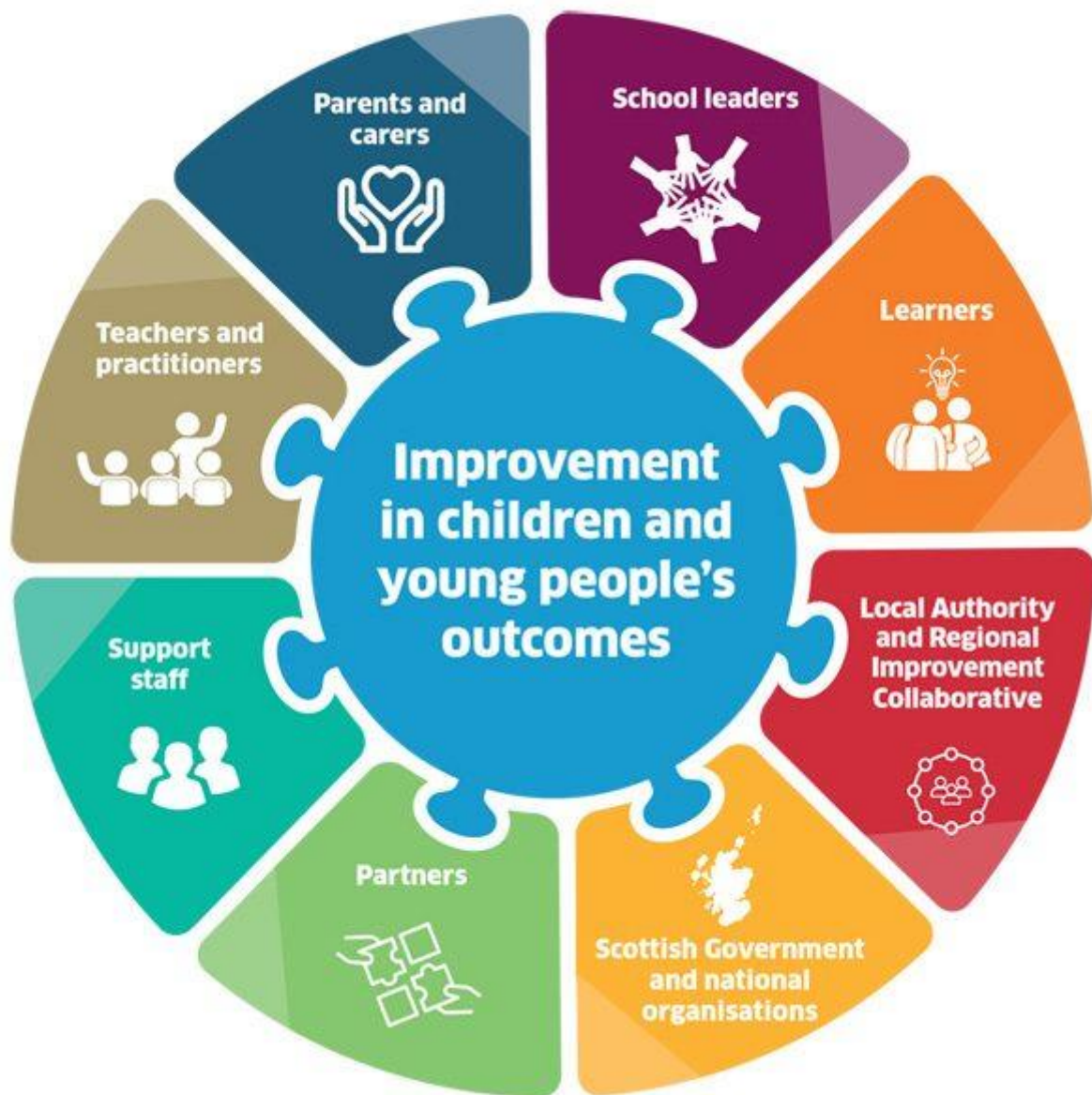




Struthers Primary School

Homework Policy

2023-2024





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Following the results of our annual parent survey and from consultation with our parent focus group, we have created an updated homework policy.

