

Does Pride month inspire unity? (Primary & Secondary) 12th June 2020 – 19th June 2020

Question Primary:

"Do we appreciate uniqueness?"

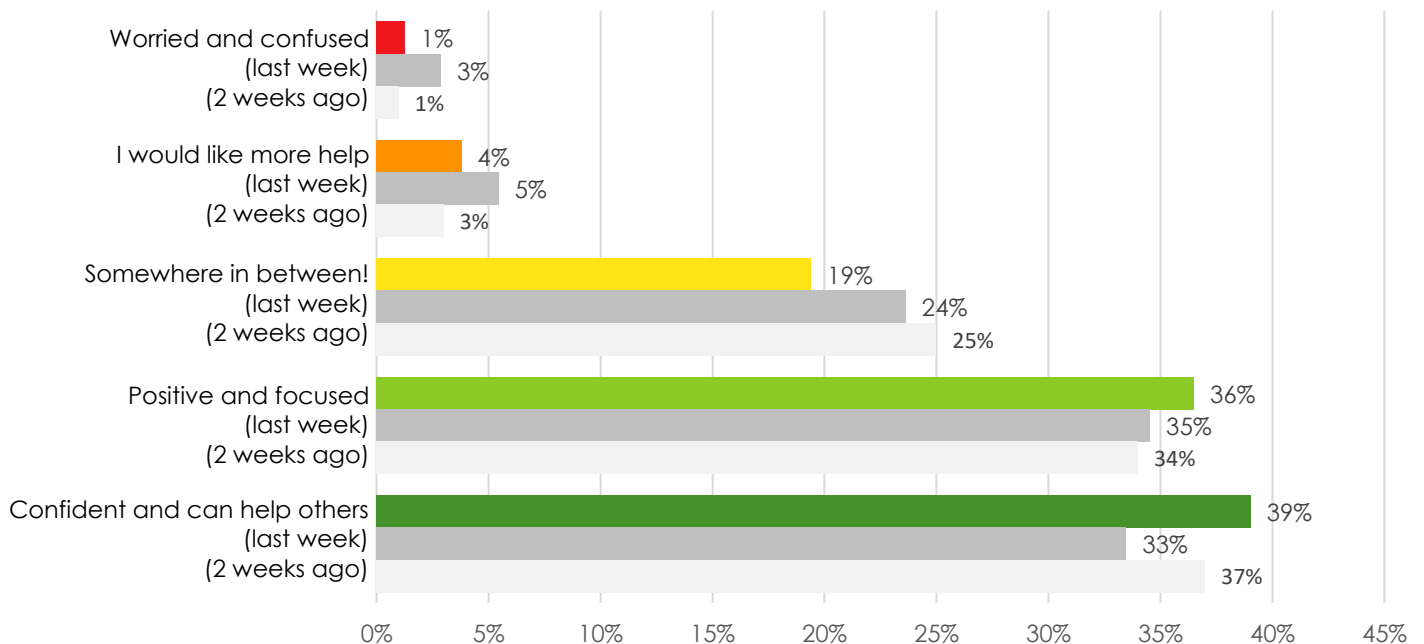
Question Secondary:

"Does Pride month inspire unity?"

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.

