

St Vincent's Primary Homework Policy

In St Vincent's we encourage learning at home as well as at school. The homework we set helps our children revise and practise what they have learned in school. We believe that homework isn't something to be worried about, but something that helps our children reinforce their learning.

In St Vincent's we would suggest your child spends the following amount of time on their homework each night:



Primary 1 - around 10 minutes + reading

Primary 2 and 3 - around 15 minutes + reading

Primary 4 and 5 - around 20 minutes + reading

Primary 6 and 7 - around 30 minutes + reading



These are just recommended times and, although we want you to encourage your child to complete homework, if you feel that your child is becoming stressed or upset, please don't continue. The last thing we want to do is to put them off learning. Talking to your child about their learning, reading stories with your child or playing games that encourage number work are also valuable ways of promoting learning.

All homework will be issued on Showbie and QR codes will be given to each child so they can access their accounts. Homework will be a combination of literacy, numeracy, topic, expressive arts and personal projects. Some of the activities may be online. These activities will vary from week to week and from year group to year group. Every child will be allocated a reading book which will be sent home with your child to read at home. We ask that these books are looked after and returned in good condition. If books aren't returned or are not returned in good condition, we may ask you to replace them and/or they may not be able to continue to bring books home - we appreciate your support with this.

As a school we will...	As parents and carers we would appreciate if you would...	As learners we would encourage you to...
• Ensure that every child has what they need to complete their homework. • Encourage everyone to participate in homework. No-one will be punished for not completing homework but this will be actively encouraged and rewarded. • Adhere to the agreed weeks for homework/no homework. • Issue homework on a Monday and collect completed homework on a Friday. • Praise and encourage pupils who complete their homework to show that their effort is valued.	• Promote a positive attitude towards homework as part of your child's learning. • Encourage your child to complete homework tasks. • Encourage your child to look after their homework belongings, especially reading books that are sent home. • Try to provide an appropriate place for your child to complete homework tasks (away from noise, distraction, TV, toys etc.) • Check that your child's homework has been completed to the best of their ability. • Encourage your child to charge their iPad for school each day if they are in Primary 5-7.	• Do your best! Try to complete your homework to the best of your ability. • Ask for help if you are unsure. • Hand your homework in on time. • Look after any reading books or novels you are given to take home. We would like you to become responsible citizens and take care of school property. • Make sure your iPad is charged and brought to school every day if you are in Primary 5-7.

Homework Dates

Homework will be issued weekly, starting from the first full week in September. To ensure consistency across the school, we have an agreement that there will be certain 'no homework weeks'. There will be no homework in/on:

- December and June as these are busy times for many of our families. Instead, pupils will be directed to a range of activity ideas, such as Outdoor Learning/Family-based activities.
- The first week back after the Christmas and October holidays.
- The week before and after the Easter holidays.