



Benfieldside Primary School HOMEWORK POLICY

The definition of homework at Benfieldside Primary School is: -

"Homework refers to any work or activities which pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents or carers."

This homework policy document indicates how Benfieldside Primary School intends to set homework and how parents can support their children in the working and completion of the tasks set.

AIMS

The aims of homework at Benfieldside Primary School:

- to raise pupil achievement
- to consolidate and reinforce pupils' skills, knowledge and understanding, particularly in literacy and numeracy to develop in pupils the confidence and self-discipline which will enable them to take responsibility for their own learning
- to promote positive attitudes to life-long learning
- to develop an effective partnership between the school and home
- to encourage a joint responsibility for the improvement of pupil learning
- to promote the value of homework
- to promote study skills that will support transition between KS2 and KS3

ENTITLEMENT

Each child at Benfieldside Primary School is entitled: -

- to maximise their opportunities for learning,
- to receive homework tasks appropriate to their ability and relevant to their needs in order to support their learning.

Parents of children at Benfieldside Primary School are entitled: -

- to be informed about the school's homework policy
- to feedback from teachers where appropriate (for example, on parents' evening)

Teachers are entitled:

- to co-operation from parents/ carers to ensure that homework is completed at home with appropriate support
- to receive homework from pupils which is well presented, within reasonable time limits

Teachers at Benfieldside Primary School are expected: -

- to plan homework as part of their curriculum planning

- to set tasks which can be completed within reasonable time, relative to the age of the child
- to set work according to the ability of the children
- to mark homework in line with the schools marking policy
- to provide feedback to the children on their progress (written or verbal)

GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMEWORK

The nature, type and amount of homework will vary according to the age and ability of the pupil and the subject. The homework might take a variety of forms.

The following list gives some indication of the different forms and the amount or times to be expected.

- A reading book appropriate to the reading age and ability of the child
- Sounds/words and or spellings to learn
- Number facts (such as times tables or number facts or bonds)
- A maths, literacy or topic based task
- research work and SATs revision near the time of these tests

If homework is not completed or handed in on time, without agreement from the class teacher, then children will be asked to do it in their own time.

Wherever possible, parents should try to provide a suitable place, away from distractions, for their children to do the work.