

# Spotlight on primary school priorities



**At Pearson**, we're committed to supporting schools with whatever comes their way. So, in April 2021 we commissioned a survey with Teacher Tapp of over 2,941 primary teachers to get their views on the priorities for this summer term – and to help us keep developing the support they need.

We'll be sharing a host of free resources and guidance over the course of the term and beyond, as well as support for secondary schools. In the meantime, here are some of the headline primary insights.

## About the survey

These findings are based on the views of 2941 primary teachers who participated in a Teacher Tapp survey, commissioned by Pearson, in April 2021. Teachers include primary school classroom teachers, middle leaders and school leaders including headteachers. The data has been reweighted to make it representative of the population.

# Headline challenges



We asked primary school teachers to select the biggest challenges facing their students, and school as whole, for the remainder of the academic year.

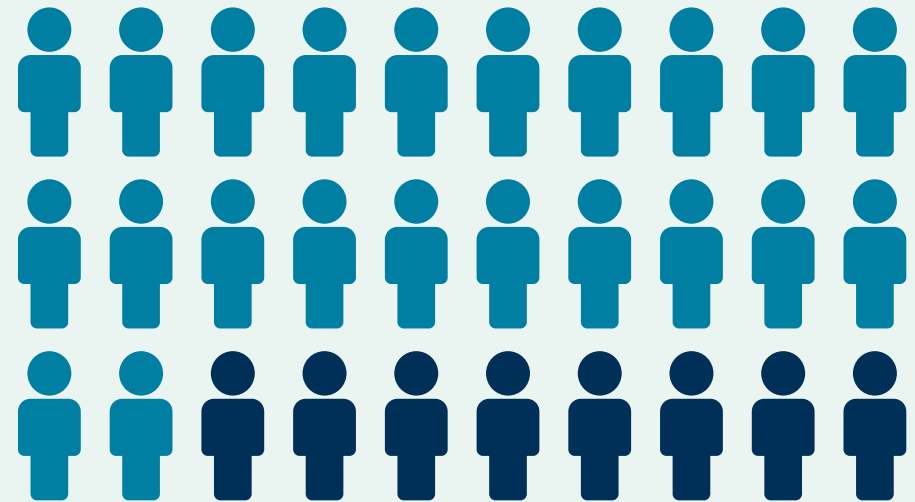
## 1 in 2 primary teachers

think **student mental health and wellbeing** and the **widening of the disadvantage gap** are the biggest challenges facing their students for the remainder of the academic year.



## More than two-thirds

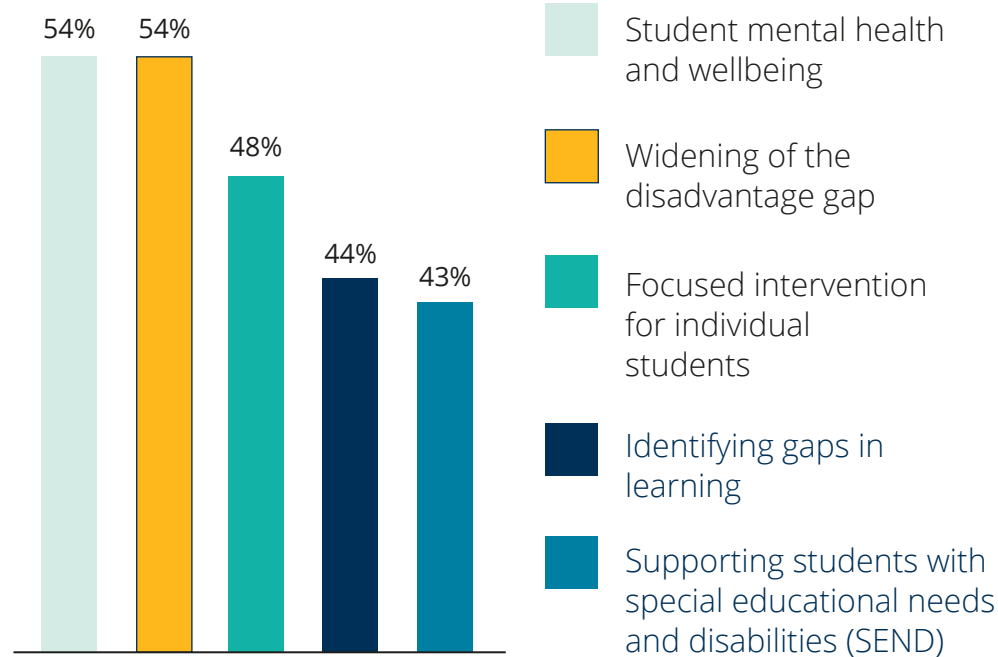
say **staff mental health and wellbeing** and **staff workload** are the biggest challenges for their primary school as a whole.



