

# Homework Policy

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Reviewed annually by the governing body



## Introduction

The aim of our homework policy is to promote learning beyond the school day as an essential part of good education. We believe that homework not only reinforces classroom learning, it also helps children and young people to develop skills and attitudes that they need for successful lifelong learning. It should support the development of independent learning skills, including the habits of enquiry and investigation, and it should help to foster the role of parents and carers as co-educators of their children.

## Consultation on homework

Parents are consulted on the homework policy as part of the annual questionnaire. Children's views are canvassed through the School Council. The allocation of time to be spent on homework at each key stage has been informed by the Department for Education (DfE) guidelines:

Years 1 & 2	1 hour per week
Years 3 & 4	1.5 hours per week
Years 5 & 6	30 minutes per day

## Relationship to other policies

The policy refers to commitments made in the home-school agreement, and also relates to the curriculum policy, the teaching and learning policy and to the policy for assessment, recording and reporting.

## Roles and responsibilities of Head Teacher, other staff, governors

The Head Teacher will ensure that homework is:

- an integral part of the curriculum and is planned and prepared alongside all other programmes of learning
- appropriate to the age, ability and circumstances of the pupils, taking into account special educational needs
- coordinated in order to be manageable for children on a daily basis
- informed by DfE guidance about time commitments.

Teachers will ensure that:

- pupils and parents are given a timetable for homework at the start of each term
- homework is set and marked in line with guidance and agreed standards
- tasks are differentiated and well structured
- pupils understand the purpose of the homework tasks
- it is clear to pupils how their homework consolidates and extends the work they are doing in school.

Pupils will be required to record the homework tasks in homework diaries, ensure their understanding of them, and demonstrate a commitment to spending an allocated time completing the tasks set. They will return their work on time.

Parents will encourage and monitor homework and inform their child's teacher if an issue arises.

**Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation**

The Head Teacher will monitor homework on an occasional basis by checking lesson plans, pupils' work and home-school diaries. On an annual basis, parents and pupils will be surveyed for their views on the effectiveness of the current practice, and the leadership team will review the effectiveness of this policy.

The Governing Body or its Curriculum Committee will receive from the Head Teacher reports that includes the outcomes of work sampling and feedback from the surveys of pupils and parents.