



**WESTFIELD HOUSE SCHOOL**

# **Homework Policy**

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# INTRODUCTION

Homework is anything that the children do outside the normal school day that supports their learning in response to guidance from the school. Homework involves a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers to support the children's learning.

## RATIONALE FOR HOMEWORK

Homework is an important part of a children's education and can add much to their development. One of the aims of our school is for the children to develop as independent learners. We believe that homework is one of the main ways in which they can acquire the skill of independent learning. We do not believe in:

Homework for homework sake, this mantra can be more detrimental than effective.

Homework can vary from; think of something to aid the next lesson, look up something or undertake a specific piece of work

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

We believe that a strong partnership between school and home/care is at the heart of successful education. Homework can:

- help children develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to take responsibility for their own learning
- consolidate and reinforce learning done in school and to allow children to practice skills taught in lessons;

## TYPES OF HOMEWORK

We see homework as encompassing a wide range of possibilities. The following list gives just a few examples:

- reading with a parent/carer;
- finishing off work from class;
- expand on learning gained in the classroom
- learning number/English facts (tables and/or spellings)
- ensuring that children have opportunities to write, read, colour, paint, draw, stick, glue, etc;

## **AMOUNT OF HOMEWORK**

Children that have joined Westfield House School are often disengaged or even disillusioned regarding education and to expect them to actively participate in extensive homework would be futile.

We set homework in the same personalised manner as we deliver the curriculum.

There will be at least one piece of homework set for each subject every half term

## **THE SETTING OF HOMEWORK**

Homework is set by class or subject teachers. Homework can also be set by intervention teachers and teaching assistants.

## **THE ROLE OF PARENTS/CARERS**

Parents or carers have a vital role to play in the young people's education, and homework is an important part of this process. We ask parents and carers to encourage the children to complete the homework tasks that are set. We do not want homework to create a barrier or challenge in the parent/child or carer/child relationship and we respect that if this is becoming the case then the homework should be left. We ask that the form/subject teacher is informed of the difficulties you are experiencing allowing for a united and supportive response. Parents and carers can support the children by discussing the work that the children are doing.

## **SUPPORT FOR HOMEWORK WITHIN SCHOOL**

In conjunction with the supportive and praise-based ethos of Westfield House School, we offer support for homework.

At Westfield we have tailored, adapted and differentiated the process of doing homework to support our pupils. If it is not possible to do Homework 'at home' we offer a homework club– this allows the children to complete the homework, while at school, if the home environment is not conducive to learning to our learners so they don't feel they are missing out on this part of their schooling experience.

This process allows the pupils to still feel they are getting the experience of homework but it's work done in their own time at school.

## **REWARDS FOR HOMEWORK**

All homework submission is recorded and analysed.

When homework is completed pupils will receive an invite to 'lunch out' in a mutually agreed restaurant. Pupils currently need to complete 9 out of the 14 pieces of homework, evenly shared across the curriculum, to get the invite. This will be a celebration and a form of congratulations for completing the homework.

Homework completion will also go towards the end of term trip – ask your children about

'their boxes'