

The Abbey HOMEWORK

1. Policy Statement

Homework is an important part of a child's education and can add much to a child's development. In the 1997 White Paper, 'Excellence in Schools', homework was seen as "an essential part of good education".

2. Procedure

2.1 Homework is set for the following reasons:

- To consolidate and reinforce what has been learned.
- To encourage personal research and develop the skills as an independent learner.
- To develop pupils' self-discipline to be able to work in the home environment and develop good work habits for the future.
- To contribute to the partnership between school and home.

2.2 At the beginning of the term, a homework programme is made for each class. It will consist of:

Year 3 Two written homeworks a week, 20 minutes each plus tables and spellings.

Year 4 Three written homeworks a week, 30 minutes each plus tables and spellings.

Year 5 Five written homeworks a week, 30 minutes each plus tables and spellings.

Year 6 Six written homeworks a week, 30-40 minutes each plus spellings.

(These periods are in line with the guidelines issues by the DfEE in 1998)

2.3 All pupils must make a note of their homework in the appropriate section of their Abbey Book. Teachers should write up details of the set homework on the board so that pupils know exactly what to do and this will avoid uncertainty later on.

2.4 Parents should then sign the homework in their child's Abbey Book when it has been completed. If there is a problem with the homework parents should make a note in the Abbey Book. Pupils who complete their homework in the Homework Room should show their parents and have their Abbey books signed when at home.

2.5 English and Mathematics will form the core of the homework subjects but Science, History, Geography and Languages will also be set. In the notes for new pupils, parents are advised on how to support their children during

homework. Although homework serves a valuable purpose, too much can lead to pupils losing enthusiasm for school and over-tired children the following day. If a child spends the allotted time on their homework and has not finished, parents should write a note to the teacher in the Abbey Book.

- 2.6 Tasks set during the holidays can be a useful learning experience. However, it is important that the teachers within the year group communicate over what is being set, as inconsistencies can lead to some pupils feeling that they have been unfairly treated. The Master is always pleased to receive holiday diaries from pupils at the start of each term. The Robin Burton Cup will be awarded for the best one at the end of the academic year.

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