

Homework and Home Learning Policy



**Mowmacre Hill**  
Primary School

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(Chair of Advisory Board)

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## **Mowmacre Hill Primary**

### **Why do we need a homework policy?**

At Mowmacre Hill Primary we believe that continuous liaison with the school and parents is essential to ensure children reach their potential and gain as much from their time at school as possible. A written policy makes the purposes of homework and the examples of good practice that we following in school clear and consistent to everyone involved.

At Mowmacre Hill, we recognise the purpose of homework to:

- Support learning in the classroom and to raise the standards of achievement
- Identify and highlight children development and children needs
- Ensure that parents have an understanding of the learning and expectations in the classroom
- Support our whole school improvement plan

### **Aims of the policy**

- To provide a consistent and clear approach to setting, monitoring and marking homework activities
- To provide opportunities for reading at all ages
- To reinforce and consolidate key skills and learning from the classroom that are needed for every child to progress
- To support the partnerships between parents, carers and children in the learning process

### **Definition of homework**

At Mowmacre Hill, we define the term 'homework' to mean any work or activity which children are asked to complete outside of lesson time. This may be either on their own or with the support and guidance of a parent/carer.

### **Expectations of Homework**

At Mowmacre Hill, we believe that our homework needs to be an opportunity for children to practise and consolidate the key skills in which they need to access the curriculum at their appropriate age group. Therefore we provide children with the following:

EYFS	Reading book for home from the school's book banding system Reading book for child to share with an adult Set tasks with foci form all areas of curriculum
Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	Reading book for home from the school's book banding system Reading book for child to share with an adult Logon to Mathletics for children to access at home Where children are unable to access this, activities around number fluency will be given Selection of independent task

Timings of homework will be decided upon by the class teacher to meet the needs of the whole class. Homework is not expected to be set during the first week or completing statutory testing.

## **Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)**

Homework for children with SEND needs will reflect their need and ability. This may be related to their Personalised Provision Plan if appropriate. Class teachers will set homework to ensure it is differentiated to their needs if required and that it has a clear focus and manageable timetable.

### **How will children and parents know what has been achieved?**

Feedback to the children and parents will be given in the following ways:

- Monitoring the reading books and comments in the reading logs from parents
- Verbal feedback by the class teacher or teaching assistant to the child
- Marking for achievement and effort on any recorded activities
- Praise and recognition in class and assemblies
- Recognition on school's twitter account

### **How parents and carers can support children's learning through homework**

Parents and Carers play a vital role in ensuring children's success and lifelong learning. We provide children with reading logs where parents are invited to make comments to inform teachers. We provide workshops for parents throughout the year for them to engage in methods of teaching in school so that they can support homework. We ask that parents support homework through:

- Making it clear to pupils how they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help their learning
- Praise and encourage children when they take pride in their homework
- Provide a peaceful and comfortable place, free from distractions such as television, where children can complete their homework
- Encourage children of all ages to read as much and as widely as possible

As a school, we constantly want to support children so we offer an afterschool homework club run by teaching assistants who can support the children to complete their homework to a high standard.

### **Failure to complete homework**

If a child does not complete a homework task by the due date, a child will be asked to complete the task during playtime. If a child does not complete homework on two consecutive occasions, then a letter of concern will be sent home to parents. If a child does not complete homework on a regular basis, then parents may be invited in to discuss the matter with either the phase leader or member of senior leader.