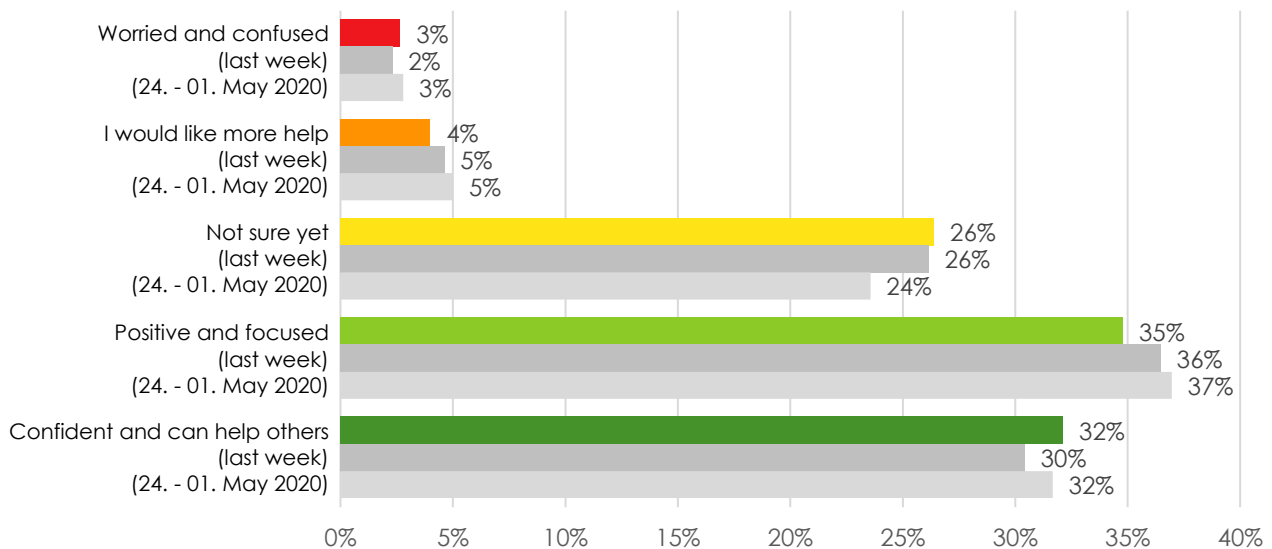


Could you be a first settler on Mars? (Primary & Secondary) 08th May 2020 – 15th May 2020

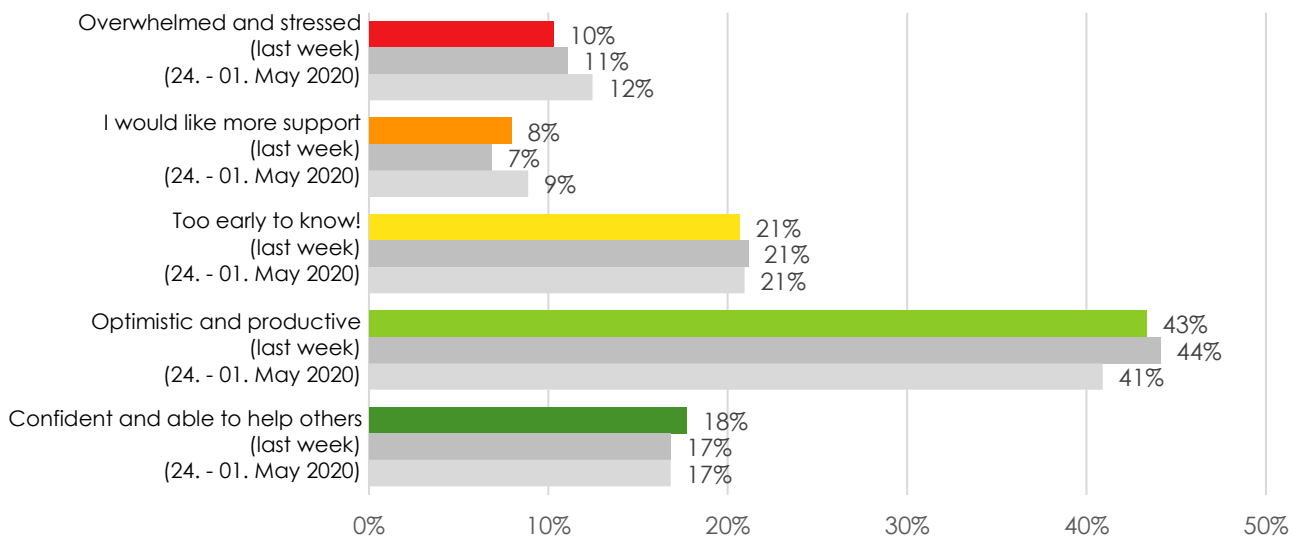
Due to the Coronavirus crisis, schools in the UK were mostly closed this week. As a result, students/pupils instead engaged with our content from home. While usually our votes are logged by teachers, we set up links for students/pupils and parents to vote independently. The response was overwhelming as many took the opportunity to have their voice heard from home.

