

Parent Survey Summary: Home Learning



School Closure
Spring 2021

This survey was carried out to elicit information about our remote learning offer during the most recent national school closure (January 5th – March 5th, 2021).

Our aim was to make sure we were providing the right support for all of our pupils and parents. We wanted to find out what we were doing well and where we could do better during future periods where home learning would be required.

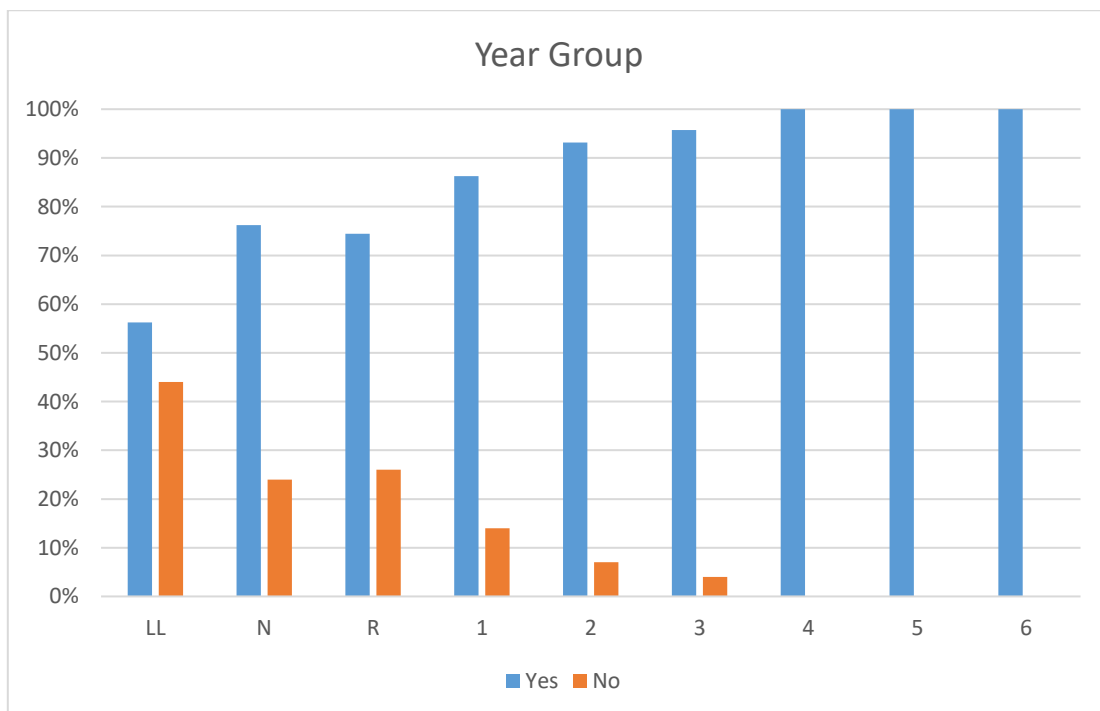
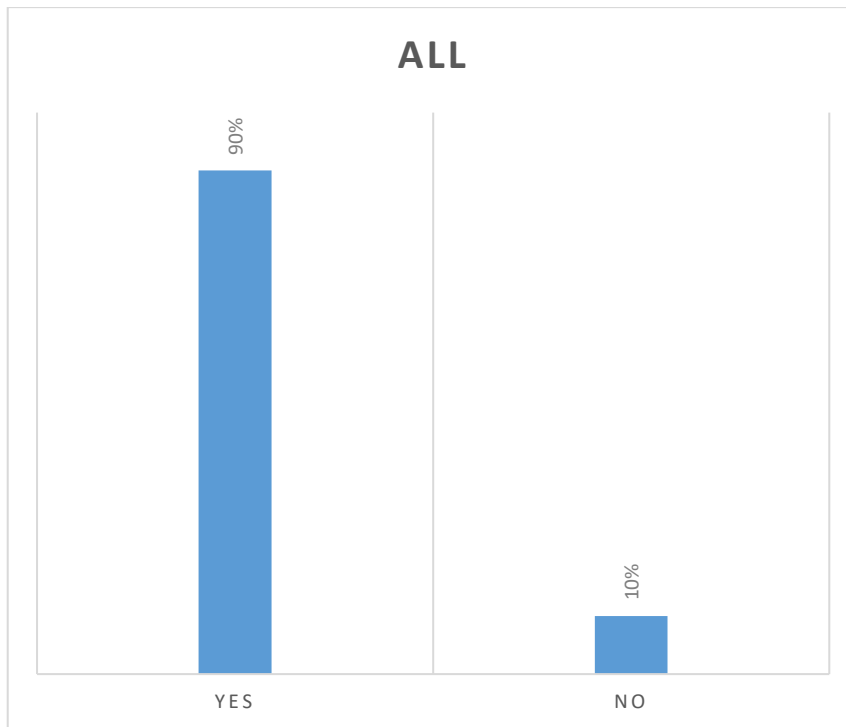
Feedback from parents following the school closure in 2020 was invaluable in helping us to improve the remote learning experience we could offer this time:

- Work has been set by English and Maths teachers, ensuring learning is closely matched to pupils' abilities
- Sequences of learning have, as far as possible, mirrored those that children would have followed in school
- Teachers have recorded instructional videos and provided worked examples/explanations, enabling pupils to access tasks more independently and successfully
- Children have been given daily feedback on their work with comments for improvement where necessary, ensuring greater understanding and success
- All pupils were shown how to access and explore Seesaw in school at the beginning of the school year and have been using it for weekly homework, leading to greater confidence in using the platform
- Step-by-step instructions for parents were refined and a demonstration video shared
- School has loaned out 76 devices, enabling more families to access online learning.

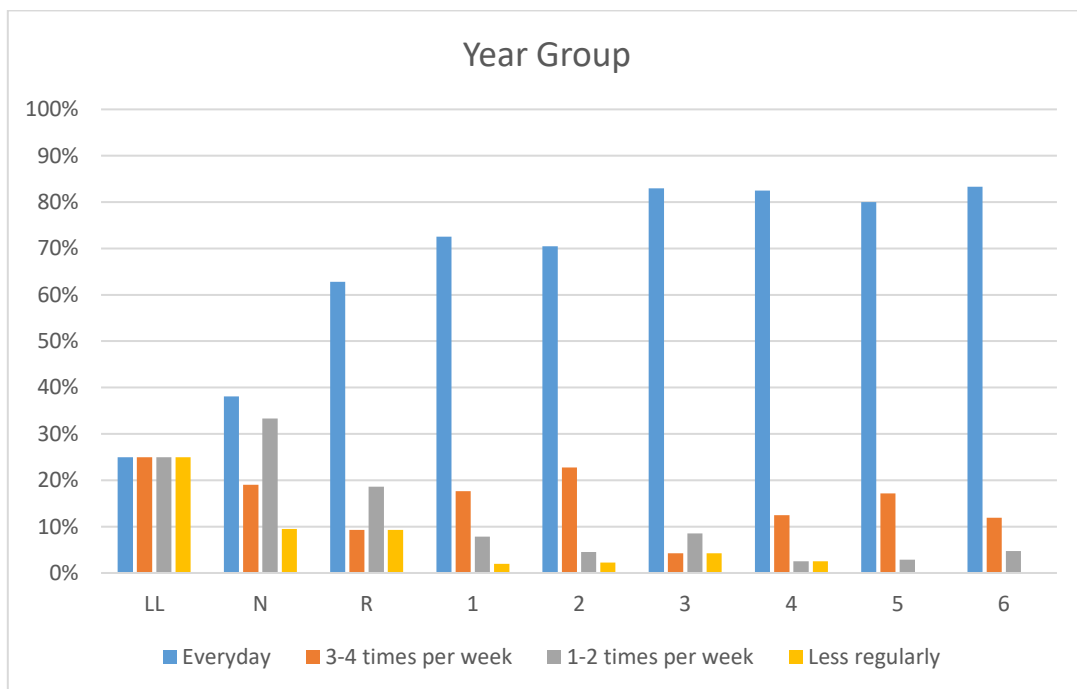
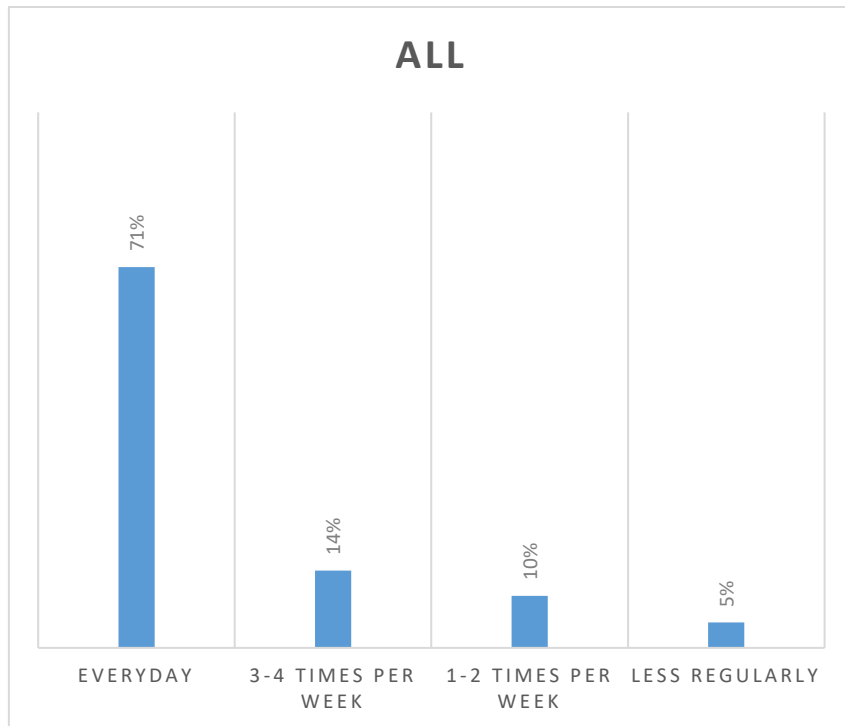
The survey was delivered and completed via Parentmail. Parents were encouraged to answer the questions together with their children.

In total, we received 339 responses.

