



Homework Policy

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We are a rights respecting school. All our policies and procedures are written and reviewed to ensure that children's rights, as detailed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, are respected and promoted and this policy ensures:

Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

For more information on the convention and the rights of each child visit: <http://www.unicef.org.uk/>.

'Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly.'

Inclusion Policy Statement

At St Ann's Church of England Primary School we are committed to overcoming all barriers to learning and raising standards in all aspects of school life.

We aim to promote inclusivity as an integral aspect of our school development, permeating all our policies, in order to increase the learning and participation of all our pupils.

We recognise and value the varied life experiences and needs of our children. Our school is one in which the teaching, learning, achievements, attitudes and well being of each child matters.

We are committed to ensuring that school practice reflects our inclusive aims by utilising resources both within the school and the Local Community, by responding to diversity and by nurturing an understanding of difference with our staff and children.

The school strives to establish inclusive values by having high expectations for all pupil, by valuing all children and through the sharing of the same philosophy by all staff, governors and parents alike.

Homework Policy

At St Ann's Church of England Primary School, homework is highly valued by both staff and parents. It plays a crucial role in fostering a strong partnership between school and home, enhancing pupils' learning experiences.

Aims

1. **Strengthen Home-School Partnership**
To further develop collaboration between home and school in supporting each pupil's learning journey.
2. **Reinforce Learning**
To consolidate and reinforce knowledge, skills, and understanding, allowing pupils to practice previously taught content.
3. **Maximise Academic Progress**
To enable pupils to achieve their maximum potential in academic development.
4. **Foster Independent Learning**
To help pupils cultivate the skills of an independent learner.
5. **Instil Good Work Habits**
To encourage pupils to develop positive work habits that will benefit them in the future.

Home/School Agreement

Homework is an integral part of our Home/School Agreement, which is signed by parents/carers, pupils, and staff. This agreement is documented in the Home School Diary.

Meet the Teacher

During the Meet the Teacher workshops each September, details of individual class homework expectations will be shared with parents/carers.

Differentiation & Special Educational Needs

Homework is assigned to all pupils as a standard part of school life. We ensure that all tasks are appropriate to each pupil's ability. For pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEND), we adapt tasks to align with their learning needs, referring to their support plans when necessary.

Holidays

Homework will not be assigned during school holidays to allow pupils a well-deserved break. However, we encourage continued engagement with reading and practising times tables. Year 6 pupils will be assigned specific homework during holidays to prepare for end-of-year statutory tests.

Teacher's Role

- Set homework regularly and consistently.
- Provide constructive feedback through marking and discussions.
- Ensure homework is manageable and suitable for all pupils, including those with special educational needs.
- Verify that all pupils have access to the homework assigned.
- Monitor daily reading completion at home.
- Assign homework on Fridays, to be returned the following Friday, allowing families to manage their time effectively while participating in extracurricular activities.

Parent's Role

- Actively engage in your child's homework activities.
- Create a suitable, quiet environment for homework completion.
- Encourage and praise your child during and after completing homework tasks.
- Support your child while promoting their independence.
- Utilise external resources, such as libraries, to enhance learning.
- Ensure homework is submitted by the designated deadline.
- Communicate any concerns with the class teacher promptly.

Child's Role

- Recognise the importance of homework.
- Stay organised and ensure necessary materials are taken home.
- Complete homework to the best of their ability.
- Submit homework by the deadline.
- Engage constructively with teacher feedback.

Content of Homework

Homework across the school includes:

- **Daily Reading:** Pupils are expected to read at least five times a week.
- **Daily Access to Online Resources:** Regular use of Numbots, Times Table Rockstars, and Spelling Shed.
- **Weekly Homework:** A piece of English or Maths homework assigned on alternate weeks.

Study Club

Identified pupils are invited to attend Study Club. Invitations may be extended to pupils who are Pupil Premium, considered vulnerable, lack access to necessary technology and educational materials at home, or have consistently failed to submit homework.