Aim:

- To give parents/carers an insight into pupil progress throughout the year.
- To provide information for families on how they can best support learners at home.
- To enable pupils to reflect on their progress and work towards in class targets.
- To raise attainment in literacy and numeracy.

At Struthers Primary School, homework will no longer be optional but instead the expectation is that pupils complete tasks set by the class teacher.

Primary 1-6:

Pupils in Primary 1-6 will no longer access Seesaw for homework tasks, instead they will complete their homework tasks in a set homework jotter. This will be kept within a homework wallet and the class teacher will provide each pupil with a paper copy of the homework diary each week.

Homework will work on a **four-week rotation** consisting of three weeks literacy, numeracy and IDL and one week of a Health and Wellbeing Focus. **Jotters will only be collected and marked on Week Four.**

Monday Week 1: New homework diary and homework jotter issued.

Monday Week 2: New homework diary issued.

Monday Week 3: New homework diary issued.

Monday Week 4: Homework jotters will be collected by teachers for marking. Pupils will complete a Health and Wellbeing focussed activity for this week that does not require jotters.

In P1-3 homework tasks may take the form of common word flashcards, sound games or number bond cards. <https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/play-learn>



Once handed in, class teachers will look through each jotter and give a detailed comment. Class teachers may also link comments with pupil's class work. This will give families an insight into how pupils are progressing in class and their next steps. Parents may also wish to leave a comment on pupil progress.

Homework diaries will include spelling tasks, numeracy tasks and an emphasis will be placed on reading regularly. Class teachers will also use homework diaries to communicate upcoming events and other information for the month ahead. The layout of the homework diary will be determined by each class teacher.



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In Primary 1-3 reading books will still be issued every Monday and pupils can return these on a set day issued by the class teacher.

Staff are happy to be flexible and can be approached at any point if you require support to complete homework.

Primary 7:

In order to support Primary 7 transition to Marr College, pupils will complete homework in the same approach as P1-6, however this will not be completed within a jotter/paper copy. Instead Primary 7 homework will be set each week and completed on Microsoft Teams, in line with the approach that is used at Marr College.

Pupils in Primary 7 will also work within a four-week rotation of homework tasks as described above.

In preparation for this, all current Primary 7 pupils and Primary 6 pupils will complete a Microsoft Teams focus block in Term 4. They will complete different activities and challenges to ensure that they are confident navigating the layout of Teams.

Health and Wellbeing Week:

Homework diaries issued during Health and Wellbeing week should contain tasks that are comprehensive enough to cover the entire week.

- Rights Respecting Schools activities
- Fairtrade activities
- Activities to promote positive physical and mental health
- Global Goals activities
- Topic activities and projects

Differentiation:

Teaching staff should differentiate homework diaries and tasks to accommodate the needs and abilities of all learners. This will ensure that tasks are appropriately challenging and achievable for learners. In cases of composite classes, it is essential that each year group is provided with their individual homework diary, irrespective of class structure.

Pupil Support:

Where pupils receive personalised word lists or activities from the Pupil Support Teacher, it is imperative to incorporate these materials into the respective pupil's individualised homework diary. The week following their input, these words should then be given for all home spelling tasks. These words are shared with the class teachers one term in advance.

The role of staff:



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- To ensure that homework is set and handed out every week and that it is linked with learning that has taken place in the classroom.
- To ensure that the format of the homework diary is clear and accessible.
- To ensure that homework set for pupils is manageable and suited to the needs of each pupil.
- To provide flexibility and support for families if necessary.
- To provide comments on pupil progress and make pupils and parents aware of pupil next steps.
- To follow the annual overview to ensure that pupils and families know the weekly expectations for homework completion and hand in.

