



Haberdashers' Monmouth Schools

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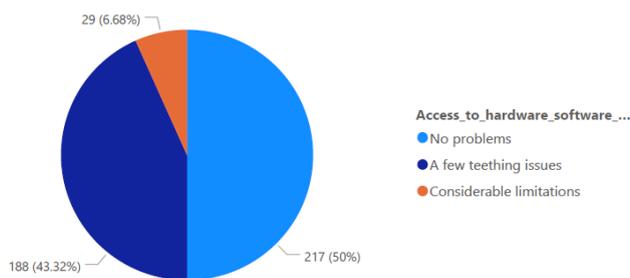
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Dear Parents

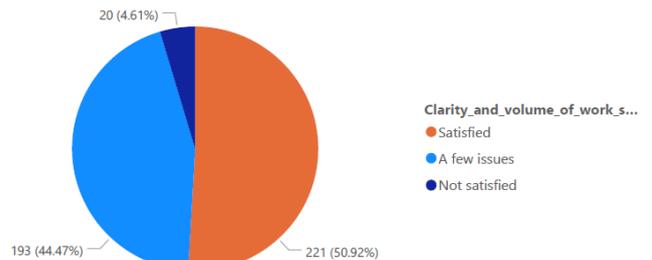
I hope that you remain safe and well. As the weeks go by, your support is greatly appreciated and your positive feedback continues to really 'buoy up' our staff, particularly those working on the rota supporting the children of **Key Workers**. It has been a huge team effort so far!

We are most grateful for your responses to our survey on '**Habsmonmouth online**'. The overall picture looks like this:

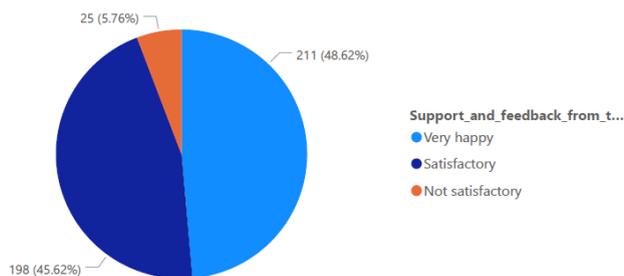
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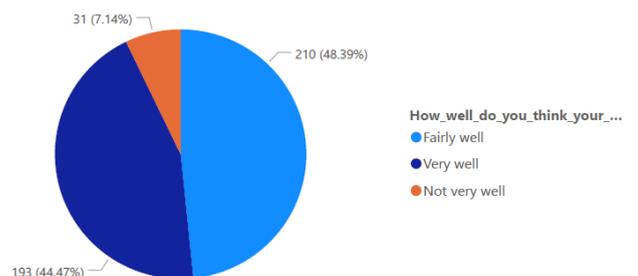
Clarity and volume of work set



Support and feedback from teachers and tutors



How well do you think your children have adjusted



Based on this feedback and the verbatim comments, we are drawing up an **Action Plan** to improve our service further over the forthcoming days and weeks. The key points emerging are:

- *A more structured week and day which both pupils and parents can see in advance, ideally with pastoral time each morning*
- *A clearer expectation of work set with an overall reduction in the amount*
- *Continuing to work on a balance between streamed, face-to-face lessons, pre-recorded and set activities*

- *Clearer lines for academic feedback*
- *A reduction in the amount of screen-time for students*
- *Streamlining the platforms to access work; focus on Seesaw for preps and Teams for senior schools*
- *A help desk for parents and additional support in the use of Teams*

Please do contact me if you have individual issues and further suggestions and I will do my best to respond as soon as possible.

The Government has announced that they will let us know their **plans for an eventual return** to normality at this Sunday's press briefing. We will be ready at Haberdashers' Monmouth Schools to follow their advice and to work with you on what we expect will be a phased return to school. Our Executive Committee will meet online on Monday, and we then hope to be in a position to update you on arrangements for the rest of the Summer term, including reports, examinations and End of Year events.

In the meantime, I hope that you stay safe and well as we look forward to celebrating the 75th anniversary of **VE Day** on Friday; such an extraordinary moment in our country's history, when the dark clouds rolled away, and Europe was once more at peace after many years of war. I am sure this celebration will be more reflective as we offer our continuing gratitude to those working on the frontline against Covid-19.

Kind regards,