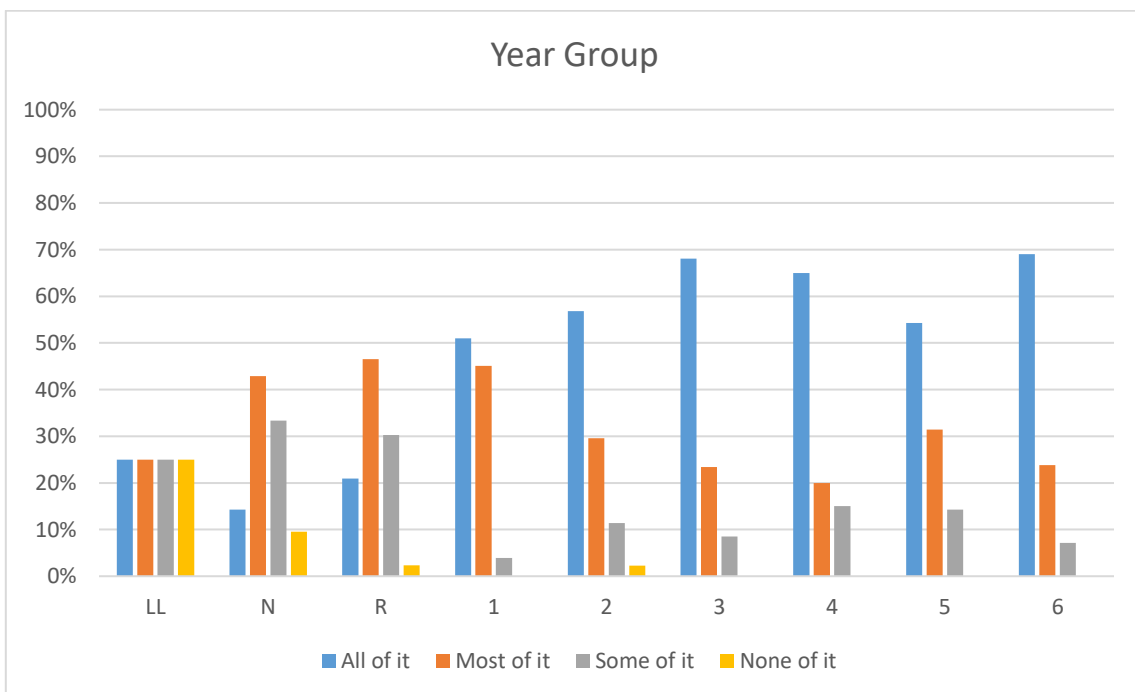
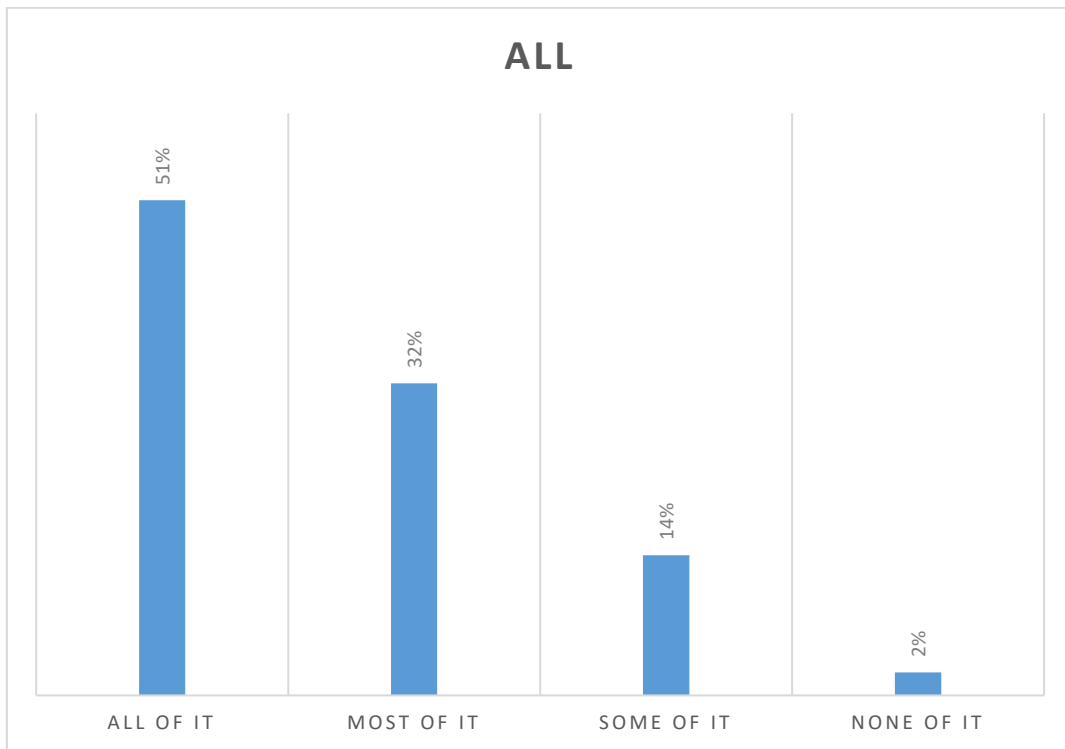
1. Does your child know how to use Seesaw to access their home learning?



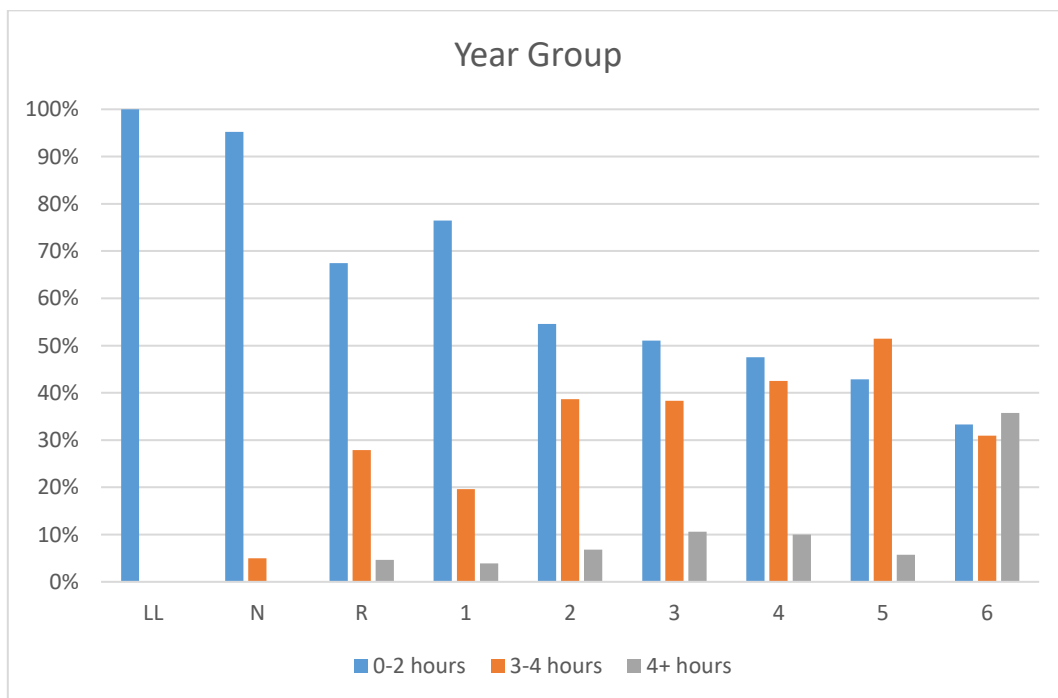
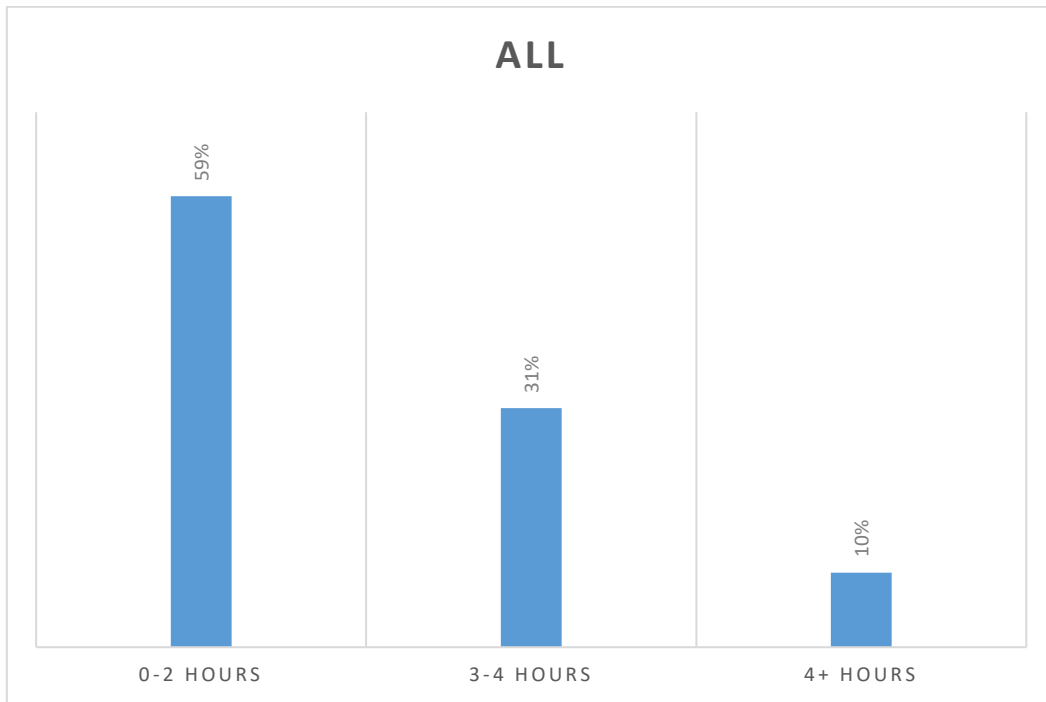
2. How often is your child logging on to Seesaw?



