



HEADLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale

Homework is an important part of a child's education and can add much to their development. It encompasses a variety of activities instigated by teachers, parents and carers to contribute to a child's learning and falls outside the school day.

Aims and objectives

- Consolidate and reinforce learning in school by allowing children to practise skills taught in lessons.
- Provide opportunities for parents, children and school to work together in partnership to enhance learning.
- Enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic and social development.
- Encourage children to develop responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.
- Encourage positive attitudes to learning outside school and an understanding of the importance of lifelong learning.
- Prepare Year 6 pupils for the transfer to secondary school.

Types of homework

We set a variety of homework activities including: reading, spelling, maths, times tables and literacy. These may be set and completed either as a paper copy, via an online platform or by using a commercial computer programme. Some of these activities will require the support and direction of parents, however, at Key Stage 2 (KS2) we expect children to complete tasks more independently.

Amount of homework

We increase the amount of homework as the children move through school. We recommend that a child in Reception and Key Stage 1 (KS1) spend approximately 10 minutes, Lower KS2 approximately 15 minutes and Upper KS2 approximately 20 minutes per night on their homework.

All year groups are encouraged to read daily and practice any bookmarks or spelling list words. In KS2 children are also expected to practice their times tables.

In addition we may also undertake:

- Reception: One optional activity
- Year 1/2: 1 piece per week
- Year 3/4: 2 pieces a fortnight
- Year 5/6: 2 activities per week

Marking of homework

The school values all homework and the marking of homework can be done in a variety of ways. It may be marked by the teacher, or the child may self-mark or peer mark under the guidance of the teacher.

Racial Equality and Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access and inclusive rights to the curriculum regardless of their gender, race, disability or ability. We plan work that is differentiated to meet the needs of individuals.

Pupils with Special Educational Needs

Homework is given to all children as part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child. If a child has special needs, we adapt the task so that all children can contribute in a positive way.

The role of parents

Parents have a vital role to play in their child's education, and homework is an important part of this process. We ask parents to encourage and support their child to complete all homework tasks. We invite them to help their child as they feel necessary, and provide them with a quiet working space which allows them to concentrate and do their best. We ask parents to check our online platforms and planners regularly for homework tasks. If parents have any questions about homework they should contact their child's class teacher.

Procedures when homework is not completed

There will be occasions when for personal reasons homework cannot be completed and/or handed in on time. In these circumstances it is imperative that parents inform their class teacher. If the school is unaware of any exceptional circumstances then the following procedures will be put into place:

KS1

A text will be sent to the parent as a reminder of the outstanding homework and deadline for completion issued. If two consecutive pieces of homework are not completed, a reminder email will be sent. If homework continues not to be submitted, the class teacher will phone parents to offer support.

KS2

A text will be sent to the parent as a reminder of the outstanding homework and deadline for completion issued. If homework is not completed by the deadline, they will be given the opportunity to complete the work during a break time. If two consecutive pieces of homework are not completed at home, a reminder email will be sent. If homework continues not to be submitted, the class teacher will phone parents.

General

If a child is absent due to illness we will not send homework home as we will assume the child is too ill to work.

Homework is not provided for children who are on holiday in term time or during designated school holidays.

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