As part of our vote this week, we encouraged students to share how they were feeling about learning from home with us. Here is an insight into what they said:

Primary



Secondary



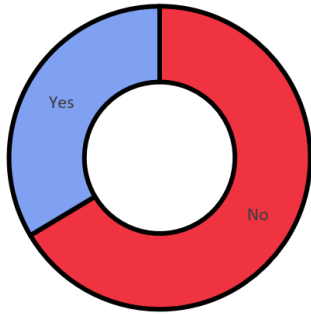


Grand Total

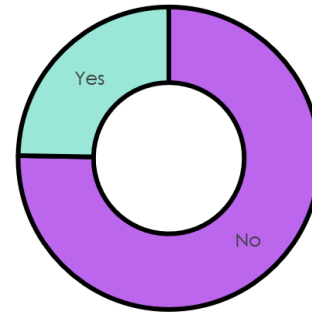
Primary: Yes 33.56%
No 66.44%

Secondary: Yes 24.72%
No 75.28%

● Yes
33.6%



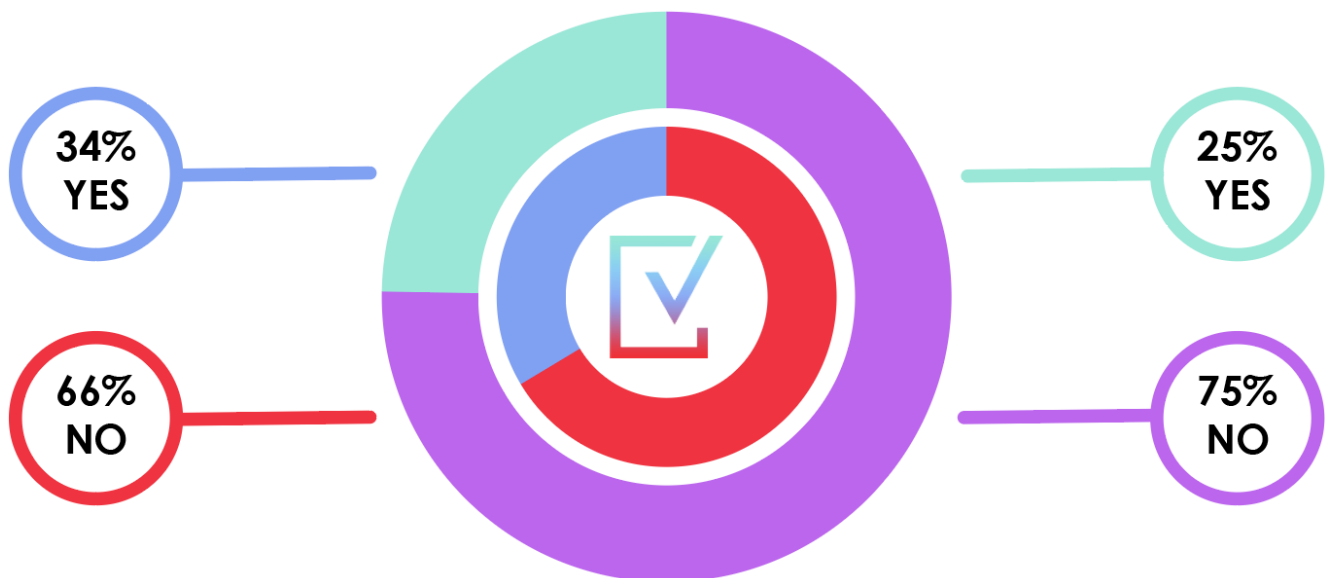
● No 66.4% ● Yes 24.7%



● No
75.3%

Primary pupils and Secondary students discussed if they could imagine being a first settler on Mars and the implications this would bring with it.

