Support Team. This will complement the work that Jen, our Child and Educational Psychologist, and Gardner, our Drama Therapist, offer. I will write to you with details about this

next half term, but what it means is that from May we will be able to offer more children therapy and mental health support in school, and there has never been a time when this is more needed.

The staff team have worked very hard to respond to individual needs and to help overcome any barriers to remote learning that are within our control, and I am pleased that the vast majority of you felt that too.

49.5%
Yes, I have been well supported
No, I have not received the support I needed.
Not applicable as I have not requested any support.

If you have experienced any difficulties with the learning or accessing Google Classroom, have you been supported promptly by the school or your child's Class Teacher with this? 99 responses

Have a lovely half term and an enjoyable break. We will see you all back on Google Classroom on Monday 22nd February. The Key Worker/Vulnerable provision will start back on Monday 22nd too.

A reminder that Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March are INSET days. We will not be setting work or running our Key Worker provision on those days.

Best Wishes,

Andrew