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# BISHOP CORNISH SCHOOL

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## POLICY ON HOMEWORK - REVISED

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Homework is an important extension of classroom learning and enables children to reinforce and expand their learning. Bishop Cornish is committed to providing the best possible education for all and this policy is designed to support children's learning at home. It also recognises the unique circumstances of each child and teachers are able to exercise professional judgement regarding the finer detail of pupils' wider social and family needs.

### AIMS

- To promote strong home/school links.
- To reinforce, extend and enrich learning taking place in school.
- To encourage children to read, research and achieve.
- To prepare children for their transfer to secondary education.
- To encourage independent learning.
- To ensure every child has access to appropriate resources, such as books, to support learning at home.

### APPROACHES

- Homework is set in a structured way by teachers so that children can establish good study patterns.
- Homework will be purposeful and support learning taking place in school.
- There is regular feedback and praise for homework tasks undertaken and a system in place to respond to pupils who fail to complete tasks. Teachers will contact parents and if deemed appropriate tasks will be completed during lunch time.
- Homework tasks may be self marked or peer marked during lessons.
- Children are expected to take home reading material on a daily basis. This could be in the form of a game, a structured reader or a library book. A home school book is provided for recording progress in KS1 and a Reading Log in the Pupil Planners for KS 2 children.
- Children receive other assignments such as topic related research, completion of work, planning work, weekly spellings and tables and number bonds as appropriate to their age and ability.
- Children who are away, through sickness, or who are experiencing difficulty with a part of the curriculum may have homework arranged on an individual basis.
- Children with special needs may have work set by the SENCO.
- All work sent home to be completed should be returned on the designated date.
- Children are able and encouraged to take Maths games home to play with their families.
- KS2 children will be provided with a homework book in which to complete all tasks. The Pupil Planner can be used to record tasks and completion dates will be encouraged by teaching staff.
- We keep to the current DfE guidance.

Homework expectations are age and ability related but **guidelines** are as follows:

Year group	DAILY: Reading/phonics/spelling/number bonds/tables	WEEKLY: research, SPAG, project, maths game, questionnaire or class work completion
Reception	10 minutes	
Year 1	10 minutes	15 minute task
Year 2	15 minutes	15 minute task
Year 3	15 minutes	X2 15 minutes
Year 4	20 minutes	X2 20 minutes
Year 5	20 minutes	X2 25 minutes
Year 6	20 minutes	X2 30 minutes

## PARENTS

Parents are offered opportunities to improve the way they support their children at home.

- Through Link into Learning, the school offers parent workshops throughout the year.
- At Parent's Evenings, teachers advise parents on how they can support their children at home.
- Children are given home reading books at an appropriate level.
- We operate an 'Open Door' Policy which means that parents are encouraged to speak to classteachers whenever they have a concern or are seeking educational advise.

## PUPIL ABSENCE

If a child is absent on the day that homework is given out, the teacher should ensure if appropriate, that the child receives the work.

## HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Homework is not set during school holidays. Parents are expected to continue to encourage their child to read or maintain an event diary.

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