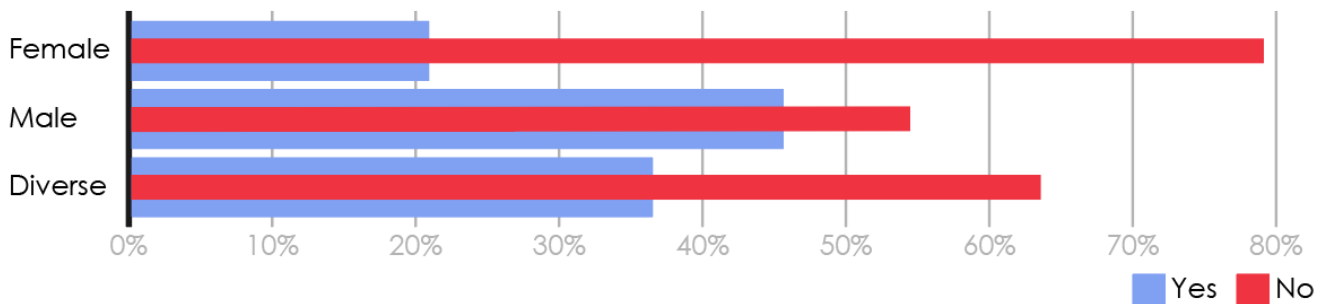
Both, Primary pupils and Secondary students, mostly agreed that they couldn't be a first settler on Mars, with 66.44% of Primary and 75.28% of Secondary voting No to the question "**Could you be a first settler on Mars?**".



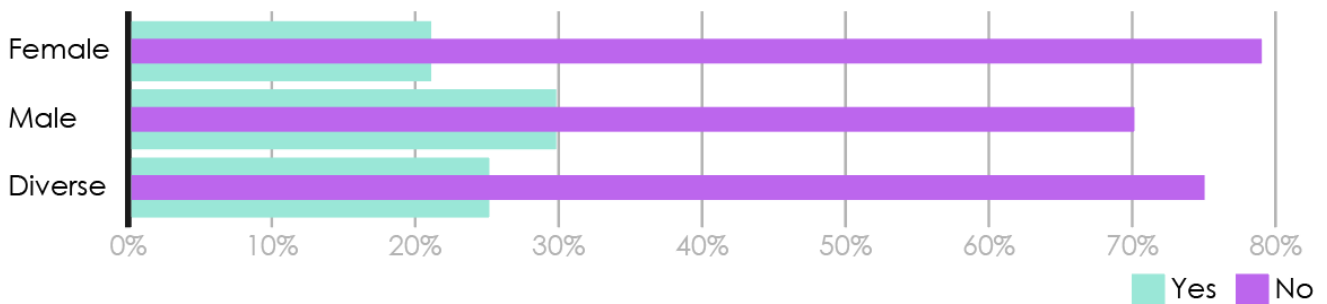


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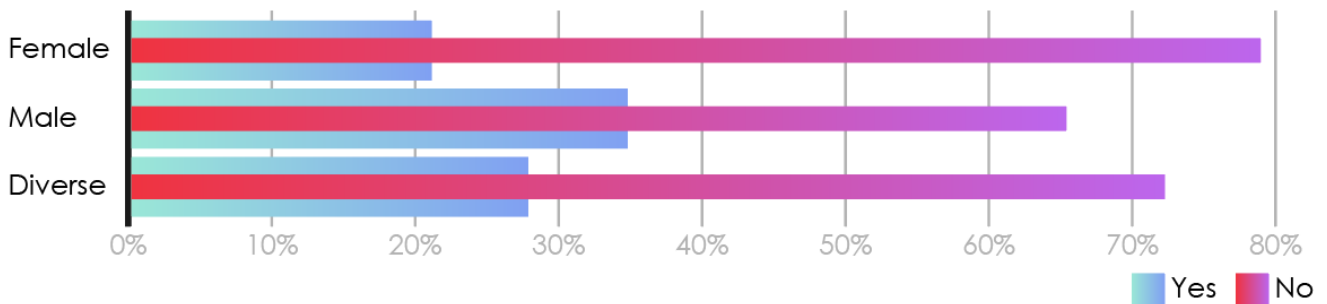
Primary



Secondary



Primary & Secondary Combined



Primary:

| | Yes % | No % |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Female | 21.04% | 78.96% |
| Male | 45.58% | 54.42% |
| Diverse | 36.59% | 63.41% |

In Primary and Secondary schools **more male voters said Yes** to the question “**Could you be a first settler on Mars?**” compared to female voters.

