



Blackpool Gateway Academy Homework Policy

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Our Mission Statement

All at Blackpool Gateway Academy are in pursuit of educational excellence. We endeavour to work together with parents, governors and the local community to provide high quality care and education through continuous improvement. Encouraging all children to enjoy learning, develop their best potential and show mutual respect for one another. We promote independence and hope that all our pupils become **'life-long learners'**.

Aims and Rationale

We believe that education is a life-long process and learning at home is an essential part of a good education. Homework makes an important contribution to progress at school.

The purpose of homework is to:

- Develop an **effective partnership between school and parents** for each child's education.
- **Consolidate, reinforce and extend skills** and understanding, particularly in English and Maths.
- Utilise resources for learning available at home.
- Develop **confidence, independence and self-discipline** needed for personal study.
- Ensure a consistent approach to homework throughout the school.

Homework Expectations by Key Stage

All children will receive their homework on a **Friday** and it should be returned by the following **Wednesday**. The frequency and nature of homework is tailored to the age and developmental stage of the child.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS / Reception)

The focus is on learning together and developing core skills.

- **Reading:** 15 minutes of reading daily at home (recorded in the child's Reading Record).
- **Creative:** A half-termly 'Project on the Page' based on creative ideas linked to the curriculum.

Years 1 – 4 (Key Stage One & Lower Key Stage Two)

Homework continues to embed key skills whilst promoting independence.

- **Reading:** 15 minutes of reading daily at home (recorded in the child's Reading Record).
- **Creative:** a half-termly 'Project on the Page'.
- **English:** weekly spellings (tested once a week).
- **Maths:** daily times table challenges on Times Table Rockstars.

Years 5 – 6 (Upper Key Stage Two)

Homework focuses on developing independent learning skills in preparation for secondary school.

- **Reading:** 15 minutes of reading daily at home (recorded in the child's Reading Record).
- **Creative:** a half-termly 'Project on the Page'.
- **English:** weekly spellings (tested once a week).
- **Maths:** either arithmetic or reasoning challenges on LBQ.

Using Technology to Support with Homework

The school encourages the use of ICT and the internet to support learning. However, the child's safety is paramount.

- Parents and carers are advised to **always supervise their child's access to the internet**.
- Teachers expect children to produce their **own work**; not copying and pasting content.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Homework will be marked in accordance with the school Feedback Policy.
- Senior Leadership Team (SLT) is responsible for the monitoring and review of this policy in conjunction with staff, parents and children.