



Brechin High School

Homework Policy for and Parents / Carers

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Purpose & Principles of Effective Homework

Homework is an important part of a child's education and can add much to a child's development. Research has shown that the completion of homework in secondary schools has a positive and significant effect on children's achievement and embeds positive learning habits for life – long learning.

One of the aims of Brechin High School is for children to develop as independent learners. We believe that homework is one of the main ways in which children can acquire the skill of independent learning as well as develop study and practice techniques to help them become better learners.

The 7 key purposes of homework include:

1. Reinforcing Learning

Homework provides students with the opportunity to review and practice what they have learned in class. This repetition helps reinforce concepts, making them more likely to be retained.

2. Developing Independent Learning Skills

It encourages students to work independently, fostering skills such as time management, problem-solving, and self-discipline. These skills are valuable both academically and in life beyond school

3. Preparing for Future Lessons

Some homework tasks are designed to introduce students to upcoming topics or concepts, allowing them to engage with new material before it is formally taught. This helps make future lessons more accessible.

4. Parental Involvement

Homework can provide an opportunity for parents to engage in their child's learning, understanding what they are studying, and offering support where needed. It can also help foster communication between school and home.

5. Assessing Student Understanding

Homework allows teachers to gauge students' understanding of a topic outside of the classroom setting. It can help identify areas where a student may need additional support or clarification.

6. Encouraging Responsibility and Accountability

By regularly completing homework, students learn to take responsibility for their own learning. It encourages them to meet deadlines and manage their workload, which is important for their overall development.

7. Promoting Lifelong Learning

Homework can help instill a habit of study and continuous learning, preparing students for future academic challenges and for lifelong learning in their personal and professional lives.

The purpose of homework is to extend learning beyond the classroom, build key skills, and ensure students are actively engaged with their education.

Roles & Responsibilities

The type and frequency of homework will be dependent on their stage of learning (e.g., homework in S1 may differ to the type and frequency of homework in S4)

It is the role of the **learner** to:

- Complete homework early and speak to a teacher if you do not understand the activity set.
- Hand in homework on time.
- Act on feedback given and seek help from your teacher if the feedback is not clear
- Complete homework pickup sessions when asked to do so by your class teacher, if your homework is not completed

It is the role of the **class teacher** to:

- Provide meaningful, engaging homework activities that link to in class learning. See Types of Homework section.
- Create a set routine to support pupils building homework habits e.g., homework is set on a Thursday and is due the following Tuesday.
- Ensure pupils understand the purpose of the homework, e.g., to increase a specific area of knowledge, or to develop fluency in a particular area.
- Ensure that clear instructions and deadlines are given via Google Classroom.
- Provide pupils with timely, high quality, next steps focused feedback on their work (written, verbal or whole class).
- Record completion of homework and use this record as part of the tracking process. This will be used by PTPCS to monitor homework return and build a bigger picture of pupils.
- Give pupils a 24-hour grace period for non-return. Inform PTC of outstanding homework following this period.
- Issue homework pickup sessions for non-completion of homework

It is the role of the **parent / carer** to:

- Support your child in developing a routine for completing homework, either at home or by attending homework club at school.
- Ensure your child meets their homework deadlines - this can be checked via Google Classroom, some Principals Teachers may also send groupcalls outlining when homework has been issued
- Encourage your child to complete homework early so they can seek help from their teacher if needed.
- Discuss any instances of non-completion of homework with your child and support them in meeting future deadlines.
- If your child is neurodiverse and would face challenges in completing homework, please contact your child's PT PCS teacher to discuss a plan together which could support this

Frequency in S1 – S3 & how long should homework last?

Homework tasks in BGE are set to establish good routines in learning at home and should take up to 30 minutes to complete. These homework tasks will be issued once every 2 weeks per faculty, date of issue and return to be decided by the class teacher.

Frequency in S4 – S6 & how long should homework last?

Homework tasks in Senior Phase are set to encourage revision, assist the consolidation of learning, and should be used to support the work pupils are doing in class. These will be issued once a week per faculty, with the date of issue and return to be decided by the class teacher.

Resources for parents & carers.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/supporting-children-with-their-homework>

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/creating-routines-and-rituals-to-help-your-child>

Achieve

BBC Bitesize

ASN: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

MODERN LANGUAGES:

For everyone:

- www.sentencebuilders.com. We have a subscription so the students have a login they can use.
- www.quizlet.com. Students can view my study sets or create their own.
- www.languagesonline.org.uk. Free and open resource the students can use to practice grammar and vocabulary.
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/> Free and open resource the students can use to practice grammar and vocabulary.

For seniors

- <https://www.languagelearningscotland.com/> Contains several exam-style tasks, particularly good for reading.

MUSIC (Senior Phase):

<https://mymusiconline.co.uk/>