

Homework

Homework is based upon one or more of the following criteria:-

- It is intended as re-enforcement of, practice in, or backup to basic classroom work.
- It involves research to be carried on at home or outside school - perhaps a geography or history assignment requiring input from adults and sometimes research & investigations.
- Finishing off pieces of class work
- Learning lines or practising for music/drama activities
- Extra work given on an individual basis as part of a programme or when required
- In Yr 6 as preparation for 11+ examinations

On a nightly basis, (school days) this should last no more than 30 minutes. Weekend & holiday assignments could take longer.

It is vital that children use their homework diaries to record specific instructions and plan their homework over the school week. For example, history work given on Tuesday for the following Tuesday need not be completed that evening if there is other homework as well, but should not be left until the Monday evening.

Parents can have positive input by checking homework diaries and helping,(particularly Infants and younger Juniors), to plan their homework programme.

It is necessary for your child to have a quiet desk / workplace where homework can be done or left without being disturbed or interfered with by younger siblings. He/she needs encouraging to develop tidy and organised procedures involving homework and music practice. Good organisation is crucial. Forgotten or mislaid homework is a source of great frustration to child and teacher.

It is very important that homework is a positive experience and enhances our work in school. Poorly executed homework is unsatisfactory to both child and teacher. To that end, parents with any kind of question or concern regarding homework should contact the member of staff without delay.