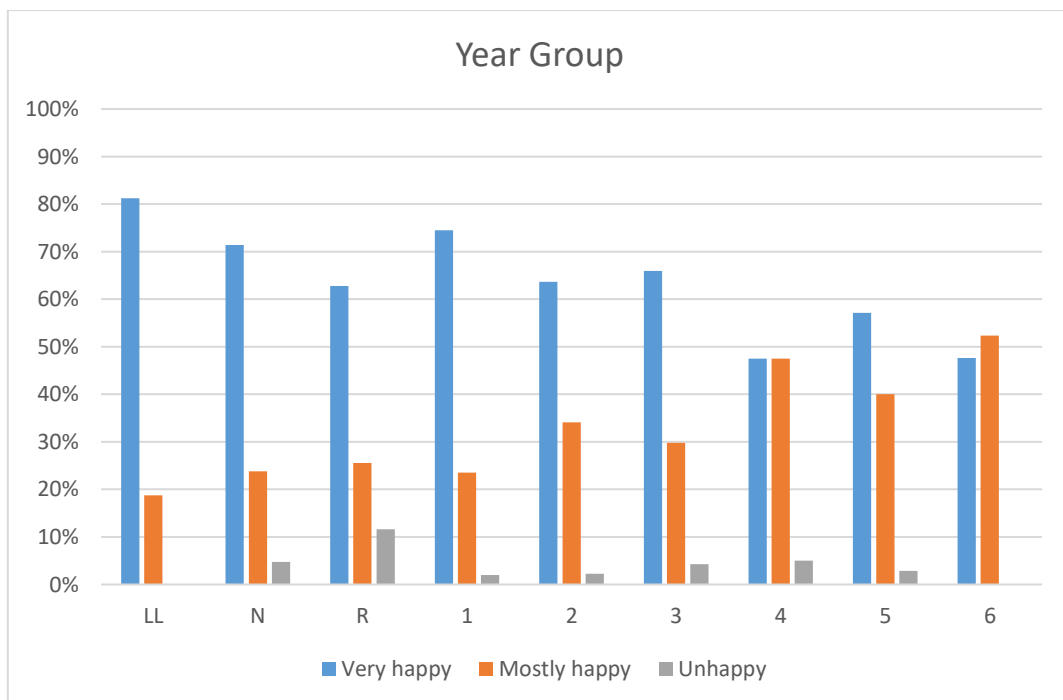
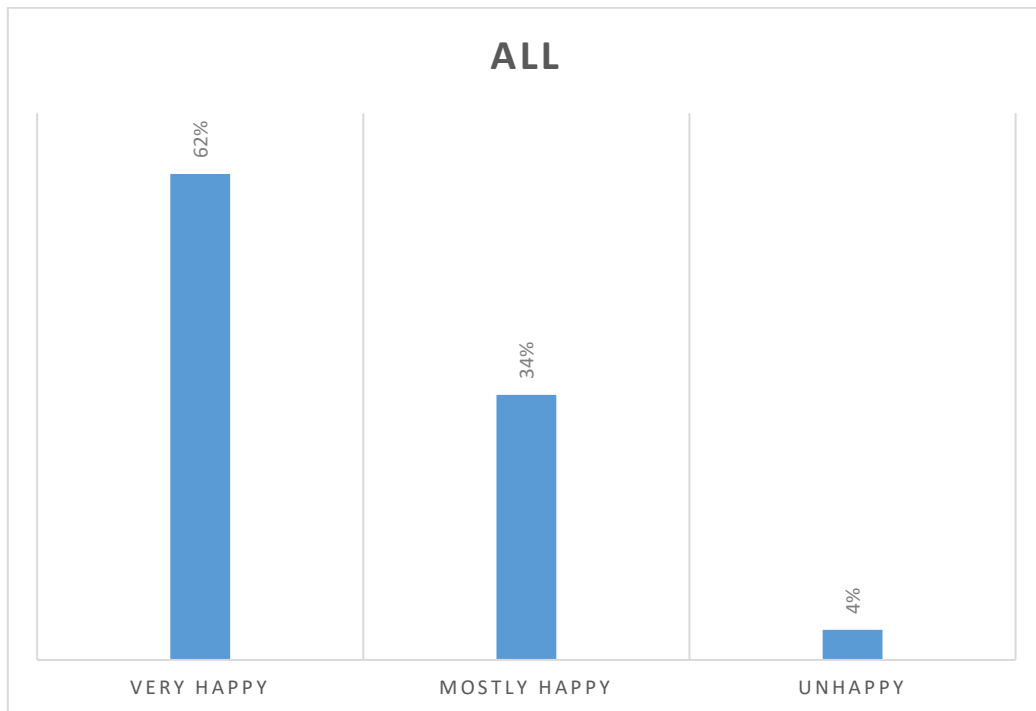
3. How much of their work is your child doing?



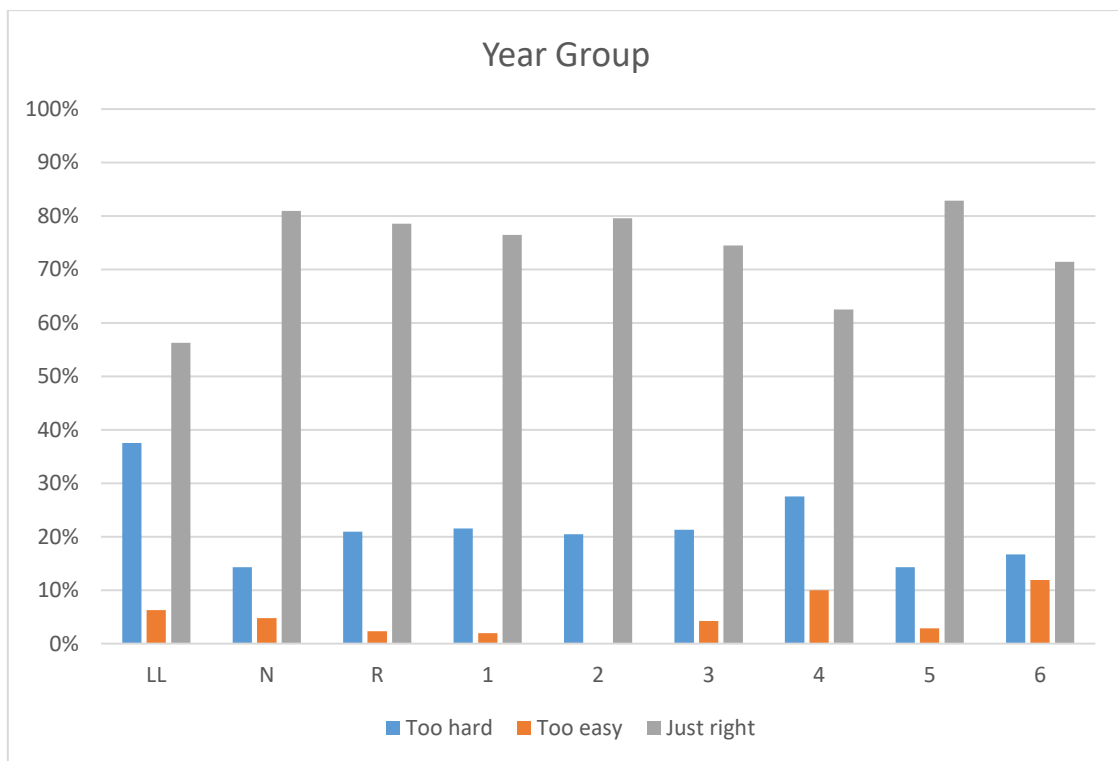
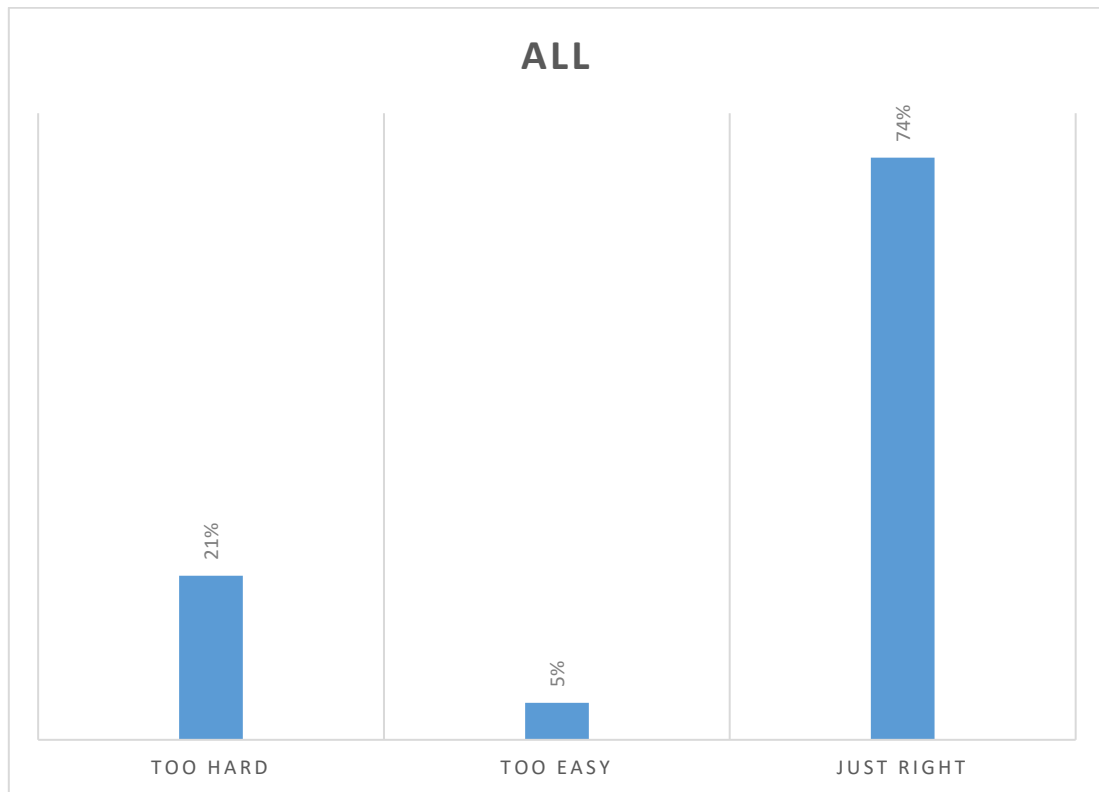
4. How much time does your child spend on their school work each day?



