

HOMEWORK POLICY

PURPOSE

Homework is any work or activity which students are asked to undertake and complete outside lesson time either during private study or at home.

Homework is given **at the teacher's discretion** and is intended to encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline and to become an independent learner. This will be a particularly useful skill when students are revising and preparing for examinations and in their future adult working life.

Homework tasks may take a number of different forms:

- Research tasks
- Additional reading
- Completion of tasks started in school
- Project or assignment work
- Activities which consolidate and reinforce skills learned in school

Non-completion of Homework:

When homework is not completed by the date given or not to the standard of the teacher's explanation or expectations, appropriate action will be taken by the class teacher as stated in the School Behaviour and Discipline Policy.

School Responsibilities:

Subject teachers will;

- Set appropriate homework tasks and provide dates for completion
- Mark homework and feedback to students within a reasonable time
- Inform students where they have made errors and what they need to do to improve

Student Responsibilities:

Students must;

- Keep their homework diary or method of recording their homework, up to date and record all homework tasks
- Complete homework tasks within the time allocated and submit it to the subject teacher
- Present homework to the same standard as work completed in class

Students who are ill:

When students are absent from school due to illness for short periods of time, the school does not provide homework or copies of class work for them to complete. This is because we want your child to recover fully and then return and catch up with teacher support. Students can of course access lessons in the Wingate cloud if they want to but this is not compulsory.

For students who have an extended period of absence due to a serious illness or injury, each case will be considered individually and we will always follow what we consider to be what is best for the child.

Foundation Department:

Even from Nursery the children are given little tasks to do at home which may be as simple as naming pictures to help with vocabulary. From Reception class, weekly spellings are given and occasionally the children are given other activities to do at home to support their learning in school. When at the appropriate stage, books are sent home, parents are expected to read with their child on a daily basis.

Primary School:

Homework is gradually introduced as the children progress through Primary School. We encourage parents to take an interest in the work their child brings home and to sign the homework diary each week. If your child does not understand some homework, please return the work to school uncompleted and don't give the child the answers.

Homework is a continuation of class work and it is important that the teachers know if the child has understood or not, and if they need more help.

Please encourage your child to:

- Work in a quiet place away from the TV and other interruptions or distractions
- Sit on a chair at a table or desk
- Avoid doing homework late at night
- Ensure the presentation of their work is of the same quality and following the same standard as work completed in class

Senior School:

Homework in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) and Key Stage 4 (Years 9 and 10) forms a vital part of learning and must be taken very seriously by all students. However, homework in the Senior School is a far more fluid arrangement and any timetable should be considered **a guide** rather than a rule. The amount of homework will vary but will increase gradually as students' progress through the Senior School particularly in Key Stage 4 in preparation for IGCSE's.

The marks gained in homework may also form part of the overall mark given at the end of each term and if homework is not done correctly it could seriously affect the final term grade.

Younger students will be given a homework diary in which to write their homework tasks. Students in Key Stage 3 will be given the option of a diary or to use alternative electronic methods.

We ask the parents to assist their children to organise themselves and to check the homework diary regularly, and if possible, sign it each week. Form Tutors will also check student's homework diaries regularly.

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