

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is considered by the School to be an essential component in the provision of a high quality education. Homework is always expected to be set and completed with care and attention, to meet our established high standards.

In particular, we wish to ensure that homework should complement the teaching and learning of our pupils by:

- ◆ Being appropriate to the subject
- ◆ Being appropriate to the level of ability of the pupils
- ◆ Being appropriate to the language level of the pupils
- ◆ Being as varied as possible
- ◆ Giving opportunity for research using IT, books etc.
- ◆ Giving opportunity for applying study skills
- ◆ Giving opportunity for working independently
- ◆ Recognising the need for memorising facts
- ◆ Consolidating work covered in lessons

To achieve these aims, the following principles should be applied:

- Homework is set according to the recommended times for each year group as given in the School Homework Timetable
- Homework is marked according to the School's Marking and Assessment Policy and returned to the pupils as soon as possible
- Pupils record all of their set homework in the homework diaries provided by the School (Key Stage 2, 3 and 4)
- Homework diaries are checked by Form Tutors weekly
- Parents or Houseparents read homework diaries and sign them to confirm their awareness of work set and its satisfactory completion

The Government has published guidelines on how much homework pupils should reasonably do:

Secondary

7 and 8	45-90 minutes per day	
9	1 to 2 hours per day	
10 and 11	1.5 to 2.5 hours per day	(Reviewed September 2018)

Homework - Preparatory School

Homework is part of the process for developing good learning behaviours, it helps to consolidate learning, it aids preparation where research is required and it forms good habits and practices. Homework should, therefore, be treated seriously.

Homework should take priority over other out of school activities: it is not acceptable to hand homework in late unless it has been arranged in advance with the teacher concerned. All children are expected to read every night and it is encouraged that children read aloud to their parents.

Years R - 2:

Parent must set time aside each evening for reading with their children.

- In Year 1 and Year 2 children have tables and spelling to learn at home.
- Help is always encouraged and strengthens the link between home and school.

Years 3 - 6:

Each child is given a homework diary so that details of tasks can be written and planned clearly, commitments and deadlines can be detailed and parents can monitor the homework requirements.

- Each night's homework and the completion date will be written in this diary and it is important that parents sign the diary after each homework.
- If homework is not given on a set date, the reason will be noted in the space.

Form	Time per Night*	Work per Night
Year 3	20 mins	Spellings /tables / reading
Year 4	30 mins	1 subject
Year 5	40 mins	1 subject
Year 6	40 mins	1 subject

** All work should be completed within the specified time. Parents should initial the diary daily and comment in the homework diary if the child exceeds the time limit.*

1. There is homework set in the first week but not the last week of term.
2. Holiday homework is not set. (Occasionally 'project-work' may be set but only for the summer holiday.)
3. Reading is expected and recommended reading lists will be provided.
4. All children in Years 4 to 6 must have homework every night. Teachers should plan for homework even if the lesson has been practical.
5. Year 6 has 40 minutes prep per night.
6. Children in years 3 - 6 should also do reading for 10-15 minutes each night.
7. Homework should be relevant to the topics being covered and should be of appropriate length and suitably challenging.
8. Generally, homework should be handed in the next day.
9. If homework is not done or handed in on time then after 1 warning, a Minus Mark will be given.
10. Form Tutors must check all homework diaries daily during registration or Form Period to ensure they are being used correctly. A well-kept diary should earn a House Point.

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