



HOMEWORK POLICY

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At The Newcastle School, homework is set to complement and enhance childrens' learning. This may include consolidating or extending prior learning, or it may involve preparation for future learning. The term 'homework' is a generic term which is used for any work completed outside of the classroom and contributes to the development of skills to allow children to become confident and independent in their learning.

Homework is set because:

- It helps to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding developed at school.
- It can help to prepare children for future class and course work.
- It can help extend school learning, through extension, research or project-based tasks.
- It encourages the skills, confidence and motivation required for children to study effectively on their own.
- It promotes the idea that learning can, and should, occur outside of the classroom as well as in it.
- It should promote the enjoyment of learning.
- It encourages the partnership between school and home, including parental involvement in school-related work.

Effective homework will ideally have the following features:

- Be challenging, relevant and of interest to the children.
- Be tailored specifically to the needs of the children for whom it is set.
- Be appropriately differentiated and fully inclusive.
- Be carefully planned and fully incorporated into both classwork and wider schemes of work.
- Promote independent thinking and learning, with appropriate guidance and support.
- Take a variety of forms, including reading, research, written tasks (short and extended), project work, pair or group work, revision etc.
- Be clearly explained in terms of the requirements of the task and outcomes.

- Be manageable in accordance with the school's homework timetable and time allocations for each year group.
- Be properly recorded in the pupil planner.

It is important to recognise that the frequency and nature of homework will vary from subject to subject, and there may be some variation from week to week. However, homework should be set in accordance with the school homework timetable which is published to all children at the start of the academic year. All homework completed by the children should be acknowledged and feedback should be provided in conjunction with both the whole school and relevant subject area assessment and marking policies.

POLICY CONTROL - HOMEWORK POLICY

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