Ashleigh Primary School

Homework

Policy

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# Introduction

Learning at home begins as soon as a child is born and a great deal of education has taken place before the child comes to school.

When the child starts school, the important partnership between home and school begins as explained in the Home School Agreement document. We encourage parents to help their children with activities, which add to the work done at school, e.g. reading, language and mathematical activities. Parents will occasionally be asked to participate and support topic work.

As the children become older, it is also important that homework is treated seriously by both children and parents, so that the discipline of work set, completed well and handed in on time is established before transfer to High School.

At the start of each year class teachers inform parents in their introductory letter about the pattern of homework for the class.

Foundation stage and Key Stage One

With younger children most literacy homework is undertaken in the form of reading and phonics activities. Learning to read is highly crucial and therefore much emphasis is placed on reading at home.

The school sees the role of the parent(s)/guardian(s) as fundamental in a child’s reading development. Children take home a reading record with their reading book to allow for a two-way communication concerning the child’s reading progress.

Mathematics homework can also be set – much of which develops from the numeracy lessons in school and helps to develop and consolidate numerical skills. Mathematics homework will often be investigative e.g. see how many squares you can find in your house or see how many objects with right angles you can find etc. Other homework relating to class topics may also be set at times throughout the year. The amount of homework should take on average about 1 hour per week by the end of KS1.

# Key Stage Two

At Key Stage Two reading remains an important activity, and all children will be expected to read at home on a regular basis. The children have a reading record in which the parents make comments as appropriate, and sign.

Spelling will be set for the children to learn. These are set and tested once per week.

Mathematics work set includes learning multiplication tables, number bonds and further practice of work covered in school.

The children will be expected to collect information for topics and to do written work at home to support these topics.

The amount of homework set increases throughout Key Stage Two in order to prepare the children for transfer to High School. In Y3 and Y4 homework should take about 1½ hours per week. In Y5 and Y6 this should increase to about 2 hours per week.

# SATs Time

From January onwards, Y6 will move towards doing homework each night to reinforce what has been learnt at school.

# Race Equality and racial Harassment

Implicit in our policy for homework is a belief in race equality and everything will be done to promote this. We do not tolerate racial harassment. (Refer to School’s Race Equality and Racial Harassment Policies).

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