Annual Overview of Homework Assignments

<u>Week beginning:</u>	<u>Homework tasks set:</u>
6 th November 2023	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter issued)
13 th November 2023	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary
20 th November 2023	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter hand in date 24 th November)
27 th November 2023	Health and Wellbeing homework diary issued
4 th December 2023	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter issued)
11 th December 2023	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary
18 th December 2023	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter hand in date 22 nd December)
HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
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8 th January 2024	Health and Wellbeing homework diary issued – Scots Poem to be assigned on this date.
15 th January 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter issued)
22 nd January 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary
29 th January 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter hand in date 2 nd February)
5 th February 2024	Health and Wellbeing homework diary issued
12 th February 2024 (Wed-Fri)	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter issued)
19 th February 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary
26 th February 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter hand in date 1 st March)
4 th March 2024	Health and Wellbeing homework diary issued
11 th March 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter issued)
18 th March 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary
25 th March 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter hand in date 28 th March)
HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
15 th April 2024	Health and Wellbeing homework diary issued
22 nd April 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter issued)
29 th April 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary
6 th May 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter hand in date 10 th May)
13 th May 2024	Health and Wellbeing homework diary issued
20 th May 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter issued)
27 th May 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary
3 rd June 2024	Literacy & Numeracy homework diary (jotter hand in date 7 th June)

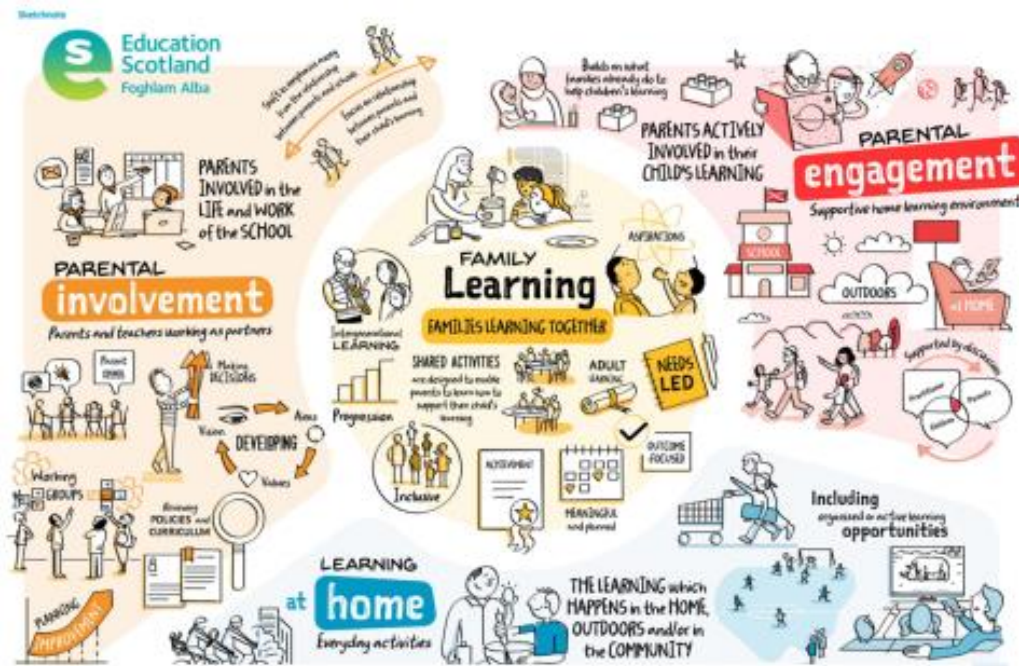


10th June 2024

Once marked, all jotters/folders should be passed on to the next class teacher.

The role of parents and carers:

- To discuss the learning that has already occurred in class in relation to homework tasks.
- To support pupils in their completion of homework tasks.
- To approach the class teacher with any homework concerns that they may have.
- [Learning at home | Parentzone Scotland | Education Scotland](#)



UNCRC Article 29

I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and the environment