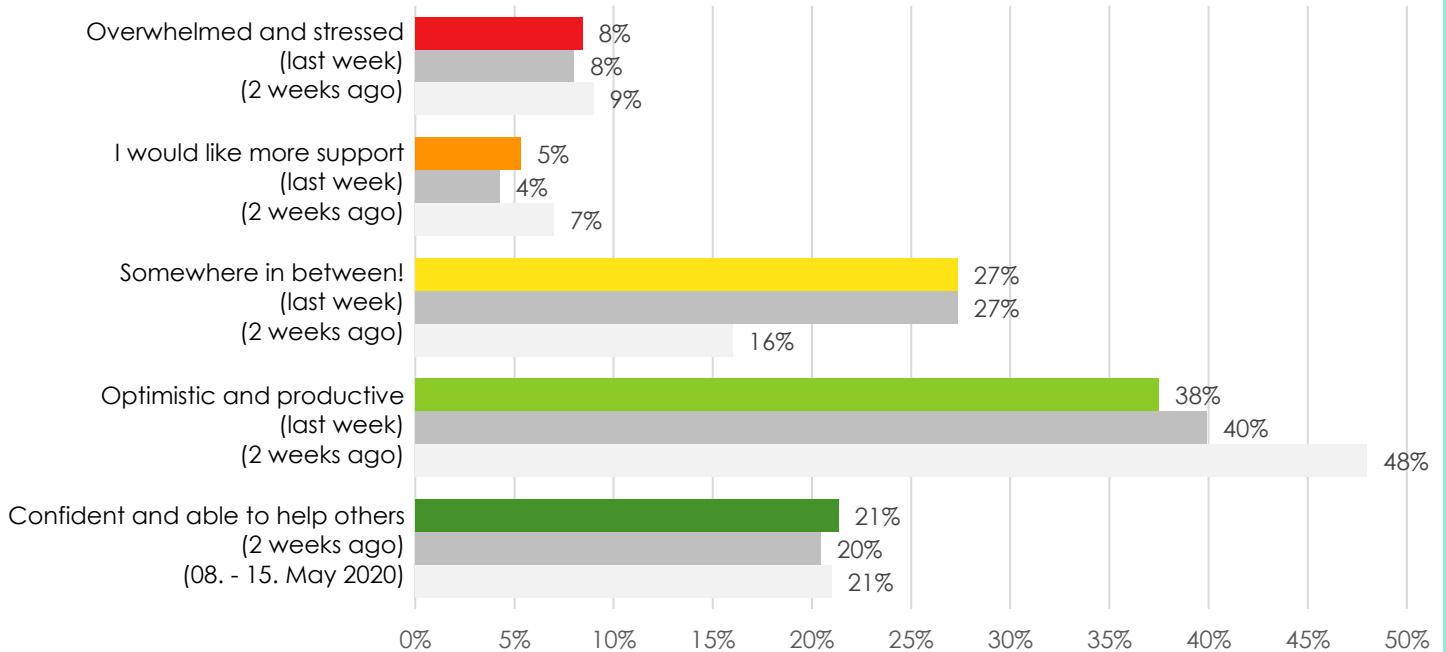
As part of our vote this week, we encouraged students to share how they were feeling about learning from home with us. Here is an insight into what they said:

Primary





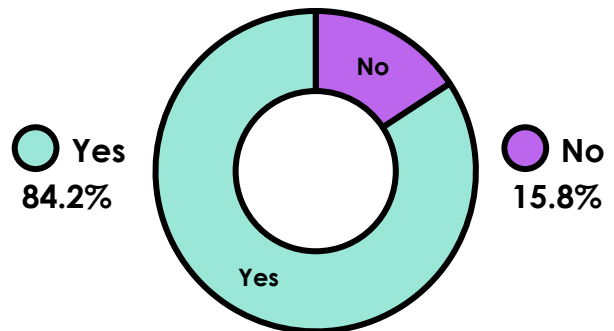
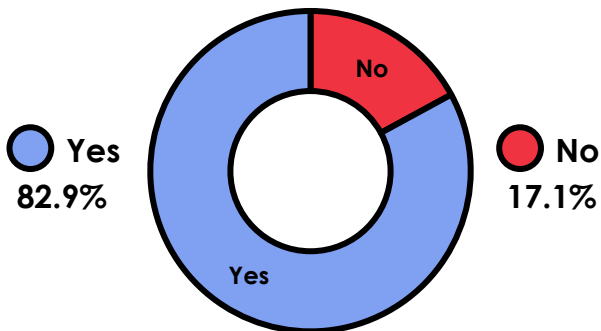
Secondary



