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## **HOMework POLICY**

### **1. Introduction**

1.1. This policy informs practice in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

### **2. General Policy**

2.1. Homework is a valuable part of the curriculum. The potential benefits of Homework are:

- Revision.
- Consolidation.
- Extension.
- Reinforcement of learning.
- Development of independence in learning.
- Time management practice.
- Communication between home and school.
- Parental input.

2.2. Potential problems with Homework are:

- Tension surrounding when it is done
- Children working too long
- Loss of time for play/relaxation/family time
- Clashes with other commitments
- Inconsistencies of expectations between home and school and between subjects
- Parental input
- The rushed setting of homework at the end of a lesson. It is much better practice to set homework at the beginning/middle of lessons, so it can be recorded successfully and any confusion resolved.

2.3. The frequency and amount of work set is laid out below. The homework diary, which all children in Grades \*\*\*\*\* have, not only indicates what homework has been set but also when it should be handed in.

2.4. The homework diary should be signed regularly by parents and class teachers and kept safely by each child.

2.5. In all cases homework should be either revision, consolidation or extension work but never new work.

- 2.6. In Grades 1-4, the children will bring their homework for the week home on a Monday in a Homework Folder. Unless otherwise stated, this should be handed in on a Friday.
- 2.7. Weekends will be Homework Free unless parents would like to make a specific request to their child's teacher for homework over the weekend.
- 2.8. If families are away during school time and would like their children to be set extra work for their time away from school, this request should be made of their class teacher at least a week in advance, in order that they have time to prepare the necessary materials. It should be noted that keeping a Travel Journal is recommended during trips out of school.

### **3. Frequency/Amount of Homework for each Year Group**

- 3.1. The table below shows the frequency and amount of Homework for each year group.

Grade	Frequency	Amount
SK	Homework is not mandatory at this age, but it should be noted that children who spend time at home with their parents, reading and engaged in fun learning activities, will make faster progress than their peers as well as knowing that their parents value and support their learning.	
1	Monday – Friday	10 minutes max per night
2	Monday – Friday	20 minutes max per night
3	Monday – Friday	30 minutes max per night
4	Monday – Friday	40 minutes max per night
5	Monday – Friday	50 minutes max per night
6	Monday – Friday	60 minutes max per night minutes

\*During the run up to external examinations it could well be that extra study time is needed.

- 3.2. Although it should be at each member of staff's discretion when Homework is handed in, children should be strongly discouraged by both staff and parents from putting off homework until the last minute, (i.e. the claim some nights to have no homework means that on other nights children could accumulate 3 – 4 items).

### **4. Homework Club at School**

- 4.1. There are significant benefits to doing Homework at school. These increase with the age of the child.
- 4.2. Children who remain at school will only get the minimum help from a member of staff on duty. Likewise children who take Homework home should also receive minimal parental assistance. If children find they need a lot of help with homework then something has gone wrong! Rather than working hours late into the night, a note should be brought back into school the next day explaining the problem which the Class Teacher will look into.

### **5. Sanctions for Non-submission of Homework**

- 5.1. In the first instance, children who have not handed in their weekly homework on a Friday will be given the opportunity to complete it over the weekend. If homework is

not then handed in on the Monday, children will be asked to complete it in their break times. For children who are frequently not completing their homework on time (say, 3 times in a term) a meeting will be called with the child and parents in order to work out a plan for how to best rectify the situation.

## **6. Missed Homework**

- 6.1. If Homework is missed due to extra-curricular activities such as school tournaments it should be the responsibility of each child to liaise with the member of staff concerned to be excused the Homework or re-arrange the submission time.
- 6.2. Extension time or being excused homework altogether will obviously be granted to children with genuine reasons. The difficulties that many children experience in catching up with work they have missed should be respected in considering this.

## **7. Policy Owner**

- 7.1. The policy owner is the Principal of the School.

## **8. Issue Date**

- 8.1. *Issue Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015.*

## **9. Review Date**

- 9.1. This policy will be reviewed annually. The next review is due in September 2016.

**Principal Signature:**

**Katie Hinks**

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