

**SHERWOOD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**HOMework
POLICY**

November 2017

SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We aim to create a happy, caring environment in which children develop self-confidence and independence and are encouraged to be considerate and show respect for others, while reaching their true potential.

Aims

We use homework to develop the partnership between home and school with the aim of working together to help all children achieve their full potential.

Purposes

The purposes of homework are:

- to enable parents to work with the school to help their child
- to encourage children to develop the confidence, skills and motivation to study on their own
- to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding developed at school
- to extend their learning
- to exploit the resources of the home setting to enhance learning opportunities.

The Administration of Homework

- be well explained
- be given adequate notice and time for completion; at least several nights.
- be interesting and varied
- provide an opportunity to reinforce or practise work covered in class
- be at the correct level of ability for each child
- be planned in conjunction with the class timetable
- be given to all children in the class at the same time – either written on the board and copied into a homework diary or worksheets issued. (Any reminders can also be noted in the diary.)
- not to be used for finishing off, as this disadvantages the less able
- be enough for the agreed time limit for the age group. Children should be made aware that they are not expected to struggle on with work they find difficult
- be marked quickly and be followed up constructively after completion
- be completed to the same standard expected for classwork

Homework may not necessarily be set every week but at the teachers' discretion. Any homework set over the holiday period will also include some of the week back to school for completion.

A regular check will be made on the amount of time that children are taking over their homework and adjustments made accordingly.

Failure to do Homework

- The school recommends that homework should be completed according to the guidance detailed in this document.
- Parents will be informed if homework is consistently unsatisfactory or not completed. The merits of homework will be discussed and its completion encouraged.

Content

- A reading book, appropriate for age and ability, will be sent home every night. A record of any reading aloud can be recorded by an adult at home. For older children, this may also include pages read independently if appropriate.
- Activities are sent home on a weekly basis. These will be related to English, Maths or topic work and include the learning of times tables and investigating spelling patterns and strategies.
- For children in Years 1 and 2, it is recommended they spend an average of 5-10 minutes per night, leading to approximately 20-25 minutes per night in Years 3 and 4. An average of 30 minutes is suggested for Years 5 and 6. These timings include reading and learning tasks.

Guidance for Parents

How to help your child with the homework activity

- Encourage your child to explain the activity to you as the task is normally linked to prior learning. How have they approached this in class?
- If your child has difficulty with his/her homework, discuss this with their teacher. Please do not spend too much time on an activity your child is finding difficult.
- Children will be given several evenings to complete homework tasks.

Appendix I

Homework Policy Non-Negotiables

- All children receive regular homework. This includes reading.
- Homework is differentiated where appropriate and targeted to individual needs.
- Children are given several nights to complete a homework task.
- Feedback on homework is provided by the teacher; all written work is marked.
- Children are expected to meet deadlines.
- Discretion is used by the teacher when homework can not be completed for acceptable reasons.
- Guidance and support is provided for parents on strategies and methods used where possible. This may be through an example.
- Homework is relevant and engaging wherever possible.

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Signed (Headteacher):

Signed (On behalf of the Governing Body):