

Stanfield Homework Policy

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Homework Policy

Homework is important in raising pupil achievement. At Stanfield Preparatory Merchant Taylors' School. It enhances pupils' learning and develops pupils' study skills and as such is an integral part of the curriculum.

Aims

Homework enables our pupils to:

- Extend and support learning
- Show progress and understanding
- Develop research skills
- Have an opportunity for independent work
- Enhance study skills e.g. planning, time management and self discipline.
- Take ownership and responsibility for learning.
- Progress towards independence and an individual responsibility
- Create channels for home school dialogue.

Routines and Expectations

- Pupils are encouraged to work at home on a regular basis.
- The time spent on homework increases according to the age of the pupil.
- We have high expectations in terms of quality and presentation for the work pupils carry out in these, as we would for class based activities.
- Tasks will be wide-ranging and structured and their purpose explained to pupils.
- Homework tasks may be differentiated so that more able pupils are given opportunities to complete more challenging work. We also ensure that less able pupils are not devoting excessive amounts of time to tasks and are supported in their learning.
- Our Learning support teachers may send specific tasks home to support the learning of the children who require greater support. This will be discussed with parents.
- Pupils will complete their homework in a quiet and functional space.
- It is expected that all pupils will read at home and share a book with their parents.
- Pupils will have multiplication tables and spellings to learn at home at the appropriate age.
- Pupils who have made insufficient effort during class time may be asked to complete work at home.
- Parents will be informed of homework expectations and given a homework schedule at the beginning of each school year. Homework should be rewarding and manageable for all concerned and a constructive aspect of teaching and learning.
- We would ask parents to inform the school if there are any issues with homework.
- Homework for infants is placed in their homework folder at the end of the day. Junior homework is set on Firefly. Pupils are responsible for checking firefly for homework.

- We do not set homework for children to complete when taken out of school during term time.
- We do not as a rule set homework in the holidays, however;
 - Further practice in basic skills (e.g. handwriting) may be set at the discretion of the class teacher.

Homework Allocation

| Year Group | Time Allocation | Curriculum Area |
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| Reception | 10 mins, 3 x weekly | Reading Weekend Diary |
| Year 1 | 10 – 15 mins each night | Reading English Spelling (Spring and Summer Term) Mathematics |
| Year 2 | 10 – 15 mins each night 30 mins at the weekend | Reading English Spelling Mathematics |
| Year 3 | 30 mins each night | Reading English Spelling Mathematics |
| Year 4 | 30 mins each night | Reading English Spelling Mathematics |
| Year 5 | 45 mins each night | Reading English Spelling Mathematics |
| Year 6 | 45 mins each night | Reading English Spelling Mathematics |

- Homework will not be set on Wednesdays – ‘Wellbeing Wednesday’. We recommend that pupils use this time to engage in an activity to support wellbeing, eg. Co-curricular club, activity with family.
- Additional homework may be set, including independent research project work and may also include other subjects.



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