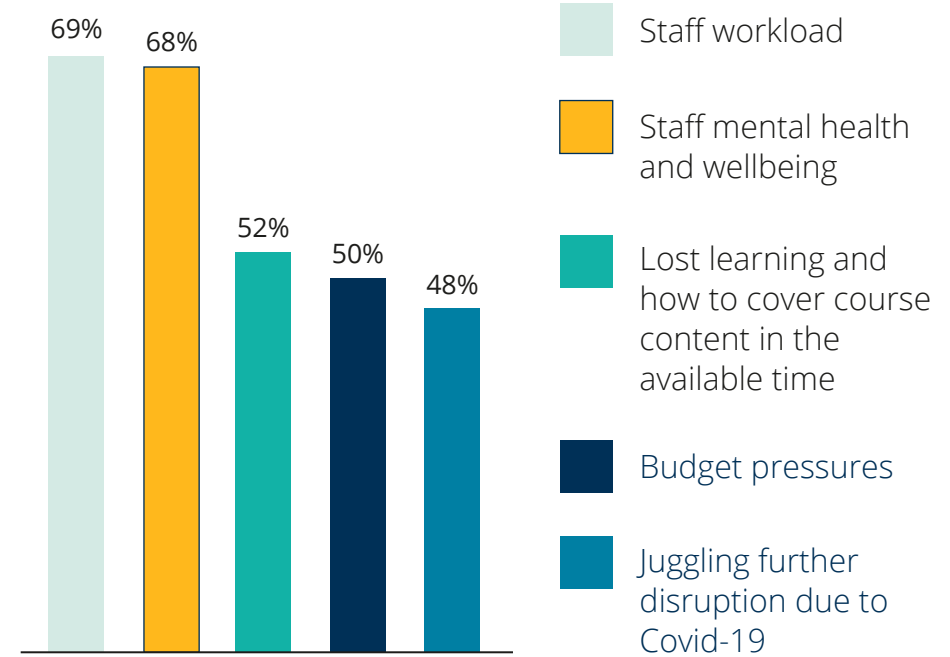
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## Top five challenges facing primary pupils



## Top five challenges facing primary schools

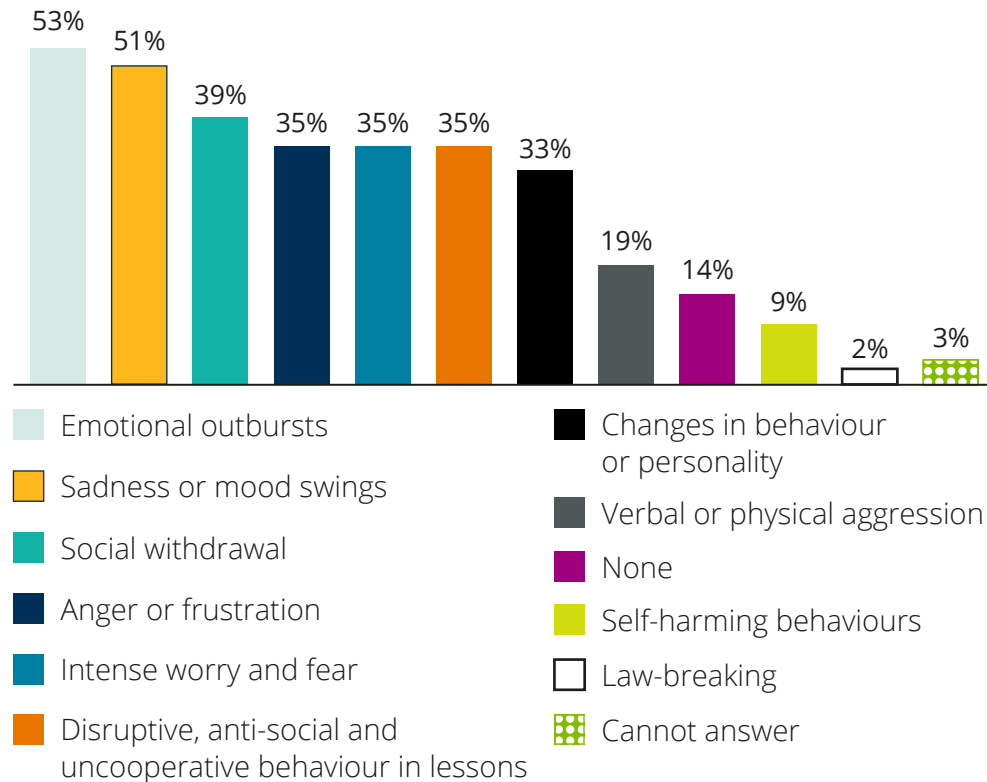


# The impact of Covid-19 and lockdowns on learners since returning to school



As well as asking primary teachers if they had seen any social, emotional or mental health issues among their pupils since returning to school after the most recent lockdown, we also asked if they had seen any positive improvements in student characteristics and skills.