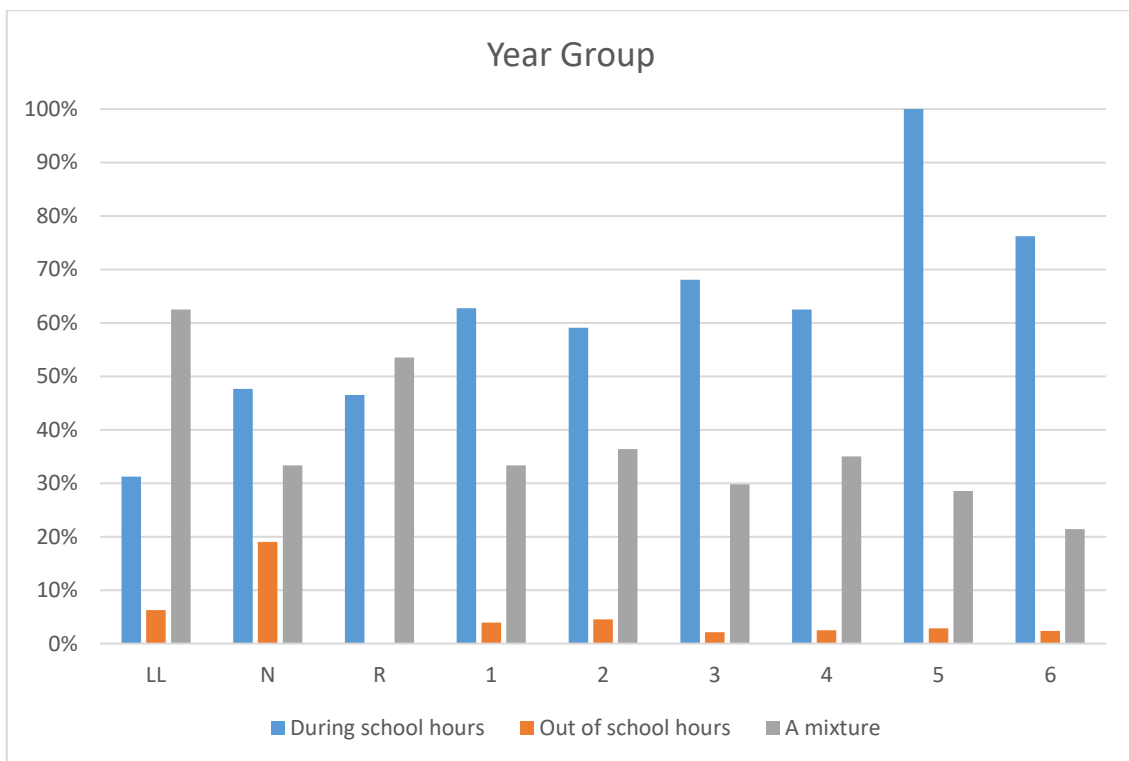
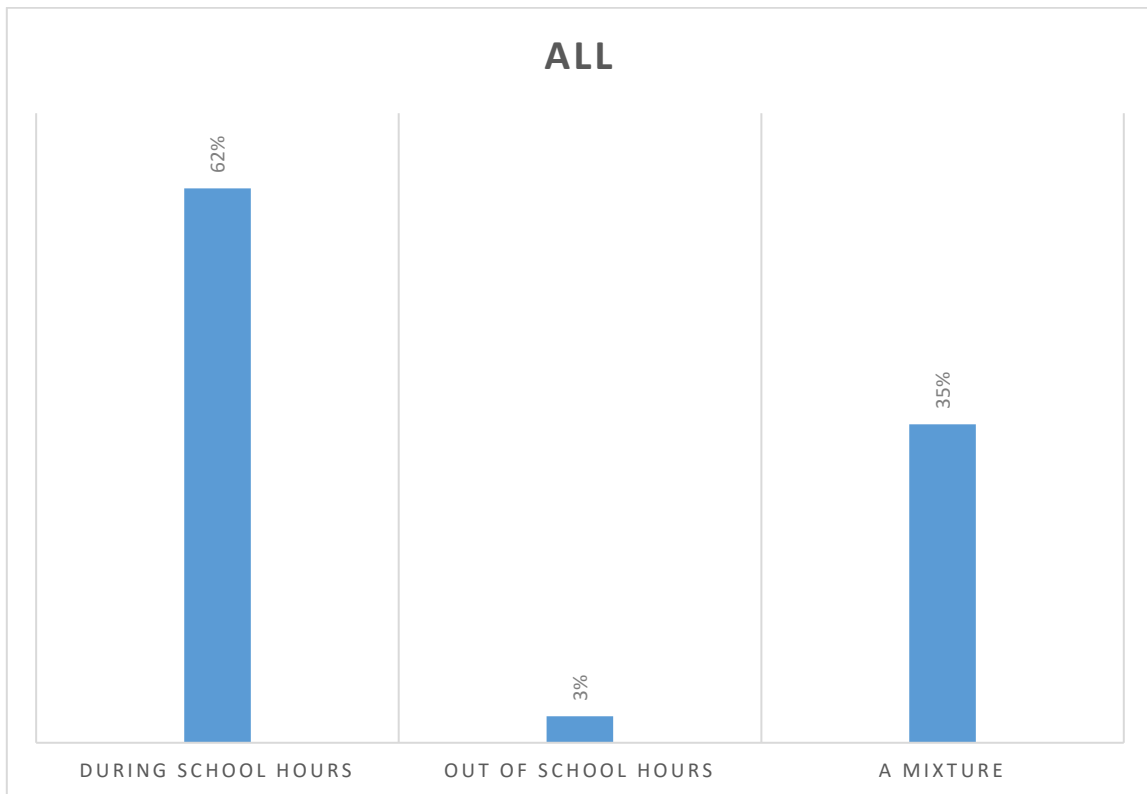
5. How happy are you with the AMOUNT of work set?



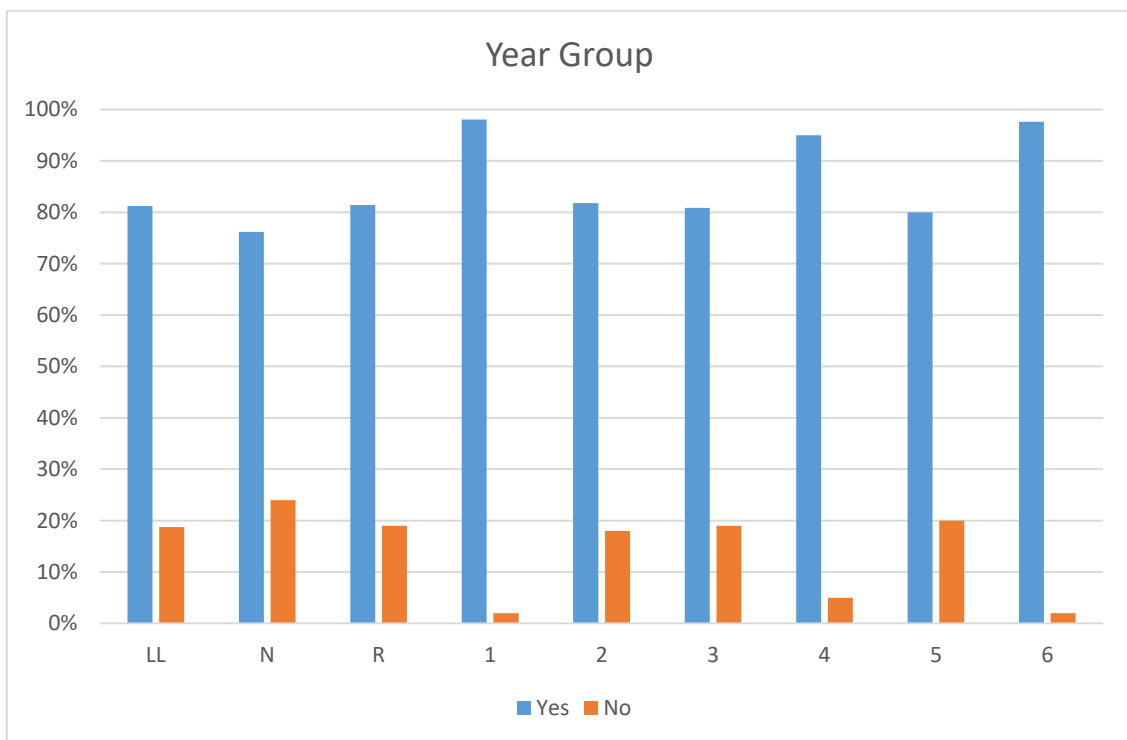
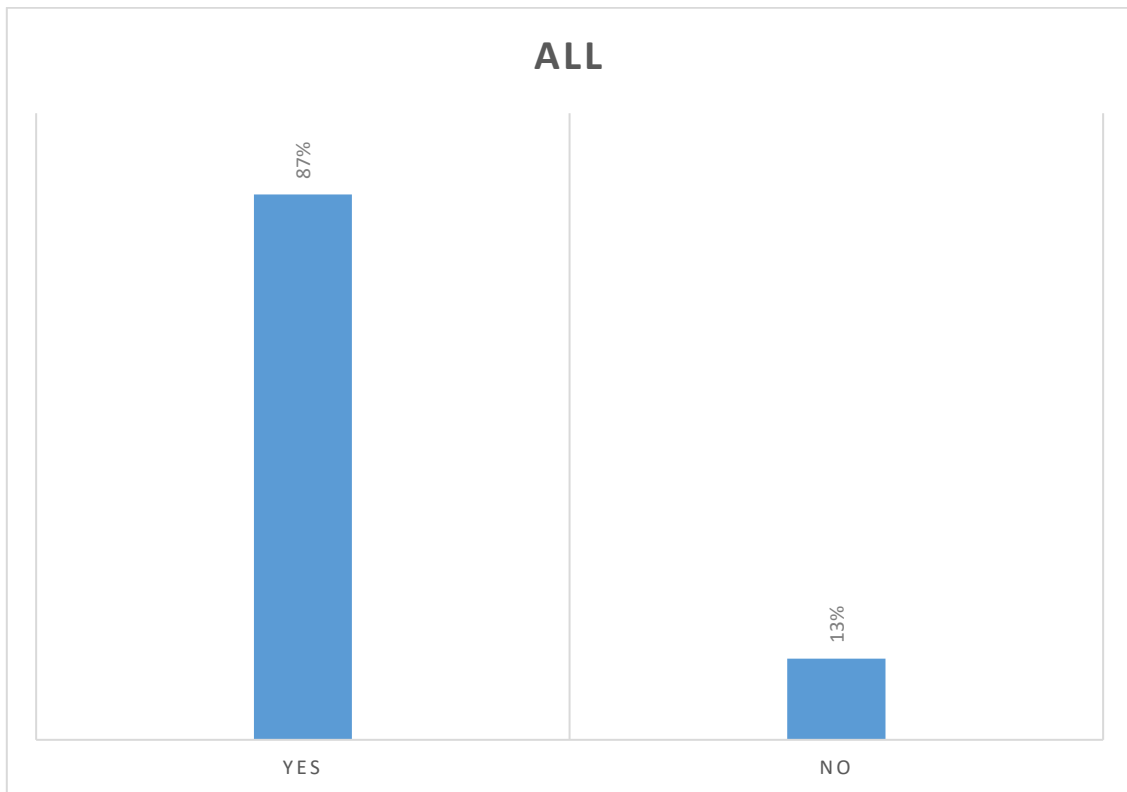
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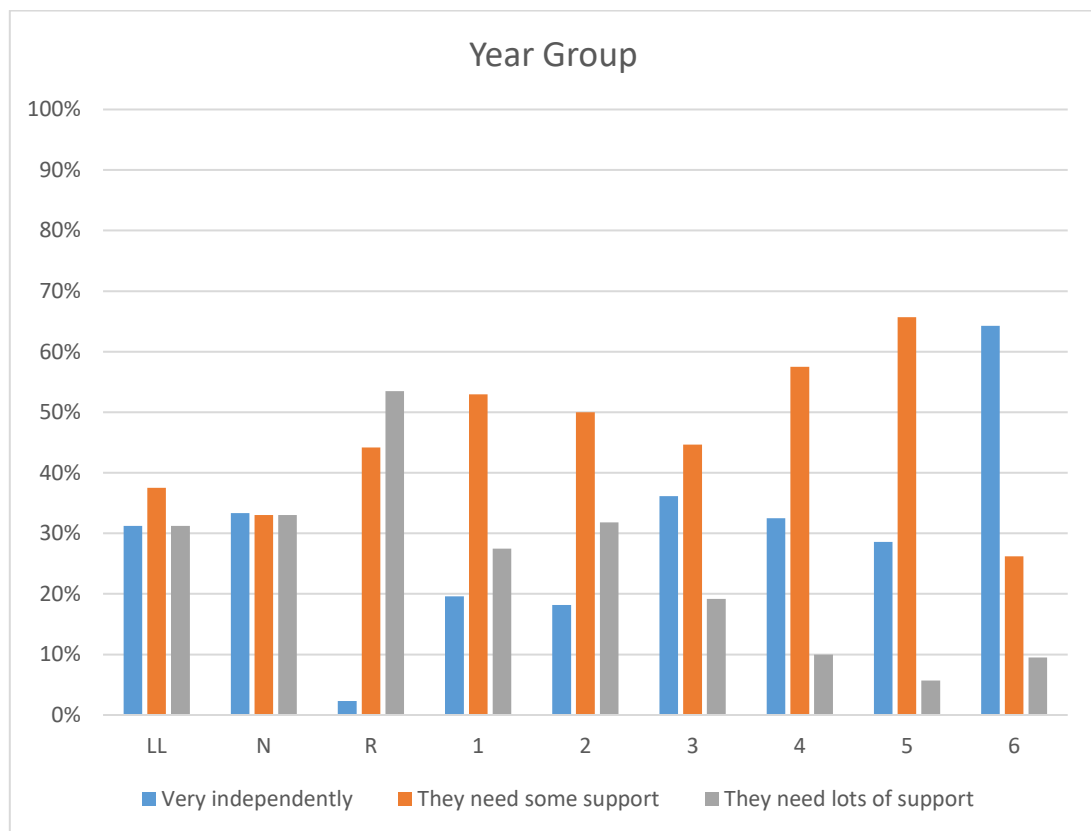
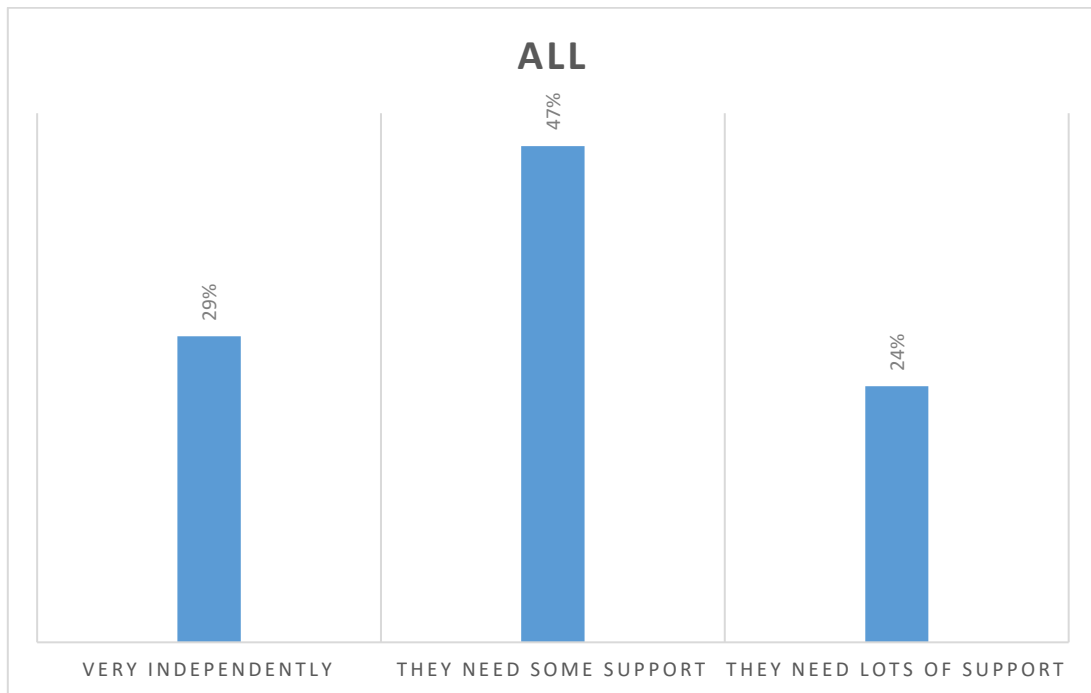
7. What time does your child usually do their school work?



