



Homework Policy

Homework should be used to:

- Give pupils the opportunity of extending the learning offered to them in class.
- Enable pupils to practise skills in different settings
- Give parents the opportunity to participate in their child's education
- Promote independent learning

Homework should:

- Be matched to the ability of the pupil
- Be set for individuals
- Be in a form that suits the pupil and the activity
- Be understood by parents

Due to the nature of their learning difficulties and / or their physical disabilities the majority of our pupils do not work on paper based tasks. Their work is practical, completed with real objects and often only achieved by working with close adult supervision and guidance.

One of the best ways to set homework is to discuss with a parent what the child is working on at present in school. This can be done through a formal homework note, a home diary note, at reviews or other face to face meetings. Teachers will give suggestions for how these can be supported at home.

How Much - How Often?

The amount of homework set cannot be dictated for all pupils. Some pupils are too tired at the end of the day to need more input. Others have the sort of home life where the one to one input needed to complete any homework is not available, and others have behaviour and other problems which makes it out of the question. Teachers have to make the decision as to which pupils will benefit from homework and how much to set. The leadership team will monitor this by scrutinising actual work, comparing classes, talking to pupils and parents. From the evaluation they will make suggestions to teachers about individual needs.

What might constitute homework?

Any of the following might be set as homework:

Completing a worksheet, writing a letter, writing a story, puzzles, reading, retelling a story to a parent, drawing, visits to the library, listening to music, interviews with friends and family, number games, model making, learning by heart, spellings, fact finding from the Internet, newspapers or books, revision, shopping or household tasks linked to independence skills.

Homework ideas on the website

There are many activities which parents can complete with their children that will develop their learning. Many of these ideas have been collected together and put on our website:
www.lakeside.herts.sch.uk/homelearning