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Penistone St John's Primary School

Homework Policy



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Purpose

To provide guidance for staff, parents and governors on the approach to homework in school.

Rationale

Homework can be an important part of a child's education and can add to a child's development. Children can benefit greatly from the complementary learning that they do at home. Indeed, we see homework as an important example of collaboration between school and home. One of the aims of our teaching is for children to develop as independent learners and we believe that doing homework is one of the ways in which children can acquire the skill of independent study.

Homework plays a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment. However, we also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. Whilst homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the activities of various out-of-school clubs and of other organisations that play an important part in the lives of our children.

The Purposes of Homework

- To encourage children to be responsible in their own learning
- To develop the habit of independent study
- To provide opportunities to consolidate and extend the learning from school in order to enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic and social development

Broad Guidelines

Children from F2 to Y6 will be given homework that will incorporate a variety of tasks that are linked to a child's learning in class. It will include basic skills practice such as reading, maths, times-tables, spelling and handwriting but also may include some consolidation tasks. The teacher will give the tasks out at the beginning of a half term. The children will be given a menu of work to be completed and some cross curricular tasks linked to their current topic.

In Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year2, we would encourage children to spend 1 1/2 hours on homework over the week. In Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6) we would encourage children to spend 30 minutes per night on homework. Parents/children can choose how the time is spent from the menu/homework sheet choices.

Copies of homework sheets and cross curricular topic homework will be also uploaded onto seesaw for families to access from home.

Role of Parents

Parents and carers should

- Be actively involved in their child's homework activities
- Provide a suitable place for doing homework
- Show their children that they value homework and support the school by explaining how it can help their learning
- Keep themselves informed about the homework in order to support their child
- Encourage and praise their child
- Inform the school if their child is experiencing any difficulty.

Monitoring and review

The implementation of the policy will be monitored by the leadership team within the school. In addition, it is the responsibility of the Governing Body to agree and then monitor the school homework policy. Pupils, staff and parents' views will be gathered when reviewing the policy.

This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier if required.