



PRESTON & WINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOLS FEDERATION

HOMEWORK POLICY

APPROVAL & ADOPTION

This policy was formally agreed and adopted by the Governing Body on:

3rd February 2014

Chair of Governors

Signed: 

UPDATE SCHEDULE

Version	Date	Reason for Update
1		Existing policies of both schools reviewed as part of Federation review process.

Homework is designed to consolidate or to extend work covered in lessons (for this reason it is not usually appropriate for homework to be given when a child is absent for a period of time), to support children's progress towards their individual targets and to develop a habit of private and independent study when the child can be given the opportunity to work by himself/herself without immediate recourse to parents, teachers or other children. By providing pupils with homework throughout primary school children are prepared to deal with this aspect of secondary school. They are also equipped with essential skills for life-long learning. The National Curriculum, Ofsted Framework and Teacher Standards place great emphasis on independent learning.

Specific details of the homework that is set in each class is included in the curriculum letter that is sent to parents at the beginning of the autumn, spring and summer terms.

As a general guide:

In the Foundation Stage (Reception Class) children are given phonics to learn and should be sharing books on a daily basis. Later in the year they may have simple spellings to learn and diaries to complete. Sometimes homework that is associated with the current topic will be given. As a guide homework should take approximately 50 minutes per week.

In years 1 and 2 children need to read and discuss what they have read on a daily basis. They will also be given word work and number work to complete. Children may have other work, or learning, to do linked to their current literacy or numeracy targets. Sometimes homework that is associated with the current topic will be given. As a guide homework should take approximately 50 - 60 minutes per week.

Children in years 3 - 6 will be given spellings to learn once a week and times tables, as well as maths extension or consolidation work. They will also be expected to take reading books home for reading independently or with a parent. A Reading Record book is provided for parental comments or a simple signature as confirmation that reading has been undertaken. Homework that is associated with the current topic or research work will also be given at appropriate times. In lower Key Stage 2 homework should take approximately 60 – 90 minutes per week increasing to approximately 30 minutes per day by the end of Key Stage 2.

The Teachers' Role

We will always bear in mind that the children have worked hard all day and the amount of homework given will reflect this. Homework should be useful and meaningful and should be marked thoughtfully by the teacher to show that it is valued. Homework will not be given as a punishment but where a child's attitude to their work in class results in work that is not of their best ability they may be asked to repeat the task again at home. Sufficient time will be given for tasks to be completed satisfactorily. In some cases children may be unable to complete homework through no fault of their own and the teacher should be sympathetic to this whilst using his/her own judgement in each case. However, when homework is not completed by the deadline children will be given one additional night to complete the task/s. If the homework is still not completed, children will attend homework club during lunchtime in order to complete the work. If a child repeatedly needs to attend homework club, the class teacher will meet with the parents to discuss the issues involved.

The Parents' Role

As outlined in our home-school agreement it is essential that parents support their child/ren to ensure that all homework is completed carefully and handed in on time. This does not mean that parents should complete the tasks for their child but that they should make themselves aware of their child's homework and be willing to support and guide where necessary. We ask that parents expect their child/ren to complete all homework to the best of their ability. If a child encounters any significant difficulties in completing the homework then the homework should be left and the parent should write a comment on the homework to this effect.