Grand Total

Primary: Yes 82.93%
No 17.07%

Secondary: Yes 84.21%
No 15.79%



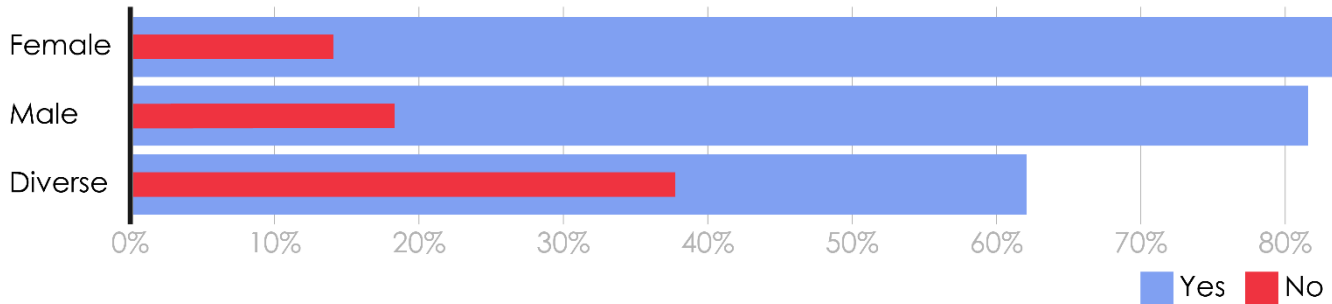
Primary pupils discussed the question **“Do we appreciate uniqueness?”** while Secondary students debated the question **“Does Pride month inspire unity?”**.

Both, the majority of Primary pupils and Secondary students, voted Yes, with 82.9% of Primary pupils voting yes, we do appreciate uniqueness and 84.2% of Secondary students voting Yes, Pride month does inspire unity.

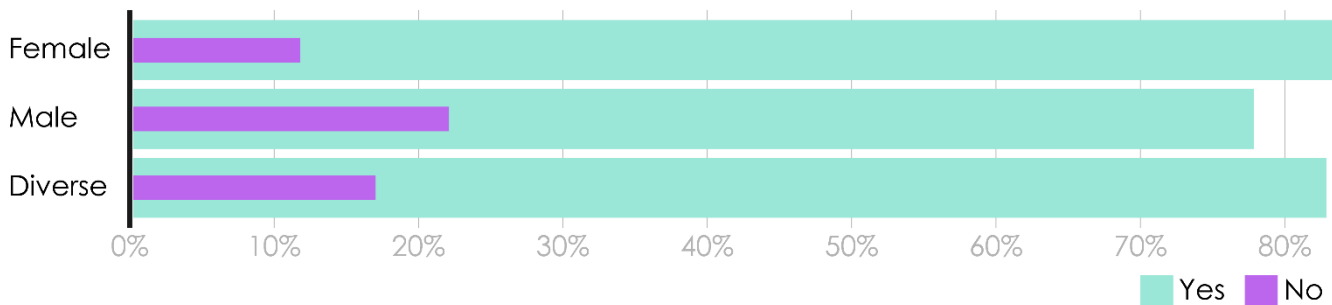


Gender

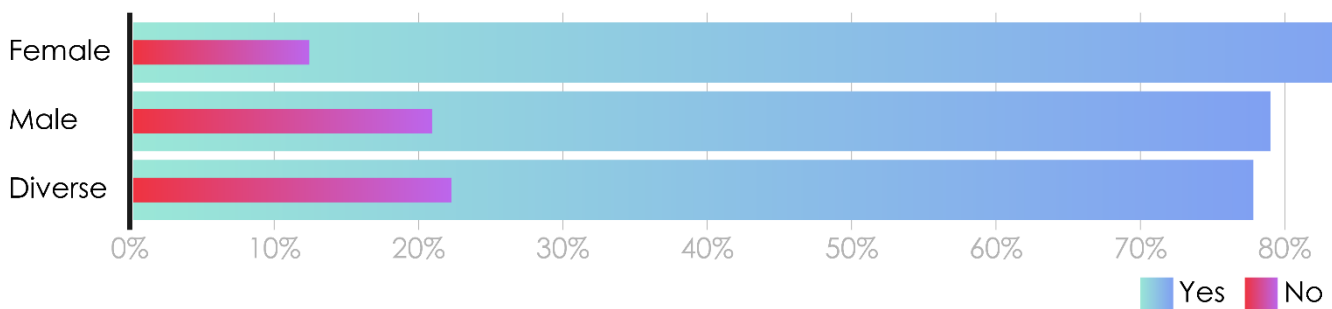
Primary



Secondary



Primary & Secondary Combined



Primary:

	Yes %	No %
Female	85.93%	14.07%
Male	81.59%	18.41%
Diverse*	62.22%	37.78%

Secondary:

	Yes %	No %
Female	88.15%	11.85%
Male	77.92%	22.08%
Diverse*	82.96%	17.04%

Primary and Secondary Total:

	Yes %	No %
Female	87.61%	12.39%
Male	78.96%	21.04%
Diverse*	77.78%	22.22%

Both in **Primary schools and Secondary schools, female voters had the highest percentage of Yes votes**, with 85.9% of female Primary pupils voting Yes, we do appreciate uniqueness and 88.15% of female Secondary students voting Yes, Pride month does inspire unity.

