



St Giles Church of England Primary School Homework Policy



Homework is any work or activity which students are asked to do outside lesson time either on their own or with parents or carers.

Homework should not prevent students from participating in an activity after school such as sport, music or clubs of any kind. Equally, students should plan such activities to allow time to complete homework.

The purpose of homework

- To encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline to work on their own, an essential skill for adult life.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding.
- To extend school learning, for example through additional reading.
- To enable students to devote time to particular demands such as project work.
- To support the home/school relationship.

The amount of homework

As a general principle, teachers will not usually set substantial homework tasks to be completed for the next day, but will give students at least two days. The time devoted to homework should increase as the student progresses through the school.

Across the school there is an expectation that pupils will read daily and learn weekly spellings.

Homework is set on a Monday and collected in a week later, e.g. on the following Monday.

Reception

- Regular reading to and with your child.
- Once children have settled they may be given key words and sounds to practise at home.

Year 1

- Reading each evening and spellings to learn each week.
- A piece of project work each half term.

Year 2

- Reading each evening and spellings to learn.
- One maths and one literacy task each week – 10-15 minutes to complete each task.
- One piece of topic work each half term.

Year 3/4/5

- Reading each evening and spellings to learn.
- One maths and one literacy task each week - 20-30 minutes to complete each task.
- Once piece of topic work per half term.

Year 6

- Expectations for homework will gradually increase during year 6; this is to help prepare them for SATs and to ensure they are fully prepared for the higher expectations of secondary school.

It is important that students should have frequent and increasing opportunities to develop and consolidate their competencies as independent learners.

SEND – Pupils with Special Educational Needs will have differentiated homework tasks as appropriate.

If any child is having issues completing homework parents should contact the class teacher to explore options and support to resolve the issues.

Organisation of homework

All students should have a homework folder which they bring into school regularly. Parents/carers are asked to check these on a weekly basis.

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School's responsibilities

- Teachers are responsible for setting appropriate homework and marking it regularly.
- Teachers will correct and hand back homework within a reasonable time.
- They should keep to the guidelines of time per subject and year as set out above.
- They will ensure that all students are receiving homework.
- Homework must never be used as a punishment. In the same way, not setting homework for a period, should not be used as a reward.

Expectation for pupils/parents and carers

- Pupils will bring homework folders into school on the appropriate days.
- Homework will be completed to an appropriate level.
- Parents/carers check that homework is being completed.

Homework Grading

From year 3 upwards we have a homework grading system. Pupils will be awarded a grade between 1 and 5.

1 = work is poor and not of a suitable quality

2 = work completed but rushed and not enough care has been taken

3 = work is of an acceptable quality and completed

4 = work is of a good quality and completed

5 = pupils have completed work to a high standard and tried their best

5* = pupils have gone beyond the expectations of the teacher

Pupils achieving 5 or 5* will receive a merit point

Note: We have been putting homework on the school website, however due to copyright issues we are no longer able to do this. All pupils will be given a paper copy. Should you have an issue with the homework, please email the class teacher.