



## Scissett Middle School

*Working together, respecting all, because everyone matters*

Policy	Homework Policy		
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### Objective of Policy

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### **Homework enables pupils to:**

- pre-learn and over-learn knowledge around curriculum topics
- consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning activities
- access resources not available in school
- develop research skills
- have an opportunity for independent work
- show progress and understanding
- provide feedback in the evaluation of teaching
- enhance their study skills e.g. planning, time management, self-discipline, resilience etc.
- engage parental cooperation and support
- create channels for home/school dialogue

### **Roles and responsibilities of headteacher, other staff, pupils:**

#### **The head teacher will ensure:**

- that homework is an integral part of the curriculum and is planned and prepared alongside all other programmes of learning
- homework is informed by DfE guidance about time commitments
- there are facilities within school to complete homework e.g. lunch time and after school homework club

#### **Subject leaders will ensure that:**

- homework is appropriate to the age, ability and circumstances of the pupils, taking into account special educational needs
- homework coordinated in order to be manageable for children

#### **Subject teachers will ensure that:**

- all homework tasks are added to Classcharts
- homework is marked in line with guidance and agreed standards. This may be self, peer, teacher or online marked.
- completed homework is recorded as submitted on Classcharts
- tasks are at an appropriate level of challenge and well structured
- pupils understand the purpose of the homework tasks
- it is clear to pupils how their homework consolidates and extends the knowledge they are learning in the classroom and homework is set regularly in accordance with the agreed timetable
- homework is completed satisfactorily and on time

- homework will be set with appropriate deadlines for the length of the task

**Class teachers will monitor that:**

- Pupils have the relevant equipment to complete homework
- pupils have their Classcharts logins

**Pupils will be required to:**

- take responsibility for completing homework
- record the homework tasks in their pupil planners
- ensure their understanding of the tasks, and demonstrate a commitment to spending an allocated time completing the tasks set
- they will return their work on time

**Parents will be required to:**

- encourage and monitor homework and inform their child's teacher if an issue arises
- support the school systems regarding sanctions for missed homework

**Arrangements for setting homework**

Key stage 2 pupils will receive homework for Mathematics and English only.

Key Stage 3 pupils will receive homework across the curriculum.

Homework tasks will be discussed with pupils during lessons and they will then be given sufficient time to record the task in their diary and ask questions. In addition to the formal homework pupils receive, we would also encourage pupils to read for pleasure.

Pupils should also use their homework time to read if no official homework is set. It should also be noted that every student at Scissett Middle School has a MyMaths and TTRockStars log in allowing them to complete Maths work outside of normal lessons/homework if they so wish. KS2 pupils are also encouraged to use the revision material on SATs Companion for English and Maths.

**Homework Policy Sanctions:**

Teachers are required to use some level of discretion when sanctioning missing homework or homework which has not been completed to the appropriate standard. Reasonable adjustments should be in place for any pupil with additional needs, as required and in liaison with the SENDCO.

Pupils may receive negative points on Classcharts for homework that is not completed or completed to an acceptable standard.

A teacher may keep a pupil at break or lunch time to support students in completing their homework if they miss the submission deadline.

This can also be used by teachers for pupils who fail to submit homework to the appropriate standard more than twice in a term or earlier if deemed appropriate.