



Home Learning Policy

***“A good, well-managed home learning programme helps children and young people to develop the skills and attitudes they will need, for successful lifelong learning. Home learning also supports the development of independent learning skills, and provides parents with an opportunity to take part in their children's education.*”**

The Purpose of Home learning;

Home learning allows pupils the opportunity to:

- Learn independently and therefore be equipped with skills for life;
- Develop self-discipline and self-motivation;
- Consolidate learning that has occurred in the classroom;
- Allow more time to carry out more in depth research;
- Practice learning by doing;
- Develop a learning relationship between pupil, parent and teacher;
- Have more time than the curriculum can allow for the completion of coursework;
- Carry out work which is not always suited to classroom situations.

The Setting and Marking of Home Learning

Home learning calendar will be set for Years 7 and 8 – they will be produced by the Deputy Headteacher (Standards and Achievement) at the beginning of each year. These are copied and sent home to parents. The calendar ensures a spread of projects throughout the year, in order to develop pupils' learning skills and knowledge.

Home learning should be marked in line with the school's Assessment Marking policies.

Expectations of Pupils

When planning for and undertaking home learning tasks, pupils should:

- always write down their home learning in their home learning Pupil Planner when set;
- always carry their home learning Pupil Planner with them and get it signed at home by a parent / carer every week;

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- complete home learning tasks to the best of their ability within the appropriate length of time and with high standards of presentation;
- submit home learning tasks by the given deadline.

If a pupil loses a Pupil Planner, they are expected to pay for a replacement from their Pastoral Leader.

8 Things you can do to help your child with home learning:

1. Give your child confidence through lots of praise and encouragement.
As a parent, you have tremendous power to strengthen your child's confidence - and confidence is vital to learning. Provide specific praise that focuses on a particular aspect of their work. Comments such as "I like the way you have..." is more effective than "You're clever!"
2. Read to, and with, your child as much as possible.
No matter what the age, hear them read, or encourage them to read to themselves for at least 20 minutes a day.
3. Make use of your local library.
Look out for special events and services for young people.
4. Visit museums and places you think your child might find interesting.
Children now have free admission to major national museums and art galleries.
5. Try to set time aside to do "home learning" activities with your son / daughter.
Join in, but don't 'do' the homework for them! Show interest and steer them in the right direction.
6. Wherever possible, try to provide a reasonably quiet place for children to do home learning (or help them to get to other places where home learning can be done).
7. Encourage your child to discuss home learning with you, including feedback from teachers.
8. Try to help your child to see the enjoyable aspects of home learning.