

**Summary of main Central Statistics Office findings on homework**  
**as of 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2014**

- \* Over two thirds (69%) of primary school children and 13% of secondary school children are assisted daily by their parents with homework. Some 4% of primary school children and 28% of secondary school children never receive assistance with their homework.
- \* Overall 59% of school children's parents feel very confident about assisting their children with homework. In family units where the mother has a third level degree or above, 72% of parents feel very confident about assisting secondary school children with homework.
- \* Among pre-school or school children (aged 3-7) 93% are being read to by their parents. 71% are being read to on a daily basis.
  - \* 71% of school children with a parent in employment use the internet outside school to access school learning material,. 59% of school children with parents who are both unemployed or not in the labour force and 55% of school children with parents who are both not in the labour force access the internet for the same purpose.
- \* 87% of parents aspire to having their children remain in the education system to attend college or university. However, only 82% of parents believe their children will actually remain in the education system to attend college or university.
  - \* 61% of parents whose first language was English or Irish felt very confident about assisting with their children's homework. In contrast just 47% of parents whose first language was not English or Irish felt very confident about assisting in this way.