

Homework policy

Approved		Responsibility	Senior Leadership Team
Review	Every 3 years		



This policy is linked to the following:

Teaching and Learning, Inclusions, SMSC, Home/School agreement, all curriculum policies

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Rationale:

At Greenfields we feel home learning supports and consolidates the skills, concepts and knowledge taught within the school day.

In some instances home learning will encourage children to explore and research BEFORE a topic is taught at school to help prepare them.

Although homework is not statutory, we feel there are benefits of home learning to support classroom learning, create transparency between home and school and allow parents visibility of their child's learning at school. We expect all children to complete homework set.

Through this policy we aim to:

- ensure consistency of approach throughout the school;
- ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility;
- ensure the needs of the individual pupil are taken into account;
- ensure parents/guardians have a clear understanding about expectations from themselves and the pupil;
- improve the quality of learning experience offered to pupils;
- extend and support the learning experience via reinforcement and revision;
- provide opportunities for parents, pupils and school to work in partnership;

Responsibility:

Staff at Greenfields will follow the guidance set out on this policy.

Parents are to support home learning as agreed in our Home/School Agreement.

Pupils are expected to complete all homework set to their highest standard, as expected in class work

Staff will recognise effort and achievement in home learning by giving appropriate feedback and marking.

Actions:

* Homework will be set EVERY week.

* Maths and English will be alternate weeks and spelling success will be every week.

* All children are expected to read at least 3x a week and record in their diary/planner.

* Parents should also sign when their child has read (at least weekly)

* Creative or project homework will be set no more than once per topic and will be set for no longer than 2 weeks and will be in addition to maths and English in upper school. Lower school project work will run alongside reading and success for spelling homework.

* All homework will be shared via the website and will be published on a Friday.

* Homework will be set on Friday with a deadline of Wednesday.

* Maths will usually be in the format of mymaths activities

* English may take the form of a short writing piece, editing or re-drafting work or reading comprehension activity, including SPAG skills from our web page spag.com

* Success for spelling; a range of spelling activities will be set to support children embed spelling patterns and conventions for their weekly test. These will be set by the teacher and may include;

Copying out words to help hand memory

Looking up definitions and writing them alongside the words

Putting the words in a sentence or paragraph.

Homework should take no longer than 30 mins. (On top of reading and spelling) If your child is finding work particularly easy or challenging please discuss this with the class teacher.

Year 6 homework will increase across the year to prepare them for secondary school and support their revision program for SATs.

Marking and feedback

My maths and spag.com is marked via the website and teachers will regularly check levels of success.

Project and English will be marked in line with our PRIDE behaviour code:

*PRIDE award for excellent work and effort

*Purple 2 team points

*Blue 1 team point

If a child requires specific feedback this will be provided by either verbal or written comment. Please note, as with our internal marking policy, not all errors are corrected and work will be marked in line with the objective of the work; i.e. I can write a paragraph to create suspense, or I can identify vocabulary choices to create atmosphere.

Children are encouraged to complete homework. Where a child is unable to complete the set work at home, please liaise with your class teacher and additional time or lunch club can be provided.