Secondary:

| | Yes % | No % |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Female | 21.21% | 78.79% |
| Male | 29.76% | 70.24% |
| Diverse | 25.19% | 74.81% |

In **Primary schools the difference between male and females was the most significant** with 24.54% fewer females saying Yes than male pupils.

In comparison, in **Secondary schools** the difference between male and female voters was only 8.55%, with fewer females saying Yes than males.

Primary and Secondary Total:

| | Yes % | No % |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Female | 21.17% | 78.83% |
| Male | 34.75% | 65.25% |
| Diverse | 27.91% | 72.09% |

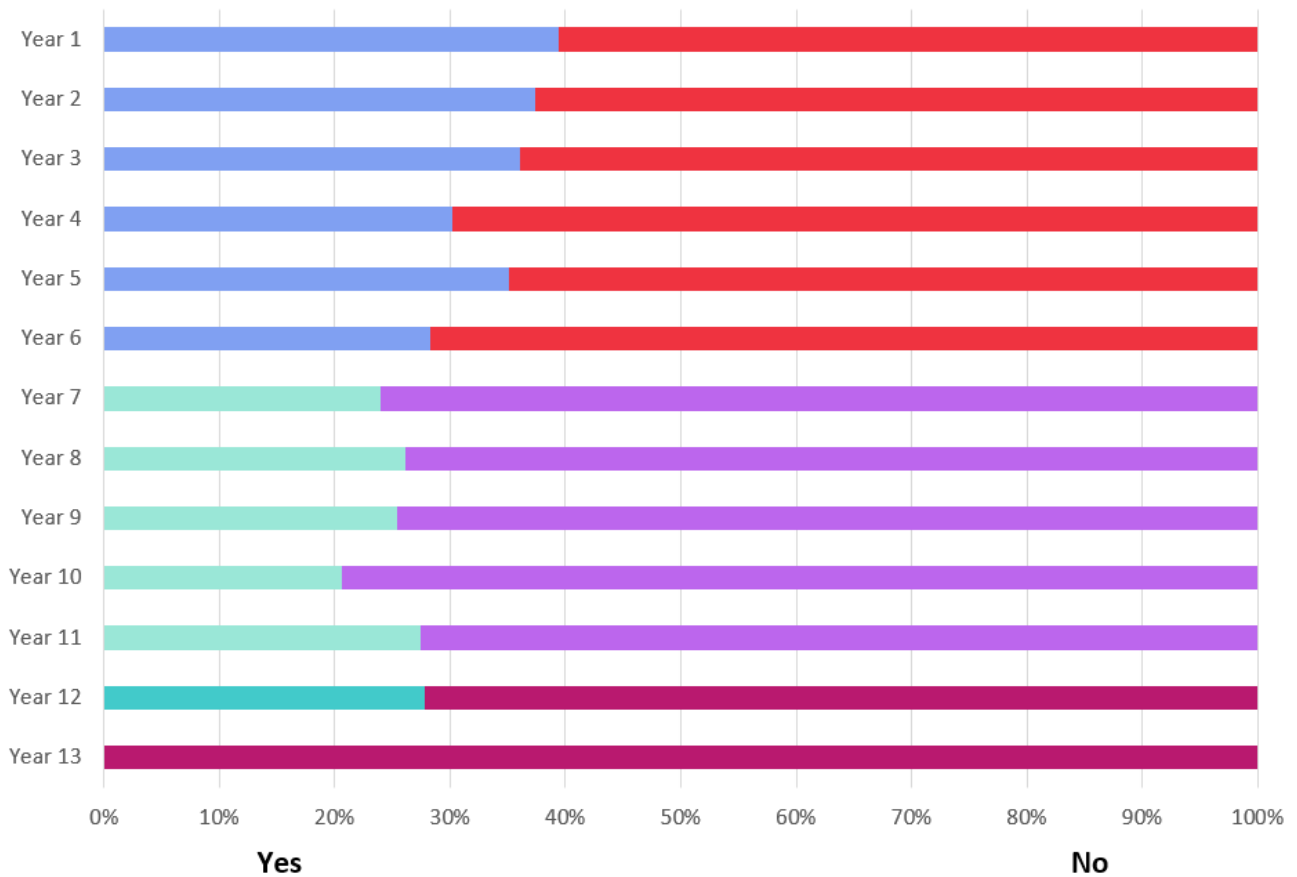
Both in Primary schools and Secondary schools the vote of **gender diverse students falls in between those of male and females.**