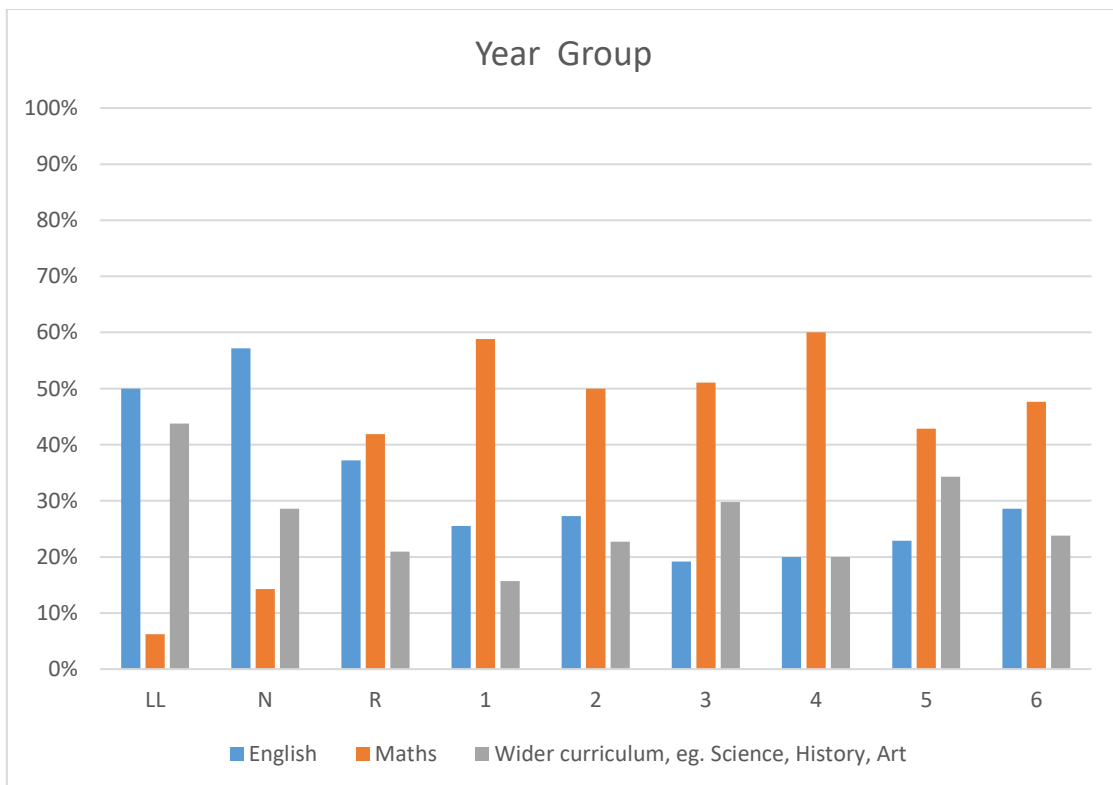
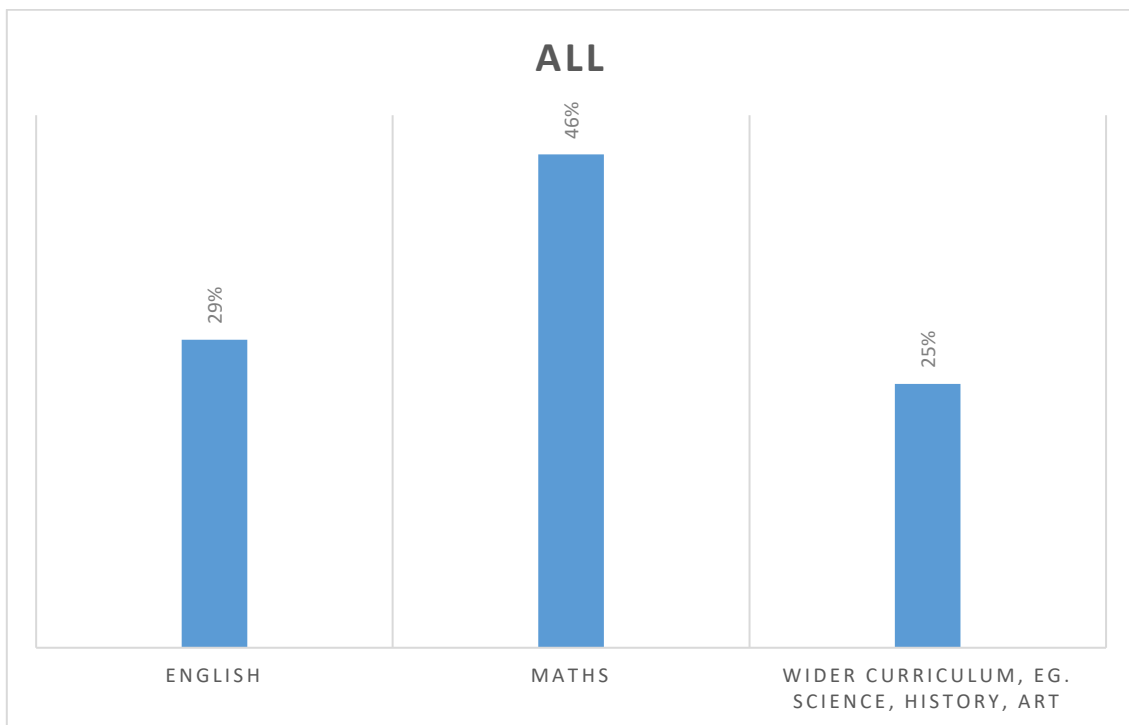
8. Does your child have a quiet area at home where they can focus on school work?



