

Homework



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parent Pocket Guide



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Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

Our flexible homework programme aims to help children develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful lifelong learning, as well as reinforcing their learning within the class setting. It supports the development of independent learning skills and will provide parents with an opportunity to take part in their child's education. This should be an enjoyable experience for both adult and child rather than an onerous chore that leaves pupils and parents feeling negative.

Here at St. Norbert's Catholic Primary School homework will encompass a variety of activities, across the curriculum and these are an important part of the home/school partnership. More detailed information concerning the content of the homework will be provided by your child's class teacher, but the following is a time guide for each year group, as recommended by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. (See: www.dcsf.gov.uk for further info).

Reception: 10 minutes daily.

Years 1 and 2: 1 hour spread throughout the week.

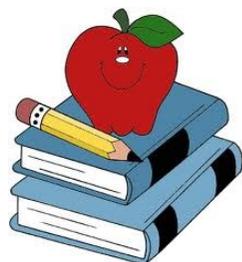
Years 3 and 4: 1 hour and 15 minutes spread throughout the week.

Years 5 and 6: 2- 2.5 hours spread throughout the week.

We do not set homework during school holidays, although it is anticipated that children will continue to enjoy reading.

We do not give homework when pupils are ill or absent, unless requested by the parents.

Always look out in September for our annual homework update letter.



How will staff support our Homework Policy?

-By ensuring that children have a clear understanding of the tasks, which will be appropriate for the ability of the child.

-By giving feedback to pupils in a variety of ways.

-By celebrating completion of homework to a good standard, using school reward systems.

-By providing a homework/reading diary (for age appropriate year groups) where the task to be completed and by when is clear.

-By providing a homework folder or book for written work which will travel between home and school.

-By liaising with parents when necessary.

-By offering parents curriculum workshops, where they will be able to learn more about the skills and strategies taught in school.

How can Parents support their Children with Homework?

-By providing encouragement and support as and when they feel necessary.

-By displaying a positive attitude towards homework and valuing its importance.

-By trying to provide somewhere peaceful to work, discussing when would be the best time to do homework and how long it should take.

-By signing and dating the homework/reading diary and giving any useful feedback to the class teacher.

We very much hope that a partnership between home and school can be promoted in support of each child's learning and that homework will provide a context for pupil/parent interaction and the enjoyment of learning experiences together.

Have Fun! If you have any concerns, please come and see us!