



St John's CE Primary School

Homework Policy

September 2023

St John's C of E (Controlled) School

HOMEWORK POLICY

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St John's CEP School policies are approved, ratified and reviewed regularly by the Headteacher/Senior Leadership Team and/or Governing Body in the light of statutory requirements



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Vision statement

*Imagine a place where all are equal and all are different,
living compassionately, learning together,
embracing challenges, building tolerance and resilience,
standing strong and making a positive difference in God's amazing world.*

ALL EQUAL, ALL DIFFERENT, LEARNING TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

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Introduction:

At St John's Primary School we believe that homework is a key part of pupils' learning. Homework is set and children are encouraged to, and expected to establish good homework habits from the beginning of their school life.

- Homework is set regularly as a means of consolidating, reinforcing and extending learning
- Homework is differentiated to meet the needs of individual pupils
- Homework should be understood by pupils and parents, and not be seen as an onerous task
- Homework should be completed with greater independence as children progress through the school.

Aims:

At St John's, we appreciate how important the links between home and school are, and the need for us to work together to ensure a good education for all children. Homework will be carefully planned to extend learning, enhance and reinforce skills and understanding, and allow children to consolidate and improve their skills further.

Through the provision of a variety of activities and approaches to homework we aim to:

- raise standards in all curriculum areas but particularly basic skills in Maths and English
- create a sound partnership between parents and teachers with regard to children's learning
- consolidate/reinforce pupils' skills, knowledge and understanding of work covered in class
- improve pupils' attitudes to learning and independent learning skills
- Prepare children for expectations in Secondary School.

Teachers:

In setting and marking homework, teachers will:

- give reasonable time for its completion, all homework will be set on a Thursday and due in the following Tuesday
- match tasks to time and as far as possible to the abilities of the children
- will ensure homework is marked weekly

Parents:

We recognise the importance of developing a sound partnership between parents and children with reference to children's learning. Parents will:

- be provided with additional guidance (where necessary) to support learning at home and to help children with homework tasks;
- be encouraged to support the school's homework policy



Homework expectations:

Homework will be given on a Thursday and due in the following Tuesday. It is our policy not to give homework over the holidays and half term breaks. The exception will be where the parent and teacher agree extra work would be beneficial.

EYFS:

- Reading daily
- Recap Phonics work (phonics will be available on the class page of the school website each week)

KS1:

- Reading at least 5 times a week
- Maths task set each week
- Phonics recap (sheet will be available on the class pages of the school website)

KS2:

- Reading at least 5 times a week
- Spellings weekly
- Maths- based on fluency (four operations) and a consolidation task
- English- grammar based task
- Times tables rock stars

Occasionally, we may send a homework linked to another area of the curriculum e.g. Science.

Homework for SEN

For our children who are on the SEN register, homework will be **optional** to complete. If you and your child wish to continue on with the regular tasks, please feel free to do so. If you wish to complete these on an ad hoc basis, from week to week, that will also be fine. Please make your class teachers aware of your preferences so that they can plan accordingly. If they don't hear from you, they will continue to send the assignments as usual. However, we'd still like the children to do the following:

- Read regularly with an adult at home
- Practice their spellings
- Complete other practice assignments, such as Time Tables Rockstars