



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, NORMANTON

HOMEWORK POLICY

MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School is rooted in the local Catholic community with which it shares beliefs and values.

Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

*Our school is a welcoming Christ-centred community,
committed to the development of faith and worship.*

*Our mission is to provide a loving and stimulating environment,
where all are inspired and empowered to achieve their true potential as unique and valued
individuals.*

*Our children will be encouraged to develop an awareness and respect of others as well as
themselves,
as we all journey through life with Christ.*

Homework Policy and Guidelines

At St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School we want homework to be a valued activity which gives our children and parents an opportunity to reinforce and enhance the children's learning. Homework will include a variety of tasks to encourage and develop children's skills and which will prepare them for the development of later independent study skills. Parents will be informed of the following policy which will be available to view on the school website. Information and advice on homework will be provided in the class half termly newsletter and from staff if required.

Obviously some homework tasks e.g. reading, require more parental involvement than others, but whatever the task St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School hopes that parents will find at least some time to work through their child's homework with them. Homework is something that should be treated as an opportunity to deepen learning and not a time that becomes a chore. It shouldn't be carried out in a situation that is going to lead to stress or confrontation. A quiet, calm area is the best place for homework to be done. While work should be done in a relaxed atmosphere, it should still be of a high quality. Indeed it should be completed to the same standard as is expected at school. Should parents find that homework is causing frustration due to either too much or too little challenge, then the school welcomes them to contact the class teacher to discuss the work. The project based tasks on the rear of the class newsletter provide an opportunity to challenge those children who require more homework than the weekly tasks set. However Children are not expected to complete work if it is causing them anxiety, and contact with the class teacher should be made if such a situation arises.

All children will be given homework tasks at an age appropriate level. These will be differentiated as appropriate to their needs. Homework will be given by Class Teachers for one of the following reasons:

- to enhance work already done in class.
- to give extra practice in the basic literacy and numeracy skills.
- to discover/research new facts.
- to prepare children for skills/revision required of them in a test situation.

As a general guide the following will be applied throughout the school, although teachers will decide individually when homework is sent out and collected in. *The time spent on homework each night will be at an age appropriate level and timings are an example.*

WEEKLY (or as appropriate)	
FOUNDATION STAGE (10 minutes each night)	YEAR 1 & 2 (15 minutes each night)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning alphabet Sounds • Sharing Reading Scheme book & vocabulary • Letter Sound Cards • Singing nursery rhymes • Playing number games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing Reading Scheme book & vocabulary • Practise in basic Numeracy & Literacy Skills • Spellings • Finding out information for topics • Number games and activities

YEARS 3, 4 & 5 (20 minutes each night)	YEAR 6 (30 MINUTES EACH NIGHT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times tables • Practise of Literacy/Numeracy skills & follow up exercises including research • Reading • Spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times tables • Practise of Literacy/Numeracy skills & follow up exercises including research • Reading • Spelling • SAT's Revision

Homework will be explained in class in advance and will be marked or discussed in class after completion. It is expected that homework will be done, and this is reinforced by the Home-School agreement. If homework isn't completed a child is not in the same position as the rest of the class. As such work may be sent home again, or they may be asked to do the work required during Catch-Up at a lunchtime in age appropriate groups.

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