



## ST. LAWRENCE'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL



### HOMework POLICY

#### RATIONALE:

At St Lawrence's R.C. Primary School, we believe that homework can effectively enhance and reinforce work carried out during the school day. It encourages and aids independent study and develops links between home and school.

#### PURPOSE:

At St. Lawrence's R.C. Primary School we aim:-

- To involve home in the life of the school, providing opportunities for parents/guardians to help their children with some aspect of their work.
- To give children the opportunity and responsibility of organising some of their work at home beyond the control of the teacher.
- To improve standards and levels of attainment in school.

#### GUIDELINES:

Reading is an area of the curriculum where home can often give effective support. Children in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will have reading homework. The class teacher will monitor all Home Reading with the assistance of a Teaching Assistant through the child's reading log.

There is a direct correlation between home reading and progress in reading. It is essential that the children read regularly at home for a short period (10-15 minutes) whenever possible.

Homework tasks should always be achievable. Teachers will never give out any homework that a child is incapable of completing.

Homework will take a longer proportion of time as children move up the school. However at no time should the amount given or the anticipated time required become an unacceptable burden to the pupils.

As a guide, by the end of Key Stage 1, in addition to reading, homework tasks may take about 15 minutes per week.

In Lower Key Stage 2 this will increase to about 25 minutes per week plus reading tasks.

By the end of Key Stage 2 pupils may receive homework assignments which will require them to spend up to one hour per week on their tasks. Children will also be expected to spend time reading.

Children are given all homework tasks on a Thursday to be completed and handed in on a Tuesday unless clear alternative arrangements are made with good reason within a class. This must then be shared with parents.

Staff should try to keep homework on one side of A4 paper.

Children are given reading, spelling and numeracy homework each week. The homework is given in homework books provided by the school.

Optional extra homework in SAT years may be given.

Key Stage 2 children may be asked to do research work for a topic which may require visits to the local library.

A child may be asked to complete some unfinished work as a homework task.

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