

# DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Homework Policy

“Homework should extend pupils learning by using the resources of the home setting to enhance learning opportunities”.

### Aims

We use homework to develop the partnership between home and school with the aim of working together to help all children achieve their full potential.

### Purposes

The purposes of homework are:

- To develop an effective partnership between the school and parents and other carers in pursuing the aims of the school.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding of a wide range of subjects.
- To exploit resources for learning, of all kinds, at home.
- To extend school learning through additional cross-curricular reading, research etc.
- To encourage pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own, and prepare them for the requirements of secondary school.
- To ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility.
- To encourage children to develop long term strategies for future needs.

### Agreed Framework

- The class teacher is responsible for setting homework ensuring that demands are manageable and conform to the school's guidance on the recommended amount and type of homework.
- Homework is mostly related to the topics being studied by the children at the time it is set.
- There is a balance between homework that is for consolidation and practice, investigation and research.
- A reasonable period of time is given for homework to be completed for example, homework is never given out on one day & expected to be in the next day.
- All homework handing in dates are clearly communicated to pupils and parents
- Teachers respond to the needs of the individual e.g. are flexible if homework is causing confrontation at home or a child is unwell / tired or unsupported at home. Teachers are sensitive to the home situation e.g. availability and access to resources at home.

### Daily DfE Guidelines on the Recommended Amount of Homework

**Years 3 & 4 – 1 1/2 hours per week.** 20 minutes reading & 20 minutes for other activities, such as learning times tables & written activities, research, project work or games.

**Year 5 & 6 – 30 minutes per day** - 15 minutes reading & 15 minutes for other activities such as learning times tables & written activities, research, project work or games.

### School's Own Weekly Homework Guidelines/Requests

Each week, pupils are asked to read each day to an adult for 10-15 minutes, practice their times tables daily, learn spellings from the School Journal lists and complete the week's project task or literacy & numeracy activity depending on the half term.

### Parental Involvement

Parents are actively encouraged to support/help their children with their homework. The school encourages a focus on **quality rather than quantity** and on **a true understanding** of the work undertaken. For example, if a child has researched using the internet, printing out pages of text that the child clearly does not understand is of no benefit.

Additional homework ideas will be posted onto the Moodle for parents so that if you feel that your child requires further homework, you will have a bank of ideas of things to do.

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