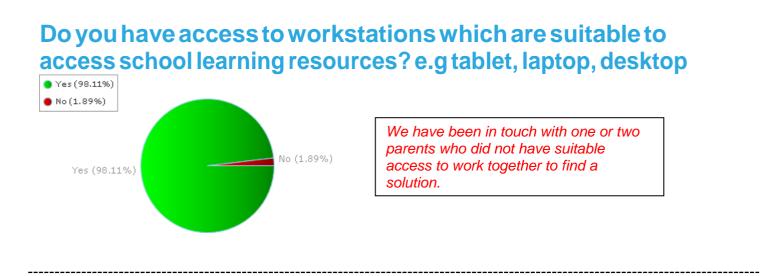
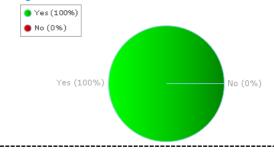
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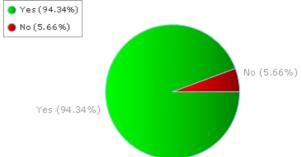
Any comments are written in red italics to differentiate from the survey itself or parents' comments – R McCarry



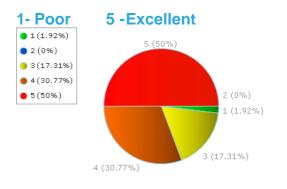
Doyouhaveaccesstotheinternet?



If Yes, is the connection good enough to support distance learning?

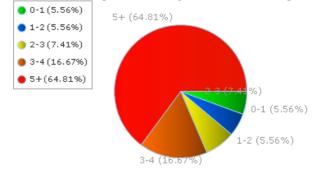


How would you rate the online resources provided for you?



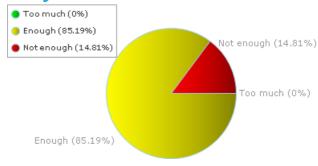
Over 80% believe that the resources provided are either excellent or very good. We have tried to provide a mix of online resources, some school books and ideas for outdoor learning.

How many hours per week is your child spending on schoolwork?

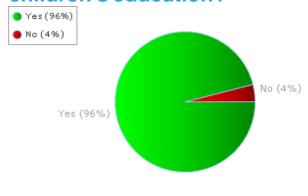


Recommended guidelines suggest children should do no more than 2-3 hours of formal home learning each day they may also choose to do physical activity, reading, outdoor projects and internet games, either independently or from the suggested planner.

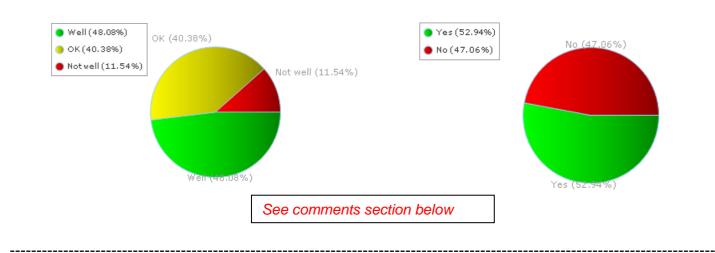
Do you think this is?



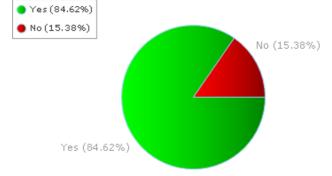
Are you receiving enough support from the school regarding your children's education?



How is your child (children) coping with the sudden change in life? Are they still communicating with their friends?

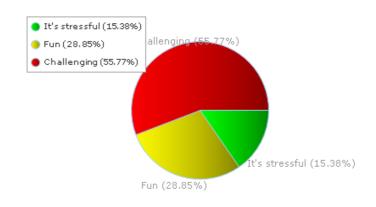


Are you aware of resources and contact information to support your wellbeing and that of your child/children?



Keep an eye on the school website News items for regular updates to signpost Health and Wellbeing activities as well as other resources which may help to guide you and your child through this.

How are you finding Home Schooling?



If you would like to comment on any other aspect of school provision, support or information that we have provided, please do so in the box

below. Many thanks for your lovely, encouraging comments. I have tried to respond, where necessary, in red. Should you have any further queries, please feel free to contact myself or any of the teachers on our usual emails.

Warm regards, Roisin McCarry

Comments from our parents:

You are all doing a fantastic job! ... There is ample amount of work provided on the website and the books in the learning packs were spot on. The website is easy to use It's reassuring to know that (the teachers) are all just an email away and the kids love looking at what everyone is up to on the website - it really maintains a sense of school community! Mathletics continues to be an absolute hit in our house and the kids love taking part in the ecoschools projects too. You really are doing fantastic! Stay safe and best wishes to all our brilliant teachers!

A method for the children to communicate with their friends? Maybe a short video from their teacher? Teacher video demonstrating new learning? – We keep communication lines open by posting photos and updates on the website. Unfortunately, there is no facility to allow children to email each other, however Mathletics does allow them to challenge each other to play 'live'. We have not gone down the route of video links at this stage, we provide modelling through explanation sheets, suggesting learning strategies, links to helpful powerpoints etc.

Has been nice to be able to pass on comments from teachers to the boys, they miss that link. – We also miss the daily contact with our children and are very much looking forward to a return to the classrooms when the guidelines suggest it is safe to do so.

Great support from (my child's) teacher and brilliant layout of work to do weekly.

I suppose a little more guidance around how much / how long each day / week would be good. It's difficult to know if we are doing enough at home. Thanks – You are all doing a great job. As long as the children are doing a couple of hours every day and trying to cover something from each section of the planner, they really are doing very well. These are very unusual times, it's important to remember to just do what is possible and to try to keep family life as stress free as possible.

I do not have a working laptop or desktop. Kids have to use my mobile phone to access online learning tools – we have found a solution to this by working with the mum involved.

Good communication with teachers via email and phone calls. Teachers went above and beyond delivering easter eggs - no current concerns issues - children are adapting well to new situation. Unfortunately, we can't claim any credit for the Easter Egg drop – that was organized, paid for and delivered by our lovely **PTFA**! Thank you so much once again, ladies!!

Rather than links to work. Just upload the actual sheets so parents can print the pages and do work with child – we have links to the Grow in Love series and some other programs which we feel might be suitable, but we generally have the pages uploaded as documents alongside these, so hopefully there is enough to work from. Any specific problems with links, if you email the teacher concerned, we will try to find an alternative for the particular problem.

Thanks.

We have great support from (our child's teacher) and feel we can contact them for advice. It is lovely that we are able to see the pictures of my child's classmates so he still feels connected to the school.

Thank you for all the work provided for my children and for keeping the lines of communication well open.

There has been enough information, it's just hard keep to a set timetable for both children to do the work provided and if we are doing other things, it's hard to get back on track. thanks

I think the staff have done a great job providing for the students and parents in this difficult

St Patrick's Primary School situation.