

DOVE FEDERATION

Homework Policy

Status

Recommended

Purpose

The aim of the Federation's homework policy is to promote learning beyond the school day as an essential part of good education. We believe that homework not only reinforces classroom learning, it also helps children and young people to develop skills and attitudes that they need for successful lifelong learning. It should support the development of independent learning skills, including the habits of enquiry and investigation, and it should help to foster the role of parents and carers and co-educators of their children. We will make every effort to combat disadvantage, for example by considering the need for after-school study support with access to resources such as ICT and mentoring.

Main ECM outcomes: Enjoy and achieve; Achieve economic wellbeing

Who/what was consulted?

Parents were consulted on the homework policy as part of a survey on the home-school agreement. The staff consulted the School Council. The allocation of time to be spent on homework at each key stage has been informed by the DfE guidelines.

Relationship to other policies

The policy refers to commitments made in the home-school agreement, and also relates to the curriculum policy, the teaching and learning policy and to the policy for assessment, recording and reporting.

Roles and responsibilities of headteacher, other staff, governors

The **headteacher** will ensure that home is:

- An integral part of the curriculum and is planned and prepared alongside all other programmes of learning.
- Appropriate to the age, ability and circumstances of the pupils, taking into account special educational needs.
- Coordinated in order to be management for children on a daily basis.
- Informed by DfE guidance about time commitments.

Teachers will ensure that:

- Pupils and parents are given a timetable for homework at the start of each term.
- Home is set and marked in line with guidance and agreed standards.
- Tasks are differentiated and well structured.
- Pupils understand the purpose of the homework tasks
- It is clear to pupils how their homework consolidates and extends the work they are doing in school.

Pupils will be required to select the homework tasks from the termly home sheet (KS2), ensure their understanding of them, and demonstrate a commitment to spending an allocated time completing the tasks set. They will return their work on time.

Parents will encourage and monitor homework and inform their child's teacher if an issue arises.

Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

Class teachers will monitor homework. On an annual basis, a random sample of parents and pupils will be surveyed for their views on the effectiveness of the current practice, and the leadership team will review the effectiveness of this policy.

The governing body or its Curriculum Committee will receive an annual report from the headteacher that includes the outcomes of work sampling and feedback from the surveys of pupils and parents.

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