In **Primary schools, 4.34% fewer male pupils voted Yes**, compared to female voters, followed by **Diverse** pupils with **23.71% fewer voting Yes**, compared to females.

In **Secondary schools, 10.23% fewer male students voted Yes**, compared to female voters, whereas only **5.19% fewer Diverse students voted Yes**, compared to females.

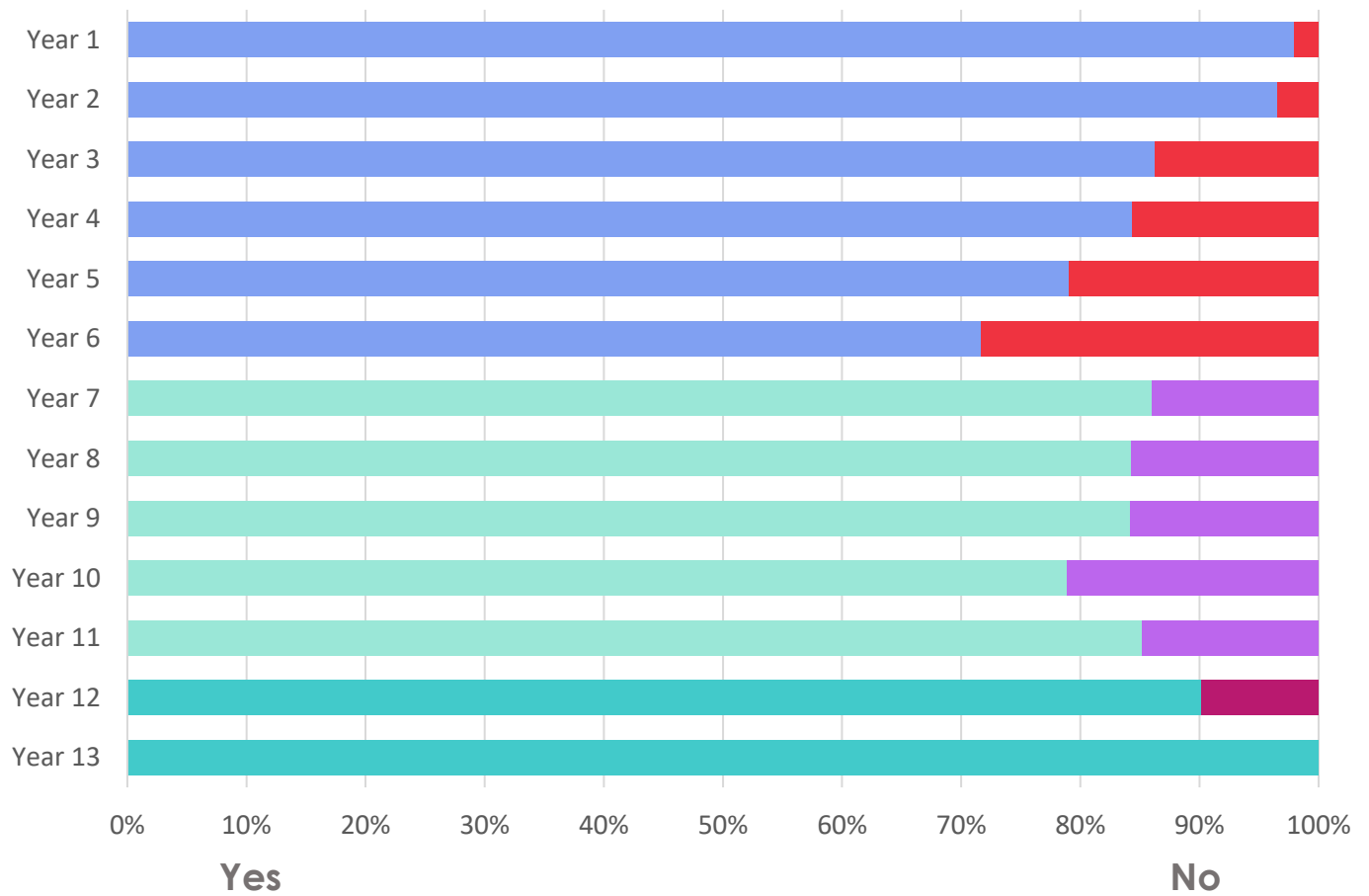
*Votes collected as "Diverse" include students that identify as gender diverse, as well as students that wish not to disclose their gender.



