

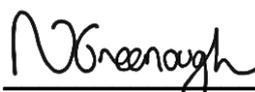


# Scissett Middle School

Partnership Excellence Innovation

## Homework Policy

Signed:

  
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Headteacher



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Chair of Governors

Agreed: October 2017

## **Homework policy:**

### **Aim:**

The aim of our homework policy is to promote learning beyond the school day as an essential part of good education. We believe that homework not only reinforces classroom learning, it also helps children and young people to develop skills and attitudes that they need for successful lifelong learning. It should support the development of independent learning skills, including the habits of enquiry and investigation, and it should help to foster the role of parents and carers as co-educators of their children.

### **Homework enables pupils to:**

- consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning activities
- access resources not available in school
- develop research skills
- have an opportunity for independent work
- show progress and understanding
- provide feedback in the evaluation of teaching
- enhance their study skills e.g. planning, time management, self-discipline, etc.
- engage parental cooperation and support
- create channels for home school dialogue

Roles and responsibilities of head teacher, other staff, governors

### **The head teacher will ensure that homework is:**

- an integral part of the curriculum and is planned and prepared alongside all other programmes of learning
- appropriate to the age, ability and circumstances of the pupils, taking into account special educational needs
- coordinated in order to be manageable for children
- informed by DfE guidance about time commitments

### **Subject Teachers will ensure that:**

- homework is marked in line with guidance and agreed standards
- tasks are differentiated and well structured
- pupils understand the purpose of the homework tasks
- it is clear to pupils how their homework consolidates and extends the work they are doing in school and homework is set regularly in accordance with the agreed timetable
- homework is completed satisfactorily and on time

### **Class Teachers will ensure that:**

- pupils and parents are given a timetable for homework at the start of the academic year
- all pupils have their pupil diary in school every day
- diaries are dated properly and completed according to the homework timetable
- there is a parental signature in the diary each week
- they initial the diary to show that the weekly check has been carried out

### **Pupils will be required to:**

- record the homework tasks (in their pupil diaries), ensure their understanding of them, and demonstrate a commitment to spending an allocated time completing the tasks set. They will return their work on time.

- Parents will encourage and monitor homework and inform their child's teacher if an issue arises.

### Arrangements for setting homework

Homework will be set in accordance with government guidelines:

Year Groups	Amount of Homework
Years' 5 & 6 Approx.	30 mins per day
Years' 7 & 8	45 -90 mins per day

Below represents a guide to the setting of homework within subjects. However, homework should be set where it has value and not 'for the sake of it'. Subject teachers should ALWAYS set a homework deadline which includes a weekend in order for families to establish an appropriate routine.

Subject/time per fortnight	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
English	2.5 hours	2 hours	2-2.5 hours
Maths	2.5 hours	2 hours	2-2.5 hours
Science	Optional	1 hour	1-1.5 hours
Humanities		30 minutes	1 hour
French		1 hour	1 hour
RPHSE		As required	As required
Computing		As required	As required
Technology		As required	As required
Art		As required	As required

Homework tasks will be discussed with pupils during lessons and they will then be given sufficient time to record the task in their diary and ask questions. In addition to the formal homework pupils receive, we would also encourage pupils to read for pleasure.

Pupils should also use their homework time to read if no official homework is set. It should also be noted that every student at Scissett Middle School has a 'MyMaths' log in allowing them to complete Maths work outside of normal lessons/homework if they so wish.

### Homework Policy Sanctions:

Teachers are required to use some level of discretion when sanctioning incomplete homework or homework which has not been completed to the appropriate standard. Consideration should be given to any SEND of each child and previous patterns of homework submission.

A detention runs every day at Lunch time for pupils who have not completed homework. This can be used by any teacher and should be used for pupils who fail to submit homework to the appropriate standard more than twice in a term or earlier if deemed appropriate.