Age

| Year Group | Yes % | No % |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | 39.43% | 60.57% |
| 2 | 37.40% | 62.60% |
| 3 | 36.02% | 63.98% |
| 4 | 30.19% | 69.81% |
| 5 | 35.06% | 64.94% |
| 6 | 28.32% | 71.68% |
| 7 | 23.92% | 76.08% |
| 8 | 26.17% | 73.83% |
| 9 | 25.37% | 74.63% |
| 10 | 20.61% | 79.39% |
| 11 | 27.40% | 72.60% |
| 12 | 27.78% | 72.22% |
| 13 | 0.00% | 100% |
| Parent/Caregiver | 16.67% | 83.33% |

Votes by Year Group





Students' Comments:

"It would be **fun and exciting**, and I would be **famous** for being the first - or one of the first - people on Mars."

Primary School, West Midlands

"It would be **really interesting to see what Mars is like**. I'd **find a way to contact my friends and family**, so I'll still hear about what's going on on planet Earth."

Primary School, Surrey

"I think it would be **really exciting and fun**. You would get to **see things no one has seen before**. You would be **remembered forever** as one of the first settlers of Mars. It might be dangerous, but it would be worth it."

Primary School, Merseyside

"It could be fun exploring mars and **discover more about mars**."

Primary School, Berkshire

"If Earth blows up, we **have found ourselves a replacement**."

Primary School, Surrey

"We **might be able to find aliens if we live on other planets**. It is easier to find them because they might live there or visit there. We will be **making history and people would remember us**. We could also **make improvements in the new world** from the mistakes that we made. There would be **less global issues like global warming and pollution**."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"**If I don't go, I won't have a say in how the life on mars will be**. But I would leave behind a kind of will for someone to act on my behalf."

Secondary School, London

"Why would you turn down such an opportunity to **potentially help out all of mankind** during a dire situation?"

Secondary School,
East Riding of Yorkshire

"To start **our world with our own rules** it would be amazing. **Discovering new things** no one has ever seen or done before but **I would want to take my family**."

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"I am **really curious and interested in all sciences**. There are still many issues to tackle about space engineering and terraforming other planets. If we develop the technology we need, it will not necessarily mean that we will completely leave this planet and forget about our current issues with Earth. So overall **I hope I and my generation could be the one who take ourselves to mars and beyond**."

Secondary School, Surrey



"It would be very **hard to adjust** to living on mars, like the lack of water and carrying around a gas tank/ living in a bubble."

Primary School, Berkshire

"I don't want to go to mars because **I will miss nature** and green is my favourite colour."

Primary School, West Midlands

"I wouldn't want to be the first settler because **I may never come back home to Earth.**"

Primary School, Berkshire

"No, because there's **no internet** and I want to play on my iPad."

Primary School, unknown

"I **wouldn't be able to handle the stress** and the things I require to go outside and have fun. I would **rather go when humans have made it habitable** enough that I can go outside like I normally would and get some exercise and play football with friends instead of having to wear a space suit just so I could breath."

Secondary School, Essex

"I would not like to be the first to settle on Mars because I feel that there is **a lot of potential still on this planet** and we need to start doing the right actions to save it."

Secondary School, Surrey

"We still **don't have enough knowledge**; we should first send many and many robots to investigate and then we should go to Mars. **We still need to investigate quite a lot.**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

"You **may never come back** so that means, unless your family come to, you will never see them again."

Secondary School, Devon

"I wouldn't want to go to Mars because I would be **leaving behind friend, family and relatives** and they all **mean the world to me.**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

"I would be too **worried that it wouldn't be safe**, and I couldn't be with **only 99 other people for the rest of my life.**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

"There are **still so many problems on Earth**, and it **would be selfish to just leave the other humans and animals** to try and have a fresh start on our own. We **should be working towards making what we have the best it can be**, rather than starting afresh."

Secondary School, Essex

