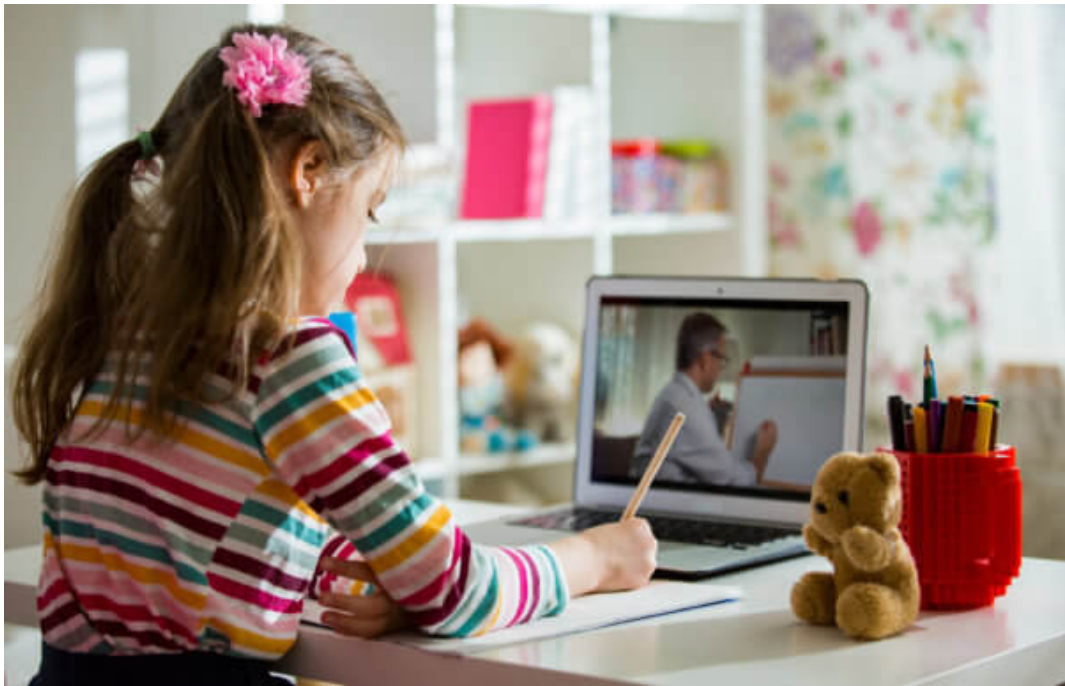


Remote learning not that bad? 7 in 10 parents say their kids are more focused in virtual classroom

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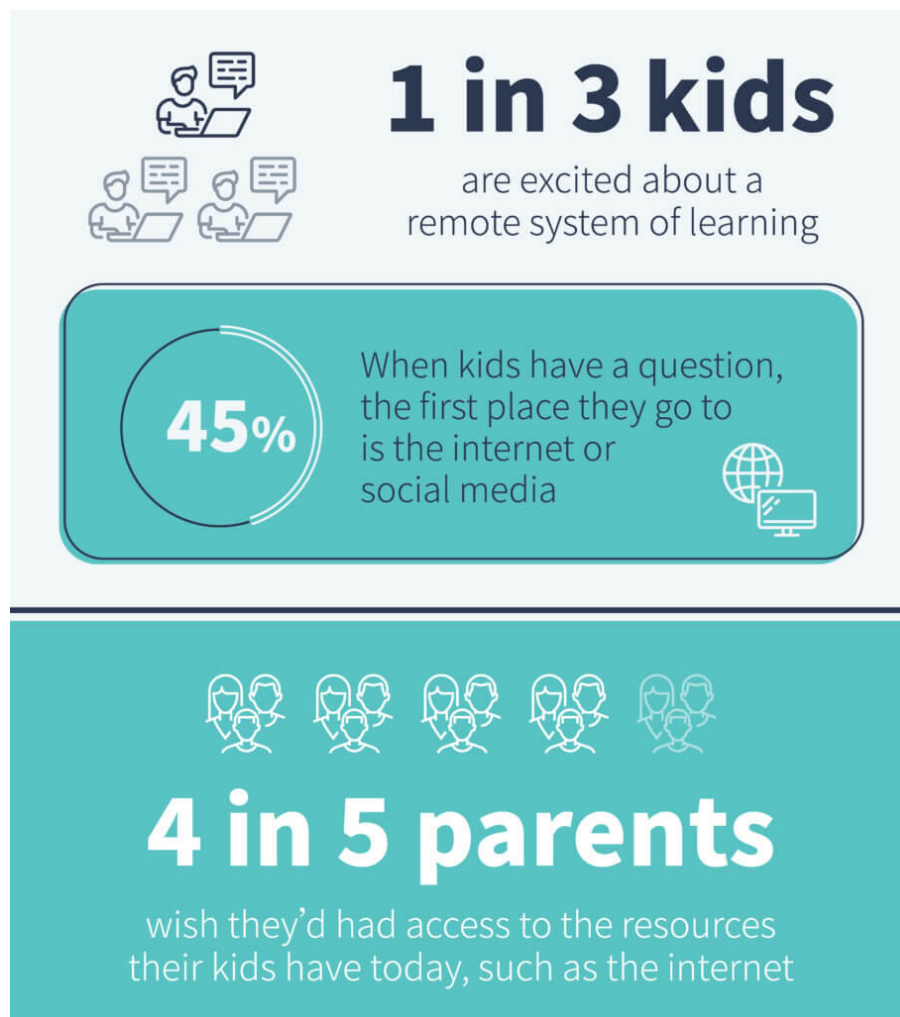
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NEW YORK — Do students really need to go back to class this fall? Some moms and dads in a new study don't think so. About seven in 10 parents think their kids actually focus better while learning remotely.

