

Results of Parent Reading Survey September 2022

1. Do you enjoy reading as an adult? Yes = 91% No = 9%

2. If you do enjoy reading, what kinds of things do you enjoy reading for pleasure?

This was a wide, very eclectic mix of reading materials. Only 20% of responses included reading using online materials.

3. If you answered no, what are the main barriers to your enjoyment?

The responses here included: lack of personal time, historical experiences of reading, being bullied as a child at school for struggling with reading.

4. Describe your child's reading abilities **at home**. Is your child a proficient or struggling reader? Explain why you think this is.

74% felt their child is proficient for their age

Of the remaining 26%: reasons given included:

- COVID interfered with foundations of reading
- Reading stamina
- Time at home
- Attention span
- Dyslexia

5. Does your child enjoy reading/ looking at books by themselves?

Sometimes 56%

Always 41%

Never 3%

6. Does your child enjoy reading books to others (younger siblings/parents)

Sometimes 62%

Always 29%

Never 11%

7. Do you feel that your child is a motivated reader at home?

Sometimes 56%

Always 32%

Never 12%

8. How many times a week does your child read at home?

0-2 6%

3-4 48%

5-7 46%

Of the 24 families who said their child/ren are proficient / love reading: *8 read 3-4 times a week and 16 read 5-7 times a week.*

Of the 10 families who said their child/ren struggled / not proficient: *1 reads 0-2 times week, 8 read 3-4 times a week and 1 reads 5-7 times a week.*

9. If your child does not read regularly at home, please explain why.
(Lack of motivation, other interests/activities, lack of books at home)

Of the 12 responses for this:

25% mentioned time

33% mentioned other interests

25% mentioned motivation – but once reading fine

8% mentioned dyslexia

8% mentioned current confidence level impacting motivation

10. Does your child have enough books to enjoy reading at home? 97% = Yes 3% = No

11. Where does your child get the books they read from?

32% mentioned using the library

91% mentioned books bought as gifts / at home

24% mentioned books borrowed from school

12. Are there any obstacles that get in the way of your child being a good reader? What are they?

From the 11 responses to this:

- 27% = family time/pressures
- 45% = child's motivation and engagement
- 9% = child's phonics ability
- 9% = child's age – still very young
- 9% = frequency of book changes in school

13. Please tick all of the following that apply to you

I stress the importance of reading to my children 79%

As a family we prioritise reading 59%

I read /was read to regularly as a child 82%

I find reading with my child enjoyable 82%

Sometimes I find reading with my child frustrating 32%

In my home, we set time aside for reading 65%

I read aloud to my children and encourage them to do so to me. 79%

I have a wide variety of reading materials available around the house 94%

Books and magazines are part of gift-giving to my child. 79%

My child has a library card. 65%

I know how to help my child with their reading. 71%

I know which books to buy for my child. 79%

Thank you for taking part in our survey.