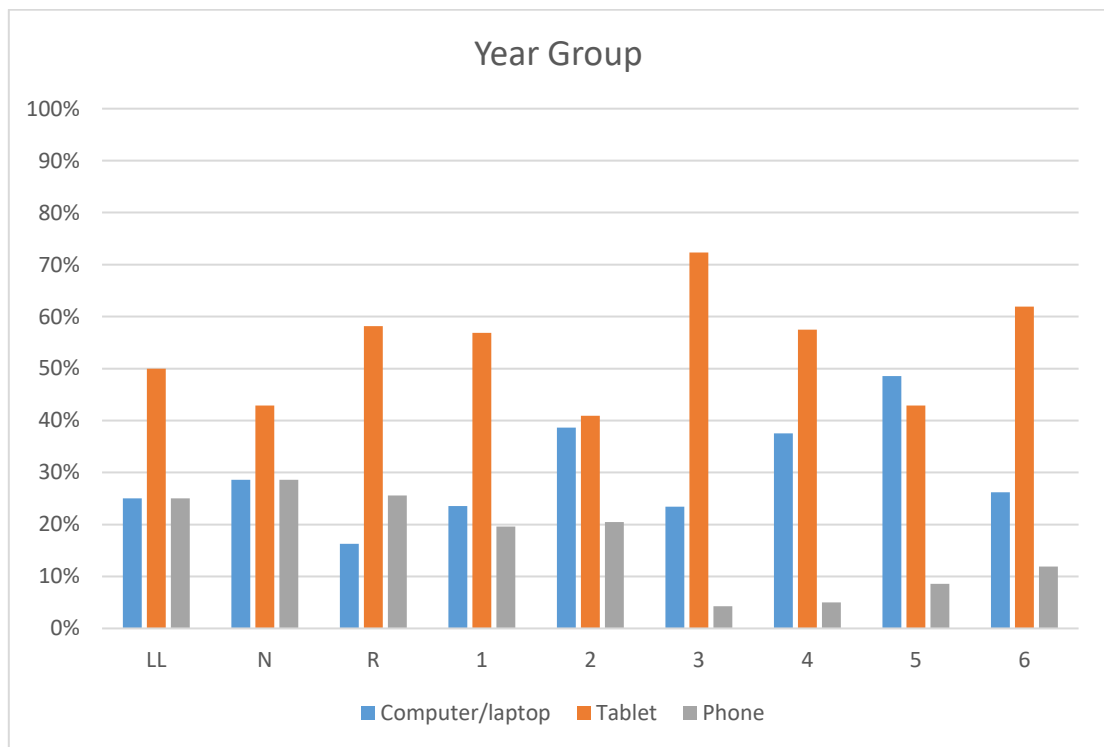
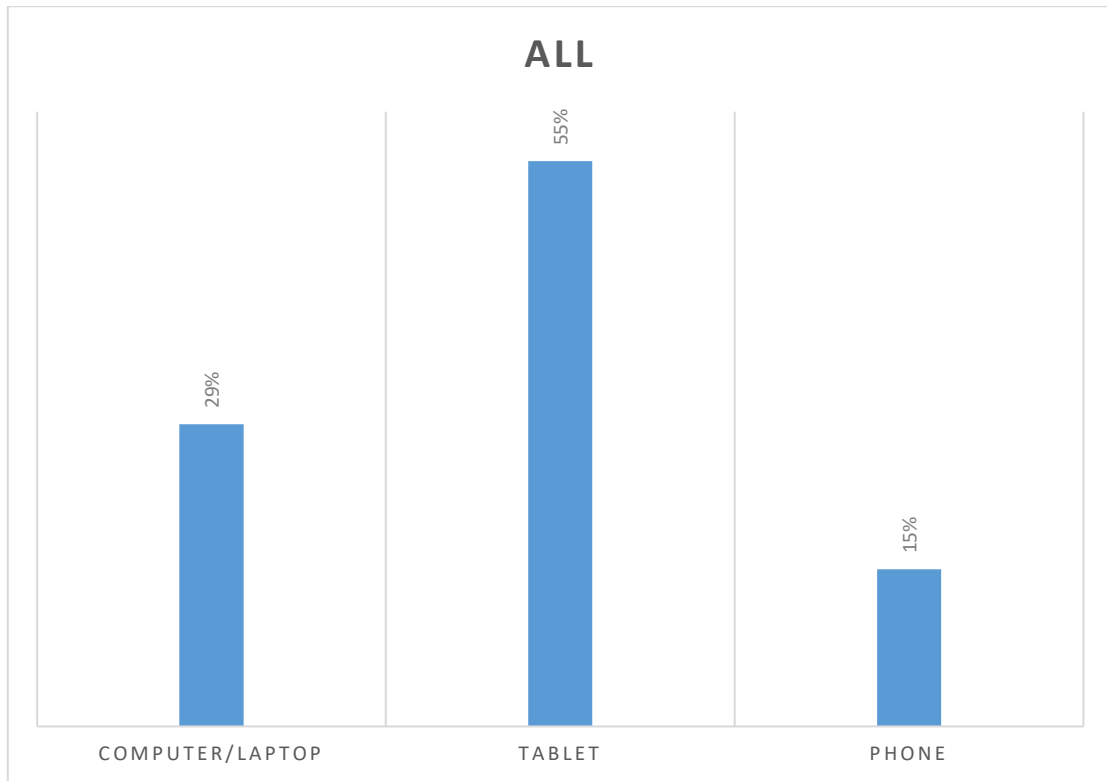
9. How independently does your child complete their home learning?



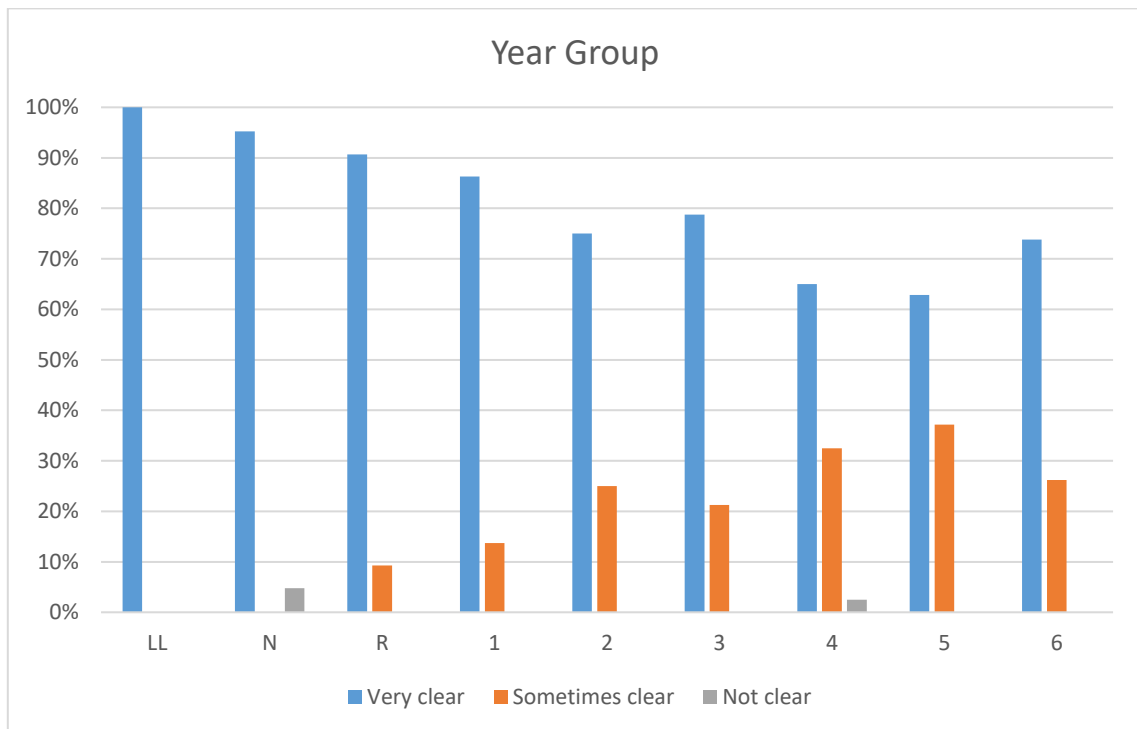
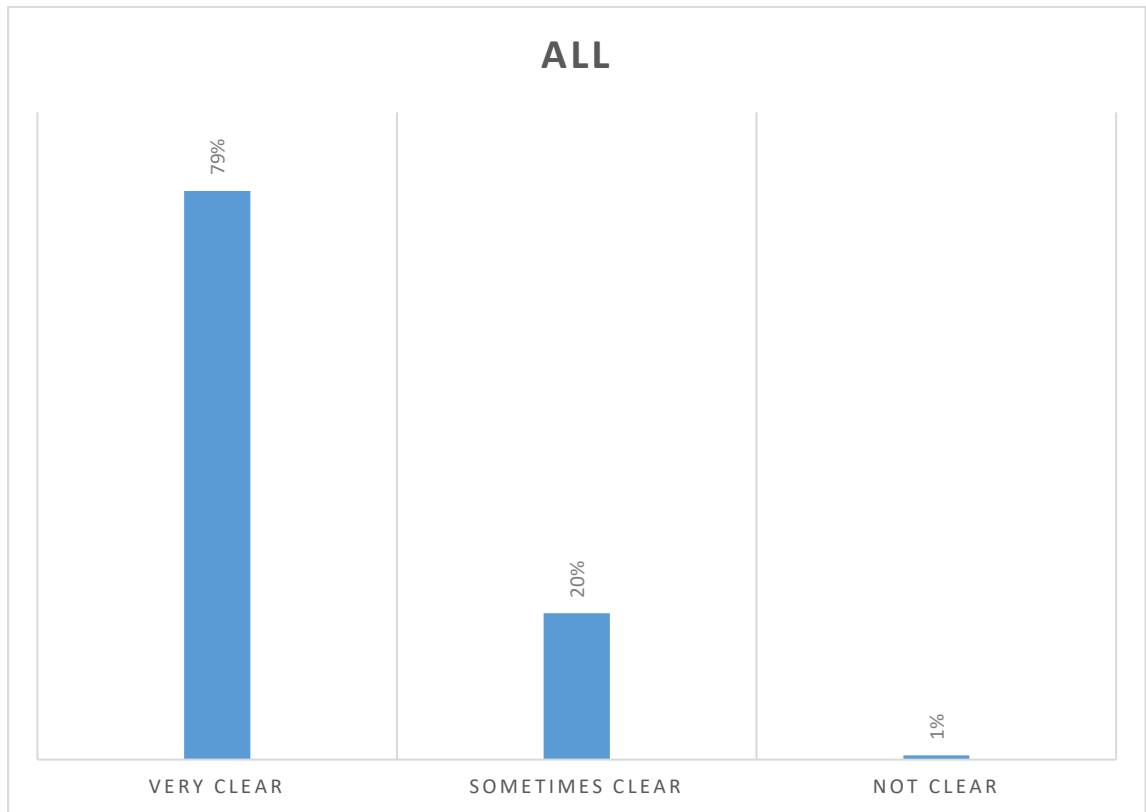
10. Which area of home learning is your child enjoying the most?



