

Elmsett C. of E. V.C.P. School

Homework Policy



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1. INTRODUCTION

Learning at home is an important part of the education process. It gives pupils the opportunity to practise and improve the skills they are learning in class.

It also encourages them to become confident, independent learners.

Elmsett Primary School's Home-School Agreement requires:

- Every parents to support their child with homework and to encourage other opportunities for home-learning.
- In turn the school will set, monitor and mark homework and keep parents informed about their child's progress and how they can help them at home.
- Finally, the children are expected to keep their homework/reading diaries up to date and do all their homework as well as they can.

2. AIMS OF THIS POLICY

- To ensure a consistent approach throughout the school
- To develop progression towards independence and individual responsibility
- To ensure parents/carers have a clear understanding about expectations for themselves and the children.
- To extend and support learning
- To provide opportunities for parents and children to work in partnership and share learning experiences

3. STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Staff at Elmsett will:

- Provide a range of homework tasks and activities to consolidate and extend learning
- Ensure children have a clear understanding of what they need to do
- Communicate with parents and keep them informed of children's progress, projects and targets.

4. ROLE OF PARENTS

- Parents can help to support children by:
- Providing a suitable peaceful place where the child can sit comfortably.
- Giving encouragement and support to the child if needed
- Explaining to children that homework is important and aids their learning
- Give praise when homework is completed
- Making a note in the child's homework book if they have found the task difficult

5. PUPILS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Pupils are expected to:

- Tackle homework tasks promptly with a positive attitude
- Take pride in presentation and content

- Be organised
- Complete the tasks set on time

6. TIME ALLOCATION

The Government's recommended time allocation, based on current good practice is set out in,

“Homework: Guidelines for Primary Schools and Secondary Schools.”

The suggested time allocation for homework is

Year 1 and 2 - 1 hour a week

Year 3 and 4 – 1.5 hours a week

Year 5 and 6 – 30 minutes a day

These times include time for reading, learning spellings and tables.

7. MARKING AND FEEDBACK

Feedback for pupils is given in a number of ways:

- Discussion in class
- Tests such as tables and spellings
- Verbal or written comments from the teacher
- Presentation of work to others

Teachers are interested to know how well children carry out the tasks set. The homework book is an ideal place for parents, carers and teachers to record comments. As with all school activities parents are welcome to discuss any concerns with staff.

8. FOUNDATION STAGE

Optional homework is provided once a week, which is a short task linked to the weeks learning.