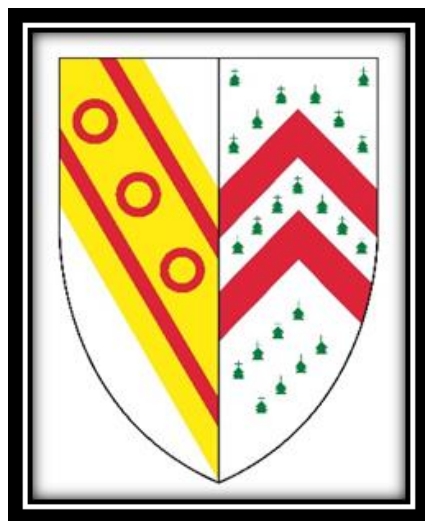


Pollington- Balne C of E Primary School



Homework Policy

Adopted by Governors: Oct 20
To be reviewed: Oct 2022

Achieving and Aspiration – *a school in which children aspire to achieve their personal potential.*

Belonging and Becoming – *a place in which strong roots enable personal flourishing.*

Care and Community – *a school that is from and for the community*

Homework Policy

Purpose

To provide guidance for staff, parents and governors on the approach to homework in school.

Rational

Homework can be an important part of a child's education and can add to a child's development. Children can benefit greatly from the complementary learning that they do at home. Indeed, we see homework as an important example of collaboration between school and home. One of the aims of our teaching is for children to develop as independent learners and we believe that doing homework is one of the ways in which children can acquire the skill of independent study.

Homework plays a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment. However, we also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. Whilst homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the activities of various out-of-school clubs and of other organisations that play an important part in the lives of our children.

The Purposes of Homework

- To encourage children to be responsible in their own learning
- To develop the habit of independent study
- To provide opportunities to consolidate and extend the learning from school to enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic and social development

Broad Guidelines

Children from Reception to Y6 will be given homework that will incorporate a variety of tasks that are linked to a child's learning in class. It will include basic skills practise such as reading, maths, times tables, spelling and handwriting but also may include some consolidation tasks. The teacher will give the tasks out on a Friday and the children can return completed work over the following two weeks.

In addition to this, the children will be given a menu of cross curricular tasks linked to their current topic, which children can choose to complete over the ½ term.

In Reception, Year 1 and Year2, we would encourage children to spend 1 hour on homework over the week. In Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6) we would encourage

children to spend 15–30 minutes per night on homework. Parents/children can choose how the time is spent from the menu/homework sheet choices.

Copies of homework sheets and cross curricular topic homework will be also uploaded onto Microsoft Teams and the website for families to access from home.

Role of Parents

Parents and carers should

- Be actively involved in their child's homework activities
- Provide a suitable place for completing homework
- Show their child/ren that they value homework and support the school by explaining how it can help their learning
- Keep themselves informed about the homework in order to support their child
- Encourage and praise their child
- Inform the school if their child is experiencing any difficulty.

Monitoring and review

The implementation of the policy will be monitored by the leadership team within the school. In addition, it is the responsibility of the Governing Body to agree and then monitor the school homework policy. Pupils, staff and parents' views will be gathered when reviewing the policy.

