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Homework Policy

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Introduction

Homework is anything that children do outside the normal school day, which contributes to their learning in response to guidance from The Levett School. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents to support children's learning. For example, a parent who spends time sharing a book with their child before bedtime is helping with the learning process.

Rationale for homework

Learning is a lifelong process; it is not something which takes place purely during a school day. We are aware that learning experiences can be further enriched by not restricting education to the time and resources provided in any school. Children and parents benefit from sharing the learning processes. Tasks completed at home are also an important way of establishing a successful dialogue between teachers and parents. The Levett School encourages children to develop as independent learners.

We acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. We realise that such activities can present learning opportunities themselves and can play a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment. Homework should form part of a wide range of out-of-school activities that play an integral part in the lives of all children. We are well aware that children spend more time at home than at The Levett School. When encouraged by parents children can develop their skills, interests and talents to the full.

Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of homework are:

- to enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic development;
- to help pupils develop the skills of an independent learner;
- to promote a partnership between home and school in supporting each child's learning;
- to enable aspects of the curriculum to be explored in further depth;
- to provide educational experiences not possible in The Levett School;
- to consolidate and reinforce learning done in The Levett School and to allow children to practice skills taught in lessons;
- to help children develop good work habits for the future.

Types of homework

A variety of types of homework may be set throughout The Levett School. These may include:

- Reading
- Learning spellings & times tables/number facts
- Research
- Reinforcement of learning in school time
- Practical activities
- Reflection/evaluation of work completed in school time set consistently for full-time pupils only.

Inclusive Homework

We set tasks for all children as a normal part of The Levett School life. We ensure that these are appropriate to the ability of all children. Activities will be sympathetic to their individual needs.

The role of parents

Parents have a vital role to play in their child's education and positive home learning experiences are key to development. Parents are invited and encouraged to help their children as they feel necessary and provide them with the sort of environment that allows children to do their best.

This can be by:

- providing a peaceful working space at home.
- by discussing the work that their child is doing.
- by not completing the work for their children as it is important that the teacher is aware of the child's own ability to complete the work.

We ask parents to check and sign the homework diary at least once a week and to sign it as requested. Parents are also encouraged to comment as appropriate on their child's homework. We also ask parents to check their reading record daily and comment as appropriate.

If parents have any problems or questions about topics or tasks, they should, in the first instance, contact the child's class teacher. Should parents wish to make a complaint about The Levett School homework policy or the way it is implemented, they should follow The Levett School's complaints procedure.

Sanctions

If children forget to hand in their homework, then they will be given a day's grace in which to complete the work. If it is still not handed in, children will be expected to complete their homework during lunchtime.

If children do not hand in their homework for three weeks running, they will be required to attend homework club until all outstanding homework is completed.

Monitoring and review

It is the responsibility of our Management Committee to agree and then monitor The Levett School homework policy.