



The mission of St Stephen's is to educate each child entrusted to our care to their full potential. We recognise the vital role which homework can play in raising standards of achievement for children in our school. The school policy for homework reflects the consensus of opinion of the governors and teaching staff. It has been drawn up as a result of staff and governor discussions and consultations with parents which took place in 2010. The policy has the full agreement of the Governing Body.

OUR AIM

- To aid each child's progress towards achieving his or her full potential with the assistance, support and cooperation of parents.
- By setting regular homework, on an increasing ratio, from Year 1 to Year 6, to adequately prepare children for the demands and responsibilities of secondary school.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide an enjoyable and purposeful supplement to class work.
- To provide opportunity for the child to practice what has been learnt in class, including the development of the basic skills e.g. reading, tables, spellings, independent research skills etc.
- To provide an opportunity for parents to become involved in the academic development of their child.
- To provide an opportunity for the child to begin to take responsibility for organising their own workload.

At St Stephen's we appreciate the value of extracurricular activities, (sport, music, dancing, drama, other hobbies, etc); and recognise the demands made on pupils, and in setting homework we allow space for these. To help raise attainment and for consistency throughout the school we have invested in a set of workbooks for Mathematics and Literacy.

GUIDELINES

Homework is given purely to provide positive reinforcement of work done in school. It is seen as a definite need and not as a time filler. Homework is considered an integral part

of the curriculum. It enriches and consolidates, develops and cultivates the mind to nurture the seeds of knowledge, therefore homework, when set, is compulsory.

- Homework will be used to consolidate and assess the previous terms learning
- Homework expectations will be clear and consistent across school
- All homework will be collected weekly on Wednesday for marking/feedback and returned on a Friday.
- Homework will cover a range of curriculum subject areas.
- An additional piece of topic homework may be given out during the holiday period
- Timetables and spelling will be tested every week from Year 2 onwards
- Communicating aims and objectives of homework to parents is vital as well as continuing the high expectations set in school
- Pupils will be given responsibility for looking after their homework books reinforcing high expectations and presentation.
- Marking homework books is a priority and will be one on a weekly basis.

Parents will be advised at the beginning of the school year of the homework expectations of the class teacher. They will also be given details of ways in which they may be asked to assist the child at home. A system for informing parents of homework that has been set and for providing feedback to them will be evolved.

Agreed by Governors _____
(Acting Chair Signature):

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