



## Homework Policy

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## 1. Definition

Homework is defined as work set by the teacher to be done at home. At Hampstead Hill School, homework is a concerted, independent effort for 30 minutes per day. If a pupil is struggling at all, parents may assist. However, parents must not complete the homework for their pupils. It is recommended that parents briefly review the homework to ensure an effort has been made and the work is presentable.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of homework is to:

- Reinforce concepts
- Consolidating the learning done in the classroom
- Practice concepts that may have been challenging
- Promote the discipline of working for a set time each day
- Promote independence
- Promote pupils taking ownership and responsibility for learning
- Encourage pupils' success at retaining information
- Encourage the application of taught skills
- Applying taught concepts to the wider world

Homework is differentiated to meet the needs of individual pupils.

## 3. Aims

At Hampstead Hill School we appreciate the importance of the links between home and school. We believe in the need for parents/carers and teachers to work together to ensure a good education for all pupils.

It is for this reason that we believe it is important for pupils to have assigned homework that will support their learning within the classroom. Homework is carefully and deliberately planned to extend learning, enhance and reinforce skills, and allow pupils the opportunity to improve their skills further.

Through the provision of and approach to homework, we aim to:

- Raise standards in all curriculum areas, especially Maths and English
- Create a sound partnership between parents and teachers with regard to pupils' learning
- Reinforce pupils' understanding of work covered in class
- Improve pupils' attitudes to learning

Homework and spellings will be printed out by the class teachers and placed in a folder. Pupils will take it home on a pre-determined day set by their head of year and return the completed pack on a pre-determined day.

## 4. Roles and Responsibilities

### 4.1 Teachers

Teachers will:

- Give reasonable time for homework completion
- Match tasks to the abilities of the pupils
- Ensure homework is marked in line with the school's marking policy
- Provide feedback to pupils on their progress

- Provide additional guidance for parents
- Provide information on how and when homework should be completed
- To ensure that the completion of homework does not have a negative impact on a pupil's learning and emotional wellbeing

## 4.2 Parents

Parents will:

- Be encouraged to support the school's homework policy
- Be given feedback on pupil progress
- Be encouraged to review pupil's homework for effort and presentability
- Be encouraged to allow pupils to complete their homework independently
- Be expected to listen to their child read every night for 10 minutes and record notes in their reading log

## 4.3 Students

Students are expected to:

- Complete 30 minutes of homework every night
- Focus on the presentability of each assignment
- Use their best handwriting
- Always show their workings
- Turn their homework packs in on the pre-determined day
- Bring their homework packs to school every day if staying for after school care.
- Bring their reading books and reading logs to school every day

## 5. Year One Homework

Homework for year one pupils consists of:

- An English sheet on Monday's
- A Maths sheet on Thursday's
- A Maths and English or Science/Topic sheet on Friday's
- 10 spelling words for the week

## 6. Year Two Homework

Homework for year two pupils consists of:

- 20 spelling words for the week
- A comprehension on Tuesday's
- Reasoning on Wednesday's
- Maths on Thursday
- Maths, English, and Writing on weekends

## 7. Reading

Pupils in year one and year two will read for at least 5 minutes during the school day with a reading teacher or teaching assistant. Pupils should read out loud for 10 minutes at home with their parents every night.



## 8. Spellings

Year one pupils are assigned 10 spelling words per week. Year two pupils are assigned 20 spelling words per week. The spelling words are differentiated to meet the individual needs of the pupil. Pupils are expected to practice writing their spelling words over the weekend and every night. On Friday's the pupils will complete dictation whereby a teacher will read a passage containing their spelling words and the pupils will write it down in a book. The passage will be marked for number of correct words spelled.

## 9. Holiday Homework

Pupils may be assigned holiday homework during half-term and term breaks. These booklets are generally longer due to the amount of time available to complete them. Teachers will not print the booklets for each pupils. Therefore, parents are expected to print the booklets at home. Pupils will complete them and return the books when the school term resumes.

## 10. Additional Homework

Pupils may be assigned additional homework, such as handwriting or phonics, depending on their individual need. These assignments are generally part of a targeted support or intervention session designed to help pupils improve specific skills required by the curriculum.

## 11. Feedback and Marking

All homework will be acknowledged with the following:


- Tick to show correct answers
- Dot to show incorrect answers
- Short comment

## 12. Monitoring

The Compliance Officer will regularly review this policy alongside the Headteacher and Head of Year groups. The Headteacher and Heads of Years will monitor the quality of homework provision through planning and examination.

## 13. Links with Other Policies and Documents

- Curriculum Policy
- Feedback and Marking Policy
- Home-School Communication Policy

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