



Oak Hill Academy West London
an Aspirations Academy

Homework Policy

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We believe that homework enhances, enriches and extends pupils' learning. It supports the Aspirations ethos of encouraging pupils to become independent learners who are able to persevere with tasks and exceed their own expectations. Homework is purposeful and allows pupils to be creative.

It is expected that all children at our school complete Reading, SPaG and Maths homework weekly alongside a half termly Enrichment Project homework, which is optional.

The Purposes of Homework

- To achieve higher standards and support pupil outcomes
- To consolidate, develop and extend each child
- To develop and extend the learning opportunities introduced in the classroom
- To help develop self-discipline and organisation
- To enable parents to support their children at school
- To prepare children for secondary education

Homework will be:

- related to class weekly and termly learning journeys
- introduced and explained in class
- allocated and completed on Google Classroom and/ or online educational platforms
- communicated to parents through the Year Group weekly email

Each week, teachers will monitor weekly homework which is completed on Google Classroom.

There will always be the expectation that homework is valued by all concerned and should be presented to a high standard.

It is our intention that work will always be broadly matched to a child's ability.

If homework is regularly not completed then parents will be contacted initially by the class teacher and then by the Year Team Leader, if necessary. A member of the SLT may become involved if there are further concerns.

Should a parent have objections to their own child doing homework it is our policy to invite them to discuss all issues fully. Every attempt will be made to ensure that parents understand why we value homework and include it as an integral part of our educational programmes for their children.

Children are provided with the opportunity to complete homework during the school day at a weekly lunchtime homework club.

What will be set and when

Homework will be set on Friday and expected in on the following Wednesday (unless otherwise stated on the homework task sheet). On occasions where all children are not at school on Friday (i.e. due to school closure) it will be explained and given out on Thursday.

Each half term, children will be set an optional Enrichment homework related to the main No Limits assignment being taught during the half term. An explanation and ideas, with a suggested schedule, will be supplied by the teacher in order to support this.

Weekly homework will be set as follows:

- i. Reading books to be taken home daily with the expectation that each child will read at home every day.
- ii. SPaG homework will be set on Google classroom and / or on an online education platform.
- iii. Maths homework will be set on Google classroom and / or on an online education platform (this will be a mixture of times tables, arithmetic and reasoning questions or tasks throughout the term).

Year 6 children may receive extra homework (e.g. Reading comprehension or Maths) in the lead up to their SATs.

Personalised Specific Homework

Sometimes children will be given '5-10 minute a-night tasks' which are linked to their own personal educational targets. This will be in addition to other work set and will support improvements in their learning.

Communicating to parents

This will happen through:

- Regular Curriculum meetings with parents
- Termly newsletters informing parents of the term's learning journeys
- Parents' Evenings (discussion based around curriculum targets)
- Individual telephone calls or letters if it is desirable to discuss a specific concern or achievement
- The school website and weekly emails in which tasks set are described and parents can see what their children are expected to do

Homework not appropriately done – what do we do?

- Opportunity will be provided within school for a child to do it –lunchtime homework club.
- If it continues not to be done then parents will be notified (see above).
- Parents will be invited to discuss with the class teacher initially, then the Year Team Leader and eventually the Principal.
- Parents will be reminded of the Home School Agreement and that homework is an integral part of the work at this school.
- Children who fail to hand in homework on a Wednesday will be asked to complete it at lunchtime.

Monitoring

- Class Teacher - Weekly
- Year Team Leader - Half termly
 - that the work is set and monitored as agreed
 - that it is matched to ability
 - responses to homework from pupils' and from parents' comments
- SLT - By reports from the Year Team Leaders re-above

This policy was reviewed in March 2021

It is the responsibility of the SLMT and the whole staff to ensure that this policy is adhered to.