



# Stanbridge Lower School

## Homework Policy

Reviewed February 2016

### **1. RATIONALE/AIMS**

1.1 At Stanbridge Lower School regular homework is set for all pupils to:

- Further the aims of the school by developing a strong partnership between home and school.
- Effectively reinforce and / or extend that which is learnt in school, particularly in the core subjects.
- Encourage pupils, as they get older, to develop the confidence and self discipline to study at home.
- To encourage family learning through homework and Take Away Tasks.

1.2 We will endeavour to ensure that all homework receives the appropriate feedback to pupils whether through class discussion of topic work, questionnaires, or in the form of a test, for example number facts, spellings or through marking.

1.3 We ask parents of our pupils to:

- Provide a calm environment for the child to do the homework, together with an adult, where appropriate.
- Show how they value the homework and support the school in explaining how it can help their learning.
- Encourage pupils and praise them when the work is completed.
- Work with their children to complete homework tasks, offering guidance, support and help
- Talk to their class teacher if they are unsure of how to support their child with their homework.

1.4 We believe that homework should also foster creativity and enjoyment of the curriculum. It should involve tasks where learning can take place at home and involve families in enrichment activities which support the school curriculum, and involve families having fun together. This is provided in the form of Take Away Tasks which children and their families can choose to take part in.

### **2. IMPLEMENTATION**

KS1 Children

Homework may include any of the following:

- Weekly shared reading books accompanied with a yellow home reader (5 mins per night) for parents to record daily reading in. Teachers will comment as appropriate for the child/parent.
- Maths activity sheet or task. Set once a week. (20 minutes)
- Letters, sounds and/or simple spellings to learn ( 5 mins x3 sessions or one block of 15 minutes depending on task/activity)

Extra Homework may include:

- Sharing of school library books (optional)
- Handwriting practice.
- Take Away Tasks are set as part of our creative curriculum. They link to topic work and are set once a term. These are optional tasks.

KS2 children

Homework may include any of the following:

- A weekly shared reading book accompanied by a yellow home reader (5 mins per day) for parents to record daily reading in. Teachers will comment as appropriate for child/parent.
- Maths work in the form of an activity sheet or practical task. (20 minutes)
- The learning of specified multiplication tables. (5 minutes daily)
- Spellings on 'look, cover, write, check' sheets on grids allowing the child 5 daily sessions in every week - (5 minutes daily)

Extra homework may include:

- Work to be finished at home.
- Handwriting Practice
- Questionnaires to inform on Topic work.
- School library books.
- Specific information to 'find out' for the following lesson.
- Take Away Tasks are set as part of our creative curriculum. They link to topic work and are set once a term. These are optional tasks.

2.3 All homework will be set by the class teacher on a weekly basis. Teachers will endeavour to create a consistent approach to homework, however it may be necessary, due to circumstances, to change the days on which Homework is set". E.g. to coincide homework with lessons being taught across the week, so children have received the appropriate lesson before homework is sent out.

2.4 All homework set will be appropriate to the needs of the individual.

2.5 The level of difficulty may be increased for some children or reduced where the subject teacher deems it appropriate

2.6 Children in Key Stage 1 have up to one hour of homework per week in total.

- 2.7 Children in Key Stage 2 should have up to one hour and 35 minutes of homework per week in total
- 2.8 It is at the discretion of the teacher not to set homework in a week, if they think it is appropriate to do so" Eg the last week of term, Christmas Production week etc.

### **3. ASSESSMENT, REPORTING AND RECORDING**

- 3.1 Teachers will keep a record of homework set and who does/does not complete homework
- 3.2 Teachers will inform parents about any concerns regarding homework
- 3.3 Teachers will feedback achievements to children about homework through class discussions, comments, questionnaires, tests (eg spelling) or marking.
- 3.4 All homework will be kept in a blue homework folder.

### **4. REVIEW**

The school's policy will be reviewed when:

- When 2 years have elapsed.
- If there has been a significant change in the staff or pupils at Stanbridge Lower School.
- In the light of new Government initiatives

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**February 2016**

This policy was ratified by the full governing body.

Date of Meeting: .....

Signed ..... Chair of Governors.