



## **Broom Cottages Primary and Nursery School**

### **Homework Policy - Information for Parents/Carers**

This information is for Parents/Carers of children in Broom Cottages Primary and Nursery School which should be read in conjunction with the Homework Policy.

By the term 'homework', this policy refers to anything children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning, in response to requests or guidance from the school. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents/carers to support the children's learning. For example, parents or carers who spend time reading stories to their children before bedtime are supporting their learning in a very valuable way.

Homework is an important part of a child's education, and can add much to a child's development. The Government makes clear its commitment to homework; it regards it as an essential part of a good education. We believe that homework can help to make links in pupils' learning and to enable them to become lifelong learners, not simply regarding learning as something which goes on at school.

We recognise that the education experience that any school by itself can provide is limited by the time and resources available; children can therefore benefit greatly from the complementary learning that they do at home. Indeed, we see homework as an important example of partnership and cooperation between teachers and parents/carers. 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 main ways in which children can acquire the skill of independent learning.

We do not specify amounts of time that must be spent on a task, preferring families to set their own routines.

We hope the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks set; they will not be punished if they fail to complete homework. However, if a child consistently fails to complete homework this will be discussed with the child and Parent/Carer.

Broadly speaking these are the current expectations:

Nursery – sharing books, talking, asking questions etc.

Reception – Regular reading, learning key words, watching and discussing age appropriate TV programmes etc.

Years 1 to 6 – Regular reading, maths, topic or English work including times tables

We expect children to maintain the same standards for presentation of homework as we set in school i.e. to use their best handwriting and sharp pencil or biro.

Sometimes use of the internet will be required for homework. We ask that children are monitored whilst completing these tasks. Children without access to the internet at home will be given time in school with a member of staff supervising to complete the task.

In the few weeks before SATS children may be given additional revision work.

What to do if you have concerns

If you find homework inappropriate for your child, if they lack interest, if it becomes a battleground or if you are concerned that homework is given inconsistently please talk with your class teacher in the first instance.

If you still have concerns, please talk to the Headteacher, Mr Kavanagh.