**“Have you seen any of the following social, emotional or mental health issues among your pupils following the return to school after the most recent lockdown?”**



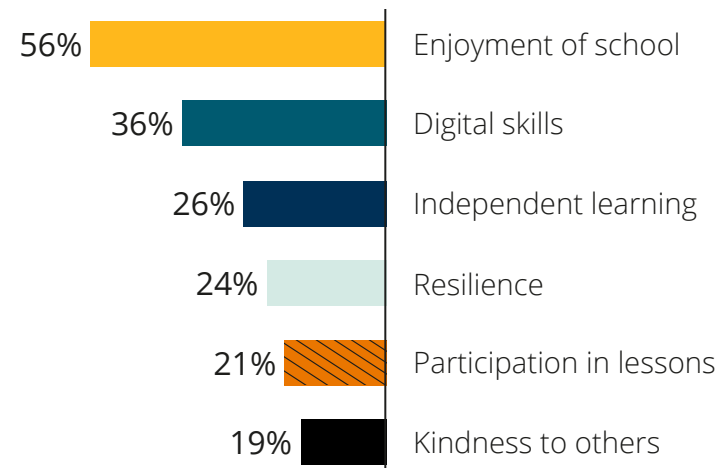
## More than half of primary teachers

have seen emotional outbursts, sadness and mood swings among their students since returning to the classroom.



However, there have been some positive changes among students too.

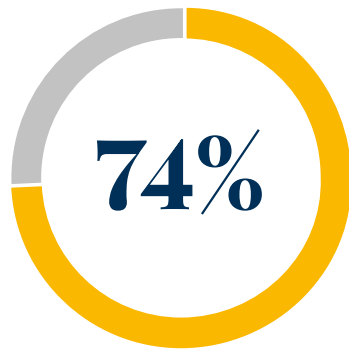
## TOP 6 improved areas among students following the most recent lockdown



# Immediate priorities this summer



Primary teachers were asked what their immediate priorities would be for the summer term and straight after the Easter break.



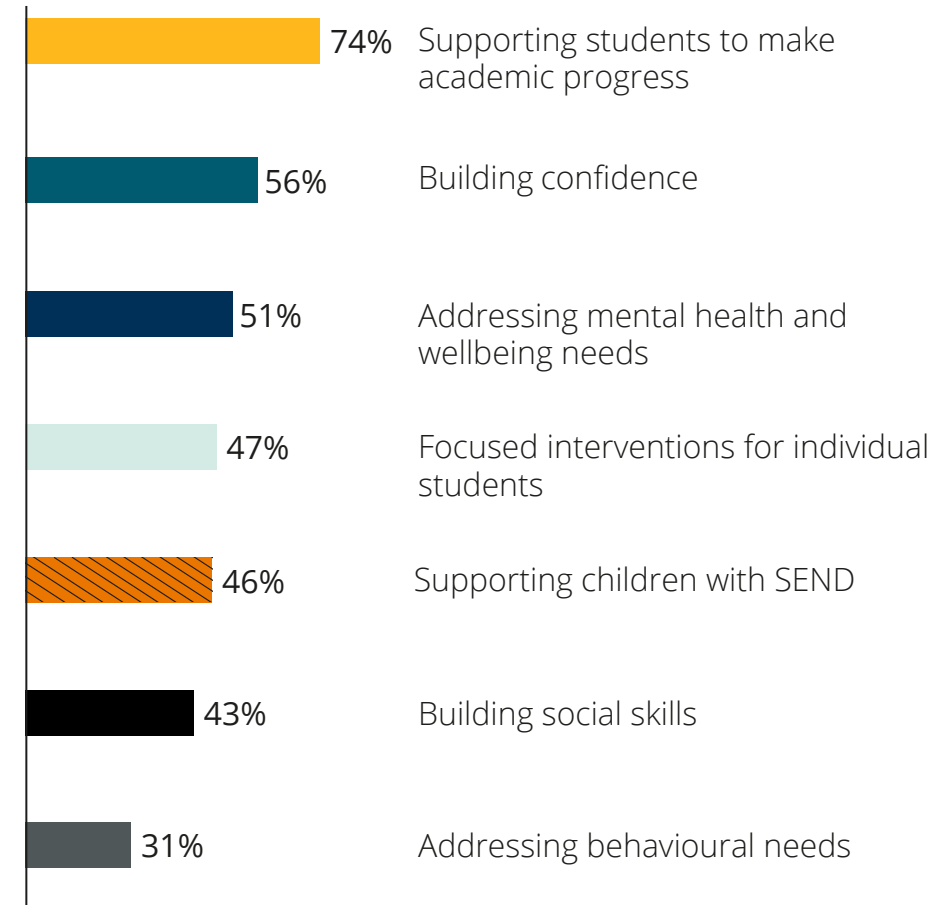
**74%** of primary teachers are prioritising supporting their students to make academic progress this term

**1 in 2**



are building their students' confidence and addressing their students' mental health and wellbeing needs

## TOP 7 immediate priorities for the summer term



# Supporting schools



## Wherever and whenever learning happens, we're here to help...

Learners, teachers and families are at the heart of everything we do at Pearson, and we're fully committed to supporting learning for life – whenever, wherever and however it happens.

That's why we've created tools and resources to help you every step of the way, and will continue to do so based on your feedback and insights.

### Primary support from Pearson

Our support hub is filled with guidance and resources to support every learning journey – from wellbeing guidance to subject-specific resources to help boosting students' confidence this term and beyond.



### Join the conversation

We'd love to hear more about what your school is doing to make a difference in these areas. Let us know on twitter [@PearsonPrimary](https://twitter.com/PearsonPrimary) and we'll help share your solutions with the education community.



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