



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:

Primary 1 - around 10 minutes each night

Primary 2 and 3 - around 15 minutes

Primary 4 and 5 - around 20 minutes

Primary 6 and 7 - around 30 minutes

These are recommended time guidelines. While we encourage children to complete their homework, it should not cause stress or upset. If your child becomes distressed, please stop the task. Our aim is to foster a positive attitude towards learning. Talking with your child about their learning, reading together, and playing games that support numeracy are all valuable ways to reinforce learning at home. Please see our revised homework below:

Spelling/Phonics

- **P1-P3:** Tasks uploaded to Showbie; completed in homework jotters.
- **P4-P7:** Tasks assigned on Sumdog.

Numeracy

- **P1-P7:** Differentiated tasks set on Sumdog.

Reading

- Materials, including reading grids/mats and links, shared on Showbie.

Homework is issued on Monday and returned on Friday for marking.

As a school we will...	As parents and carers we would appreciate if you would...	As learners we would encourage you to...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that every child has what they need to complete their homework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote a positive attitude towards homework as part of your child's learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your best! Try to complete your homework to the best of your ability.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage everyone to participate in homework. No-one will be punished for not completing homework but this will be actively encouraged and rewarded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to complete homework tasks. • Encourage your child to look after their homework belongings, especially reading books that are sent home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask for help if you are unsure. • Hand your homework in on time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere to the agreed weeks for homework/no homework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to provide an appropriate place for your child to complete homework tasks (away from noise, distraction, TV, toys etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue homework on a Monday and collect completed homework on a Friday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that your child's homework has been completed to the best of their ability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your iPad is charged and brought to school every day if you are in Primary 5-7.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise and encourage pupils who complete their homework to show that their effort is valued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to charge their iPad for school each day if they 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.
- The first week back after the Easter holidays.