



Homework Policy

This Church of England Academy aims to serve its community by providing an excellent education for pupils of all abilities and backgrounds in the context of Christian belief and practice.

It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and requires the valuing of other faiths.

It promotes Christian values and spiritual development through the experience it offers to all its pupils,

These values are implicit in this policy.

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Our aims are:

- To have an effective partnership between parents and school which recognises the role we all play in educating our children.
- To develop communication with each other in order to assist our children's learning.
- To support our learning objectives, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy

The main reasons for homework are:

- To develop further our links with parents.
- To help parents and other carers to understand more clearly what their children are learning in school.
- To give children the opportunity to practise and consolidate their learning, particularly in literacy and numeracy.
- To encourage self-discipline and perseverance.
- To help children to learn to plan the wise use of their time; to develop confidence and self-discipline.
- To develop 'the homework habit' in preparation for High School.
- To increase pupil's self-esteem and the realisation that their achievements are regarded as important by home and school.
- To inform parents and other carers of approaches and techniques used in school.
- To make use of all kinds of learning resources.
- To extend school learning.

We recognise that the purposes and extent of homework change as children get older. For children in Lower School, the focus will be on developing a partnership with parents or carers by utilising opportunities for learning at home. Short activities, word games, learning spellings and enjoying reading together will be the nature of literacy homework. Great emphasis will be given to the importance of parents or other carers reading with children, since children need regular opportunities to practise reading and to listen to others reading to them and sharing books.

School will:

- Provide clear homework procedures and communicate these to parents and children
- Provide Numeracy and Literacy activity each week (occasionally, other homework may be given related to classroom topics)
- Parents and children will be made aware of regular homework days via the Curriculum Newsletter
- Homework will be followed up or used in class. It may be marked by the class teacher or children and teacher together
- Keep a record of homework returned

Children will:

- Complete the homework set by the teacher
- Return homework to school by set date

What can parents do?

- Assist children in their homework activities, giving them support and encouragement
- Attempt to provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place for homework to take place