



Homework is an integral part of the learning process. The school policy for the provision of homework aims to increase family involvement in learning – which has proven to have a positive impact on pupil attainment.

Pupils who are regularly supported by their parents/carers at home perform significantly better in classes and exams, becoming more confident in their ability to learn independently.

Homework policy will be reviewed annually. Where significant changes to the policy are required, proposals will be presented to pupils, parents/carers and staff.

Definition

Homework is defined as any work or activity that pupils are asked to undertake outside of lesson time, either on their own or with the aid of parents/carers. Homework does not have to be completed at home but can be completed in study periods and at after school homework clubs.

Purpose

The purpose of homework is to:

- provide pupils with the opportunity to work on activities that are relevant to learning outcomes, or that contribute to gaining qualifications/accreditations
- develop an effective partnership between pupils, parent/carers and the school in pursuing academic development
- consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding prior to the following lesson
- extend learning across the curriculum through additional reading
- encourage pupils to develop the confidence, self-discipline and independence to develop organisational skills

We encourage all young people to pursue out of school activities. Homework should be used to effectively reinforce and/or extend what is learned in school. We hope that our young people feel a sense of personal satisfaction in a task completed well and that their efforts will be recognised and praised both at home and at school.

Frequency/Duration

The frequency and duration of homework will vary throughout the year, particularly by stage and subject. Based on current good practice and educational research, pupils are asked to use the table below as a guide for how much time should be spent on homework/self-study.

Details of all homework tasks will be shared on Show My Homework, accessible via the app and/or school website.

Stage	Hours per Week	Notes
S1	5	These guidelines include self-study, with pupils working towards National courses advised to spend 45 minutes per subject per week (National 4), one hour per subject per week (National 5) and two hours per subject per week (Higher) studying respectively.
S2	6	
S3	7	
S4	8	
S5/6	10	



Types

Pupils may be expected to undertake a variety of homework activities. Activities will differ depending on the teacher and subject. Examples include: completing class work, reading tasks, numeracy tasks, quizzes, project work, classwork extensions, coursework, essays and research activities, revision activities.

Substantial homework tasks will not be allocated for the next day.

Feedback

The school recognises the importance of providing prompt and actionable feedback to pupils and parents/carers. Feedback will include how well homework tasks have been tackled, and the knowledge, skills and understanding developed. A variety of methods will be used to provide feedback, such as an appropriate comment of praise, or areas for improvement and how to make that improvement.

Show My Homework is the recommended means of providing feedback.

Accessibility

This homework policy, as well as useful information for parents/carers in supporting their child's learning, is displayed on the school website. Parent's Evenings and P7 information evenings will be used to promote this partnership and obtain feedback. Homework questionnaires will be used where appropriate to ascertain parent views.

Review

Homework policy will be reviewed every year. Where significant changes to the policy are felt to be required, proposals will be presented to pupils, parents/carers and staff.

Non-completion of homework will be managed by staff as follows: Classroom Teacher; Principal Teacher; Principal Teacher Pupil Support; Depute Head Teacher; Head Teacher.

Before progressing the issue to the next staff member there must be evidence of the steps taken to address the non-completion of homework.