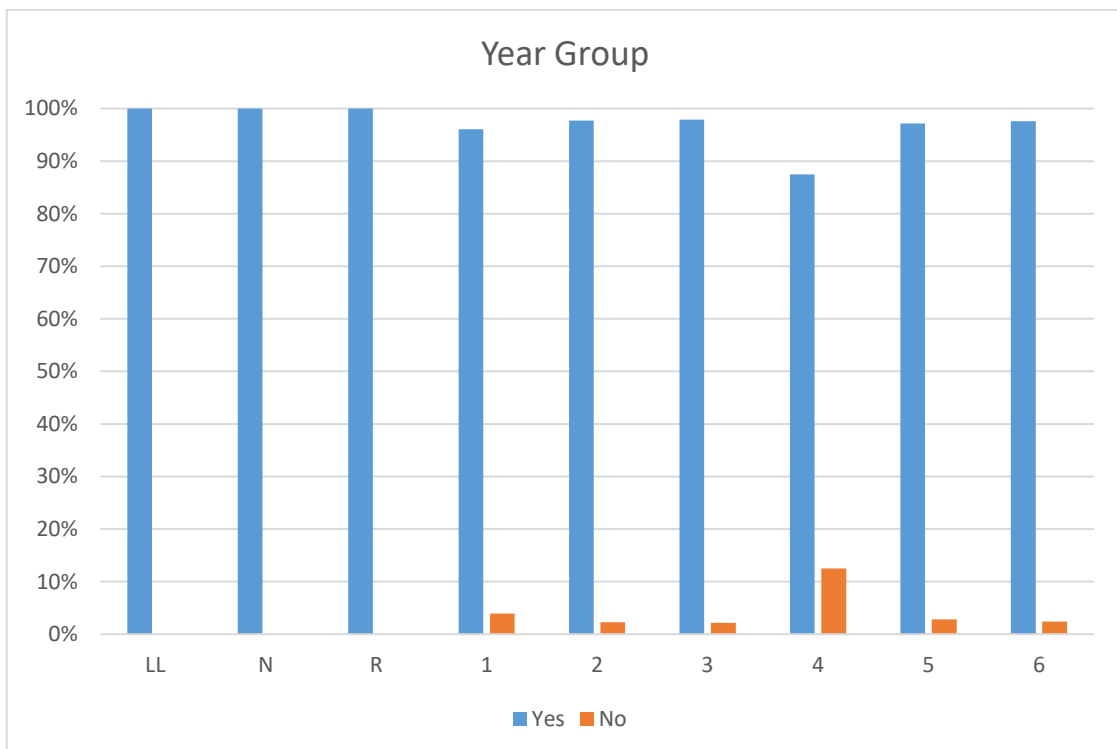
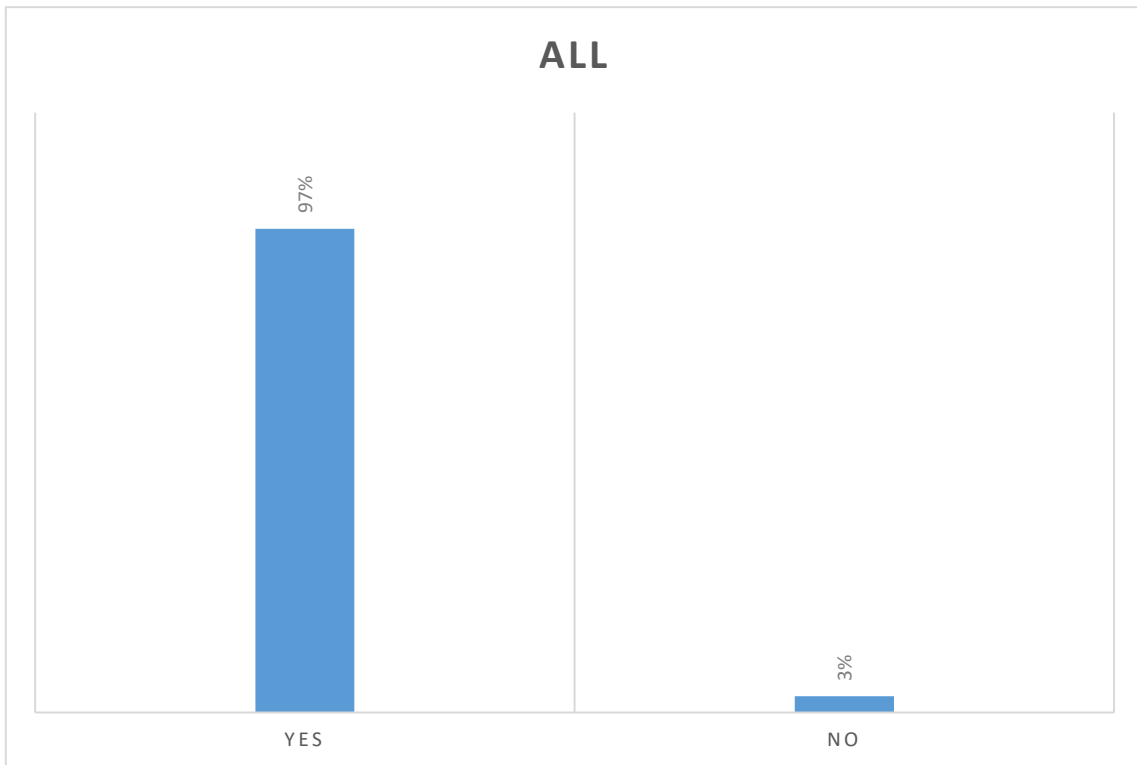
11. What type of device does your child use to access Seesaw?



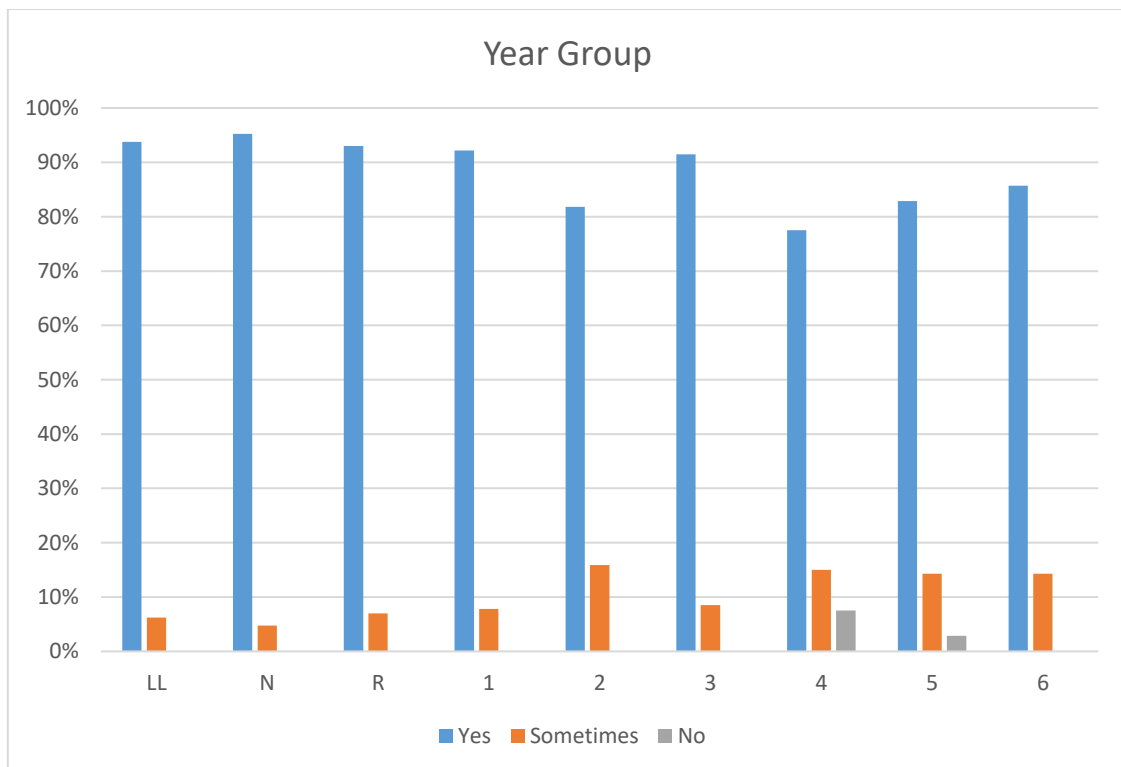
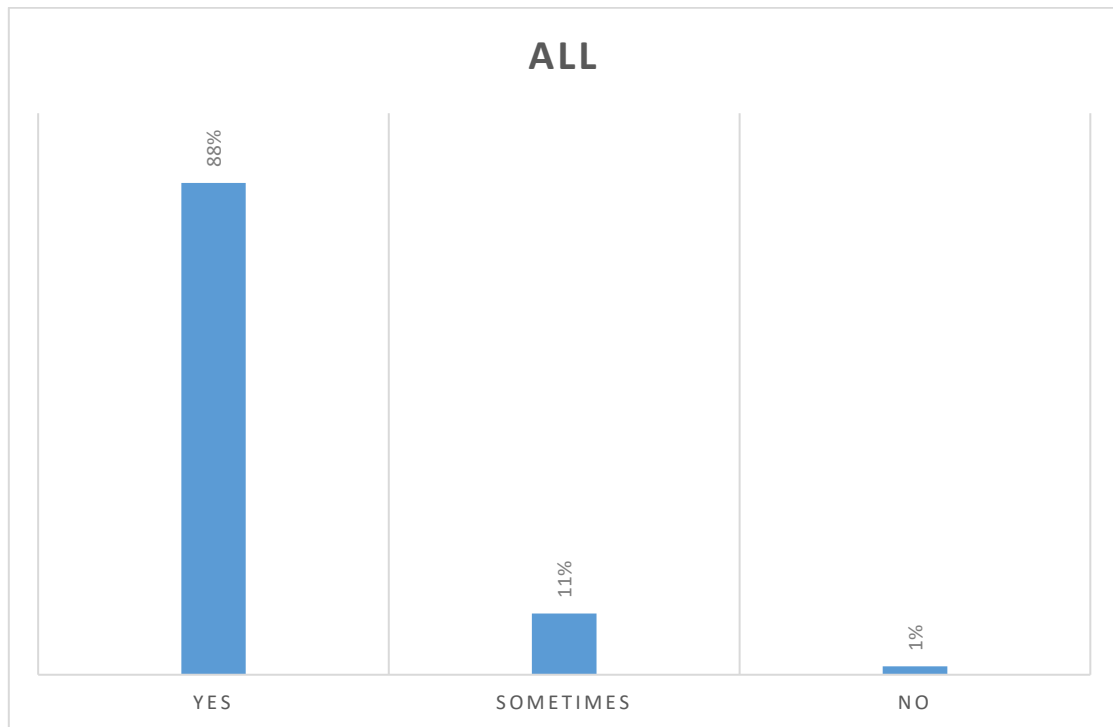
12. Are videos and instructions from teachers clear so that you and your child know exactly what to do?



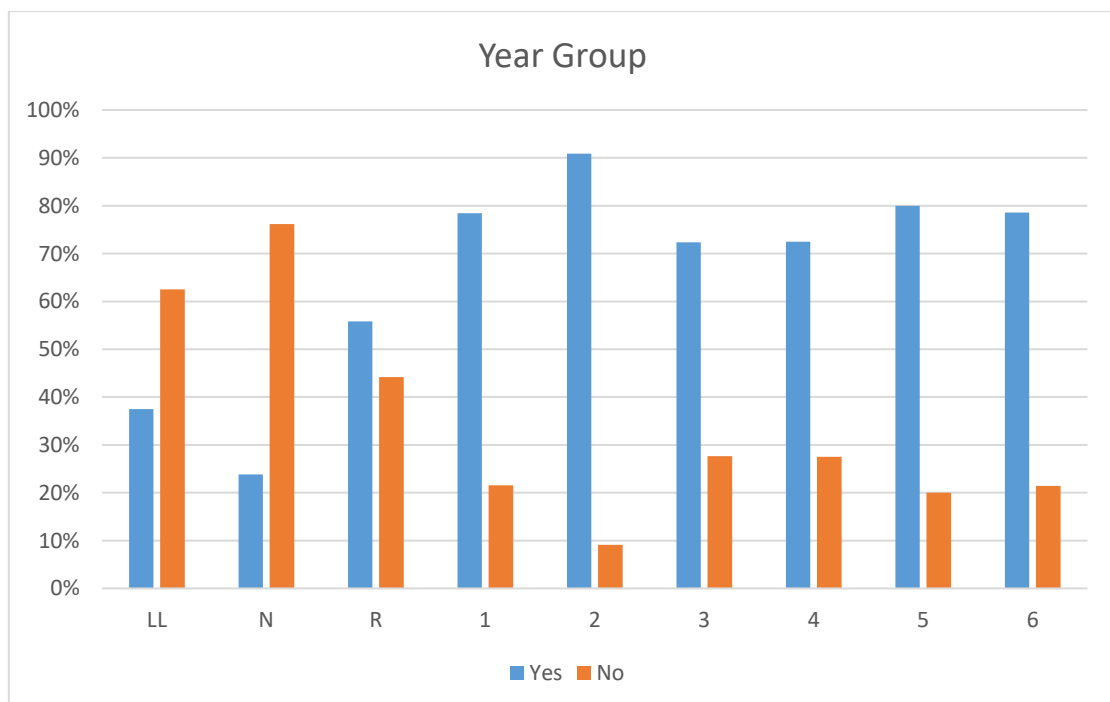
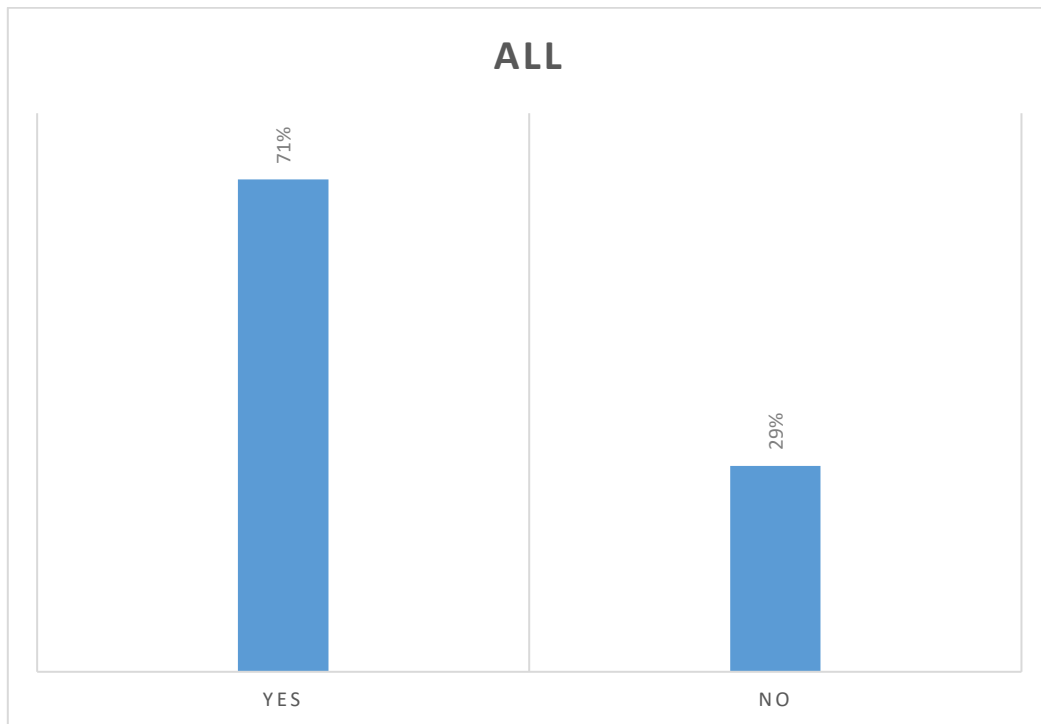
13. Does feedback from teachers support your child to be successful with their work?



