

HOMWORK POLICY

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The aim of the homework policy is to promote learning at home as an essential part of good education. Homework not only reinforces classroom learning, it also helps children and young people to develop skills and attitudes they need for successful lifelong learning. It supports the development of independent learning skills, including the habits of enquiry and investigation.

Statutory Duty of School

The daily recommended reading, which the Government recommends for all primary children, can be done as part of the homework. Schools will consider how much time is appropriate for pupils at each stage, and can use the following recommendations.

Years 1 and 2	30-40 minutes
Years 3 and 4	1 hour
Years 5 and 6	1 hour and 30 minutes

Implementation

Schools will ensure that homework is an integral part of the curriculum and is planned and prepared alongside all other programmes of learning.

Homework will be appropriate to the age, ability and circumstances of the pupils, taking into account special educational needs. Schools will verify that:

- tasks will be wide-ranging and structured and their purpose explained to pupils
- homework will be co-ordinated and monitored by the class teacher to include updating and checking homework
- homework will be marked in line with the school marking policies, which will be revised regularly
- the quality of completed homework is monitored and reviewed at regular periods in consultation with pupils and parents, at parent meetings or individually as necessary.
- Homework will consolidate class learning

Pupils will:

- record and ensure their understanding of the homework tasks
- demonstrate a commitment to spending an allocated time doing the tasks set and handing the work back on time.
- be rewarded when homework is handed in on time, homework goes out Friday and is returned by Tuesday for all classes
- Children who regularly fail to complete their homework or do not hand it in will complete it at break time instead
Parents or guardians will encourage and monitor homework by completing the homework given and inform the school if an issue arises.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

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