



Homework Policy

This policy replaces	No previous policy
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Reviewer	SLT and teachers Approved by Standards Committee

PRINCIPLES

This policy has been developed under the guiding principles of the schools wider aims and values as a Church School.

‘All Growing Together in God’s Love’

School Aims

For children, staff and governors to be:

- Successful, engaged learners who are knowledgeable, skilled, enjoy learning, make strong progress and achieve
- Confident, articulate individuals who can lead safe, healthy and hopeful lives
- Responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society
- Outward facing; keen to serve our parents and our wider parish and community; all working together for the common good
- Aspiring to ‘live life in all its fullness’ John 10.10
- Inclusive; welcoming and cherishing everyone.

Our school values

Helpfulness and Relationships

Generosity and Thankfulness

Forgiveness and Compassion

Hope and Trust

Courage and Perseverance

Respect and Dignity

These values underpin our approach to behaviour and relationship in school and will guide the behaviour of children and adults in school:

In our school, with God’s help we:

- Respect ourselves, value others and our environment and show compassion in all we do
- Build strong relationships based on good manners, trust, generosity and forgiveness
- Follow instructions and always try our hardest even when we find things difficult
- Think carefully about the choices we make and try to be wise and courageous
- Will count our blessings and be grateful for the good things in our world and trust that as each day closes, we have been better people than we were the day before

In line with our vision and values outlined above, we recognise the importance of home/school working. Research indicates that carefully considered homework which extends the learning that has occurred through the day is hugely beneficial for children. Homework is also a way of involving parents/carers in the homework of their children as well as supporting children to become independent learners.

Aims of Homework

- Ensure a consistency of approach throughout the schools
- Ensure progression towards independence and an individual responsibility
- Ensure the needs of the individual are taken into account
- Ensure that parents/carers understand our expectations of them
- Provide opportunities for children to review and reinforce learning in school**
- Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work in partnership
- Provide opportunities for children and parents to share learning experiences

Reading

Reading is strongly encouraged as a regular homework. At Market Harborough CE Academy, we recognise the importance of reading. Children should read at home most evenings throughout their whole time at primary school. We hope that by making reading a regular part of homeworking that it will help our children to become strong readers and instil a love of reading that stay with them.

Frequency and Type of Homework

The table below gives the agreed amount of homework for children. Homework will be sent home each Friday and returned to school by the following Thursday at the latest.

EYFS	Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
(3 Week Cycle) Wk1 - English	Reading [5 x a week]	Times Tables Rockstars	Reading [5 x a week]
Wk2 - Maths	Spelling	Reading [5 x a week]	Spelling
Wk3 -Home Learning Challenges	Either English Challenge or Maths Challenge	Spelling	Mathletics
Reading [5 x a week]	Y2 Times Tables Rockstars	Either English Challenge or Maths Challenge	Weekly Maths and English
	Y2 SATS revision		Currently Year 6 are starting SATS revision

Every child in year 1-6 will have a homework book. Homework will be sent home each Friday in school and returned on Thursday at the latest.

For children to make the most progress reading, spelling and multiplication/division facts need to be practised regularly and opportunities to quiz children is especially beneficial. Children should be encouraged to discuss any problems they are having with their teacher. It is not acceptable for children to struggle excessively, causing upset at home.

A lunchtime Homework Club is provided for children who wish to do some of their homework at school or don't have access to a computer at home

If a child does not complete their homework on a regular basis, these concerns will be discussed with parents.

As children move through primary school, the amount of homework they are expected to complete will increase.