



# Great Marsden St John's Primary School

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## Our Vision

**Our children will experience love, respect, faith and success as unique individuals within our school community and the wider world, now and in the future.**

## Our Mission

**“We ask that Christ will live in our hearts through faith making us rooted and grounded in LOVE.”**

## **HOMEWORK POLICY FOR GREAT MARSDEN ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY – A Church of England Academy**

### Rationale.

At Great Marsden St John's we believe that our children learn best when there is a clear partnership between school and home. We also recognise that family time is very precious and that home learning should fit into that scenario.

There is no legal requirement to set homework. September 2019 Ofsted said that its inspectors will not assess how homework is being done under its new framework because schools should decide whether or not they set it for their pupils. It is very much up to individual schools to determine their policy on this. Ofsted also acknowledge, as do we, that homework can impact negatively on family life.

In recognition of this we conducted a parental consultation in November 2019 to gain a clear understanding of what parents wanted from us regarding homework. Using this data we revised our existing policy and practice. In formulating this we were also mindful of the workload of staff, as well as trying to enhance deep learning.

### How and when homework will be set.

- 1) We will ask parents annually if they wish their child/ren to receive homework. If parents have said they do not want their child to receive any homework, their wishes will be adhered to.
- 2) As a reading school we acknowledge that some children may choose to read for pleasure regardless of the fact that their parents have opted out of homework. Whilst

we recognise and gladly appreciate children reading their own books from home, we would also encourage them to read books from school which offer an appropriate level of challenge. This is something we widely encourage and therefore all children can still take books home if they wish.

- 3) Children should bring their reading book and record to school every day and the expectation remains that the log is signed at least three times a week. This can be by an older family member. In upper Key Stage 2, the child will be permitted to sign the reading record themselves.
- 4) Children should also bring their maths record into school on a daily basis and the expectation for this being signed are as above in no 3.
- 5) Homework will be delivered via Google Classroom in most instances. We will make exceptions for parents who wish the children to have homework but do not have suitable devices for their child/ren to work on. It will be set weekly. Should homework not be submitted by the date required, a text will be sent home notifying parents that they have missed the deadline. If three consecutive dates are missed without parental explanation it will be assumed that parents are opting out of receiving homework for their child. Similarly, parents have the opportunity to opt into homework at any point during the school year.
- 6) We encourage children to take pride in all aspects of school life and homework should be seen as part of this and completed to the high standard expected in all lessons.
- 7) Should family members wish to complete homework with their child in school, a weekly after school club will initially be provided and the response to this will be gauged.
- 8) Should families require resources to support them in the completion of homework, these can be provided on request from the staff in class.

#### Year Group Specifics

- Homework, in the form of reading, will begin in the second full week of the Autumn term for Reception children.
- For Reception children the full homework log and maths record will commence from Autumn 2.
- In Year 6, the homework format will be the same as the rest of the school for Autumn and Summer 2 terms.

- In Spring and Summer 1 all Year 6 children regardless of parental preference will be provided with SATs revision guides which will constitute the homework.

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