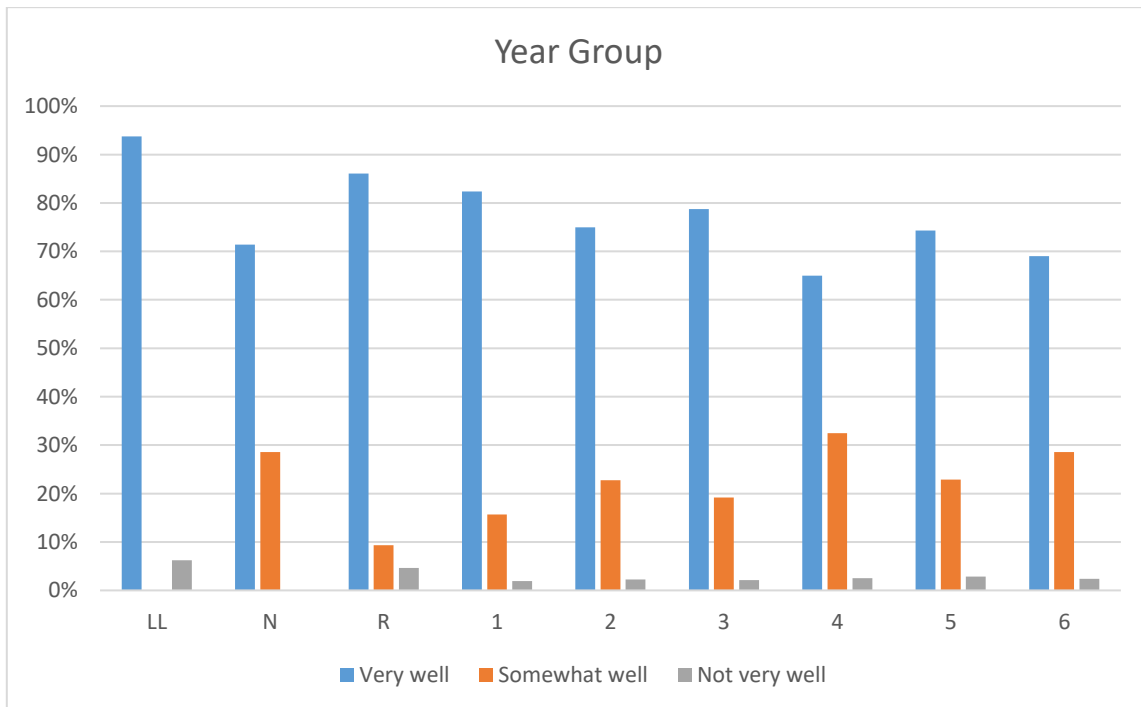
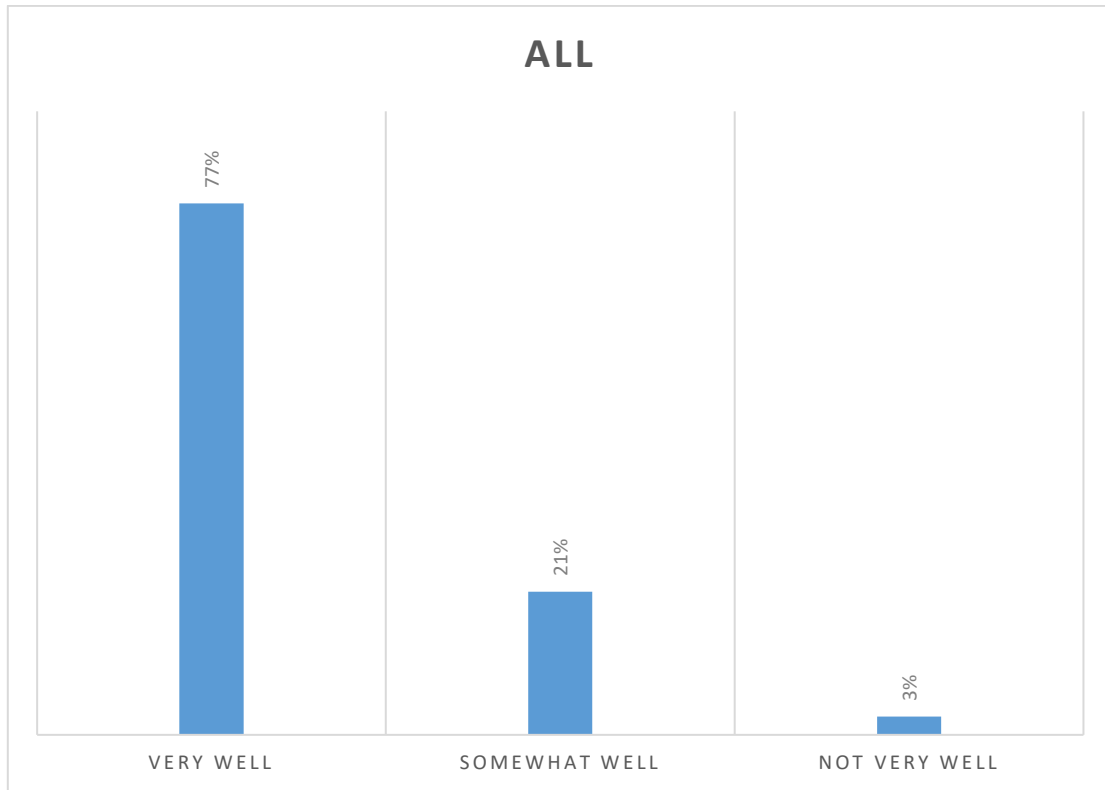
14. Are you getting all the help and support you need from school / teachers?



15. Has your child taken part in the weekly Zoom meetings with their teacher?



16. How well have school expectations around home learning been communicated to you?



Positive Comments from Parents:

Love the provision for nursery and feedback is positive regular and encouraging
We are extremely happy with all aspects of home learning. Thank you
I'd just like to thank the teachers for their continued commitment to the children during their home learning and still keeping in contact with us, offering help and providing relevant work for my child. As well as still teaching, taking time to comment and give feedback daily on pics and videos of our learning is so helpful. The teachers at Linthorpe are great!!
I have been very happy with the work she has been set, the information on Seesaw and the support and comments from the teachers. You are all amazing!
He loves sending his work back with a little video. The Zoom calls have been great for him to see his friends he hasn't had contact with. He looks forward to the messages sent by the class support teachers... The support and access has been great...and demanding, he loves Seesaw, but we miss school and are looking forward to getting back soon!
I couldn't ask for anymore regarding the way the school has approached the school learning. Right amount of work, not too much pressure, so didn't feel inundated or stressed. Able to work at our own pace. I think Linthorpe has been one of the best schools regarding home learning and the support offered has been outstanding. Thank you. I am very anxious about my child coming back to school - due to mental health issues that I have I am so worried about corona and we like to be very safe. I would prefer to continue to home school, and would have no issues continuing. I wish you all luck and hope the staff and pupils of Linthorpe are not affected by this awful virus.
We are very happy with the support from Linthorpe School and we cannot fault the teachers, they are enthusiastic and engaging and the work set has been very good - you are all doing an amazing job! ♥
Teachers are working really hard....I want to say big thank you to all the Linthorpe school teachers...
I think the work set on seesaw for my children has been fantastic. It has really helped with the transition to home learning. The work set is challenging and stimulating. The video lessons are a great support. Having the weekly zoom sessions has really helped with my children's mental health around not seeing their school friends.
My child accesses seesaw every day they're not in school. Positive feedback has worked wonders and he loves reading the comments. I genuinely believe these help motivate him to do the work to the best of his ability.
Teachers have been amazing! They have been really supportive.
She said it's all amazing!
The school and staff have provided brilliantly under such extraordinary and sudden circumstances. Well done to everyone.
Teachers been absolutely amazing. Fantastic support even if my son struggled he got phone call from a teacher. She helped him how to do it. Zoom calls are brilliant lots of time for each child to say what they been up to.

Suggestions from Parents:

A small number of parents suggested it would be a good idea to provide teaching through 'live' lessons. As a school, we have taken the decision to pre-record teacher instruction videos as this means learning can be accessed at times that are most convenient to parents and pupils, as well as being available to be re-watched as many times as necessary. Moreover, families with multiple children are able to share devices and parents can support different children throughout the day or around their own working patterns. Live weekly Zoom meetings with class teachers were offered, allowing pupils to talk to each other and their teacher; however, these were not well attended.

Another suggestion was that some parents preferred paper-based work packs. For children to receive the most effective support and help them to make most progress, they need timely feedback that they can act upon immediately, prior to the next lesson. Teachers being able to assess what pupils have and have not understood enables them to plan next steps in learning most accurately. For families who, after being provided with a school device and/or internet access, were still not engaging with remote learning, paper packs were offered. In order to access these activities successfully, pupils still needed to engage with the teacher instruction videos posted on Seesaw.