

BACK TO SCHOOL

2020 INFOGRAPHIC

About the survey

CARRIED OUT IN



NUMBER OF PARENTS SURVEYED

1,765

PRIMARY / SECONDARY SPLIT



NUMBER OF CHILDREN SURVEYED

255

Returning to school

PARENTS

OVER **50%** OF PARENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE RETURN TO SCHOOL BUT FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S...



mental health **>90%**

emotional & social development **>90%**

learning & development **>80%**

FEEL THEY HAVE HAD INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT RETURNING TO SCHOOL AND WHAT THE SCHOOL DAY WILL BE LIKE

83%

primary

65%

secondary

We haven't had enough information, how can we help them prepare for school or make informed decisions without key information

- Comments from parents

CHILDREN

83%

looking forward to learning new things and outdoor time



60%

worried about covid19

74%

looking forward to seeing teachers

27%

will miss learning online

70%

not looking forward to homework!

I am excited to see my friends but I live with my nana and I am worried about getting the virus and giving it to her

- Comments from children

Home schooling

PARENTS

DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO REQUIRED TECH FOR THEIR CHILD TO LEARN REMOTELY

23%

primary & secondary



We have one laptop and between three children doing homework it was very stressful at times as a lot of the homework was online.

- Comments from parents

PARENTS FOUND BALANCING WORK & SCHOOLING DIFFICULT

80%

primary

66%

secondary

As two working parents we need our children to be in school as we cannot support them at home and it is causing stress and mental health strain on all the family

- Comments from parents

WHAT PARENTS ENJOYED ABOUT HOME SCHOOLING



spending time with children

85%

primary

80%

secondary

seeing a different side to my child's life

74%

primary

68%

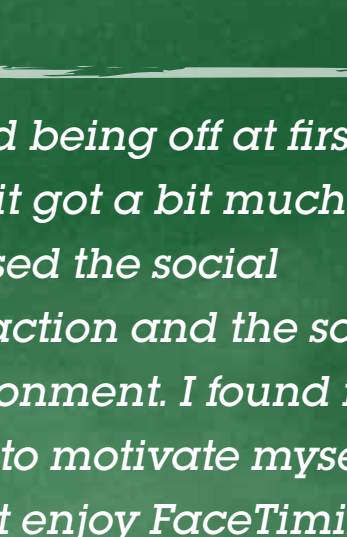
secondary

CHILDREN

HOW CHILDREN FELT BEING HOME FROM SCHOOL

11%

don't care



26%

happy / excited

35%

sad / worried

28%

mixed feelings

I liked being off at first but then it got a bit much. I missed the social interaction and the school environment. I found it hard to motivate myself & didn't enjoy FaceTiming teachers.

- Comments from children

WHAT CHILDREN FOUND HARD ABOUT HOME SCHOOLING

92%

missing friends

65%

miss not being in classroom

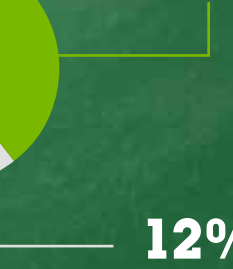
27%

did not have enough time on computer, tablet or phone to do work



She sat into the car and cried on the day we returned books to the school at the impersonal nature of her last time inside the school gates

- Comments from parent

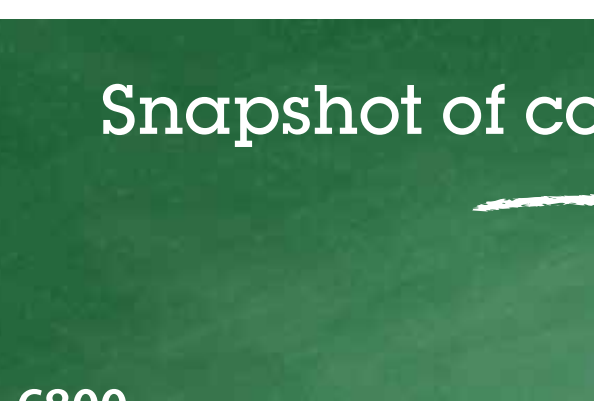


Additional cost of home schooling

Over half of all parents incurred additional costs due to school closures. These costs were;

PRIMARY

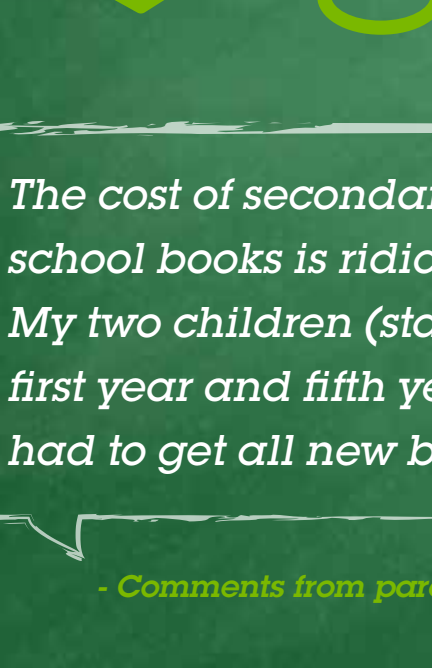
SECONDARY



Snapshot of costs for return to school



How parents are paying for school



regular household budget

48%

primary

35%

secondary

Cutting back or not paying bills

31%

primary

37%

secondary

borrowing money

10%

primary

13%

secondary

Taking from savings

10%

primary

13%

secondary

The cost of secondary school books is ridiculous. My two children (starting first year and fifth year) had to get all new books

- Comments from parents

For more results and analysis visit barnardos.ie/SchoolCosts20