According to a recent survey of 2,000 American parents with school-age children and their children, one in three kids are excited by remote learning. Moreover, 72 percent of parents think virtual learning is a game-changer that

will be around long after the COVID-19 pandemic.

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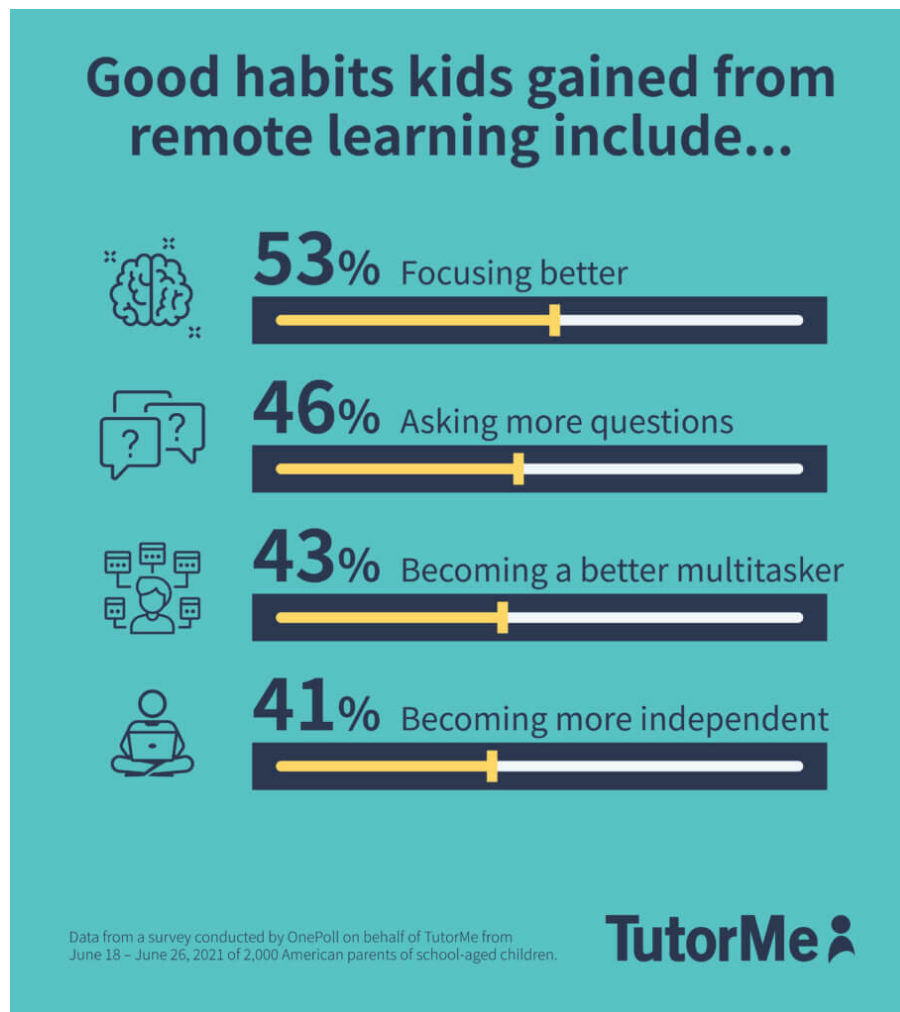
According to respondents, learning remotely is giving rise to [good study habits](#); in addition to focusing better. Parents say their children are asking more questions (46%) and multitasking more effectively (43%). Nine in 10 parents also expect these habits to last beyond the pandemic.

When asked what aspects of remote learning they'd like to bring to the [traditional classroom](#), 43 percent of parents support letting kids learn at their own pace. The same number feel that remote learning allows for smaller class sizes and more than two in five like that virtual learning lets

kids learn in their own style with additional visual or audio resources. Conducted by [OnePoll](#) in partnership with [TutorMe](#), researchers also compared parents' study habits to those of their kids. As students themselves, moms and dads spent an average of five nights cramming before each test. Now, 86 percent want to instill better study habits in their kids than they'd exhibited at school.

Tips and tricks for remote learning can help

More than one in five parents add it took them until high school to overcome their "study anxiety," and 45 percent believe the increased availability of peer learning is what did the trick. Still, four in five parents wish they'd had access to the resources their kids have today, such as the internet.



"Kids today have a lot more tools to help them learn than their parents ever dreamed possible," says Myles Hunter, CEO and co-founder of TutorMe, in a statement. "Moreover, they can access [educational resources](#) on their own and in their preferred format, such as text, visual or audio, without having to wait for a parent or educator to become available."

When kids have a question, the first place they go to is the internet or social media (45%), with three in five saying it's faster and less stressful to seek help online.

Additionally, 58 percent of kids have discovered new ways or tricks to study while learning remotely. These include having a textbook open while being online, finding games and examples on the web to help them study, and recording remote classes so they can revisit them later. However, studying alone can still be challenging, according to nearly two-thirds of youngsters.

"Learning remotely isn't limited to the interaction between the student and their computer," Hunter adds. "There are tools that incorporate the human element of [in-person classrooms](#) in a virtual setting, bringing kids' favorite parts of the traditional classroom to the comfort of their homes."