

LANGLEY SCHOOL **HOMEWORK POLICY**

Homework is an important element in our partnership with parents/carers. It reinforces and consolidates learning beyond the school day and allows reflection on what has happened during school time. We feel it encourages the taking of some responsibility for one's own learning, which is part of the development of independence.

Content of homework

We encourage the idea of sharing a book with an interested person at home, from the Early Years onwards. Tasks may become more specific as the children get older. Not all homework is of an academic nature – social skills are an important area where we feel parents and carers can offer us a lot of support and provide continuity for the children between home and school.

Main School

All children choose a library book, which the majority will take home and, if appropriate, a reading book with some key words to learn. Being able to write their name clearly is also an important skill and may be set as a special task. In addition to reading there may be spellings. Occasionally a special task will be set, for example - in Science, keeping a list of what is eaten at home. Individual children may have other special work relating to their needs.

Parents/carers are expected to encourage their children to look after books and equipment. They may be asked to make a contribution to the cost of replacing lost or damaged books. The school aims to equalise opportunity for homework by offering the loan of basic equipment, where necessary.

Individual education plans

All parents receive a copy of their child's individual education plan. At the annual review, parents/carers and staff agree annual targets which form the basis of individual education plans, which are reviewed termly.

ICT

We encourage the use of ICT where it is accessible and appropriate.

Marking/checking homework

Homework will be monitored by classroom staff and effort will be acknowledged and praised.

Problems

If parents/carers have any queries/problems to do with homework or class work they should contact the class teacher. The classroom team will also be very happy to arrange to see parents/carers if they wish to come into school.

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