Age

Year Group	Yes %	No %
1	97.98%	2.02%
2	96.58%	3.42%
3	86.31%	13.69%
4	84.33%	15.67%
5	79.07%	20.93%
6	71.70%	28.30%
7	86.03%	13.97%
8	84.27%	15.73%
9	84.21%	15.79%
10	78.94%	21.06%
11	85.22%	14.78%
12	90.20%	9.80%
13	100%	0%
Parent/Caregiver	80.00%	20.00%

Votes by Year Group





Students' Comments:

"If everyone was the same **it would be boring.**"

Primary School, Merseyside

"**We do lots in our school to celebrate other people's differences and achievements.** We do not judge books by their covers and we always use our values."

Primary School, Surrey

"**Everyone has something unique** about themselves and they **should be proud of who they are.** You shouldn't try and hide from people, show them who you really are. If someone discriminates you just think, what do I have that's unique about myself that I can show."

Primary School, Surrey

"**Pride is celebrated all over the world** which may make **LGBTQ+ people feel connected** and more save knowing that they are not alone."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"**It inspires people from other communities to speak** out about their issues and problems that they are facing. It gives people motivation."

Secondary School, West Yorkshire

"By having Pride month, people who are anti-Pride may get pulled into seeing that **people all deserve to be equal**, and they will see that it is ok to like people who are different. Everyone's different, and the world is changing."

Secondary School, Surrey

"There are many people in the pride community who feel left out and **pride makes them feel part of something** again."

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"It brings people **together.**"

Secondary School, Dorset

"Many years ago, people may not have felt comfortable saying they were gay, lesbian or bisexual, but unity is bringing people together and **inspiring people to be proud of themselves.**"

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

"Most people within the LGBTQ+ community don't feel accepted in other parts of the world or just in their house/school situation. Pride month is a time for all members of the LGBTQ+ community to **meet and learn from each other's experiences** and a way **to feel welcomed as a person** and not what others may deceive you as."

Secondary School, Surrey



“As with any protest there are opportunists who want to silence or speak over the voices that need to be heard and **companies often take advantage of pride month and use it as a publicity stunt**. The intentions of the protesters and organisations aside they **still create a sense of unity by promoting and raising awareness** for the cause.”

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

“Pride month **helps people learn from other people** not to change themselves because of what other people think.”

Secondary School, Surrey

“It makes you feel like **people can say who they are and be open** to people who are the same and be together.”

Secondary School, Northamptonshire

“Learning about Pride Month, I **don't think we appreciate uniqueness enough** because people are still being discriminated and we only all celebrate in June - **we should celebrate every day!**”

Primary School, Oxfordshire

“**Discrimination is still going on** and until it stops not many people will appreciate uniqueness.”

Primary School, Cambridgeshire

“There is **not enough awareness** around it and **not enough done to explain what the month is about** and why people should actually care about it.”

Secondary School, London

“**People are still getting discriminated** for things that they aren't in control of.”

Primary School, Surrey

“I feel like **people still do not understand the diversity** and difference in LGBTQ+.”

Secondary School, South Yorkshire

“**Anti-Pride protests still happen**, which shows we are still a long way from unity. **It's not always about unity**. Sometimes it is better to look at individual problems, even if they do not affect absolutely everyone.”

Secondary School, Essex

“There are people who might disagree with pride month, so then we may still be quite far from inspiring unity if people stick to their own personal beliefs. There have been **growing tensions within the LGBTQ+ communities** with more hate crimes, which are causing division. Anti-pride protests are still happening, which shows we're still a long way from unity. The **corporate element of Pride** is focusing less on unity and more on branding and advertisements.”

Secondary School, Essex