



**Torrance Primary School**  
**HOME LEARNING POLICY**  
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### **Introduction**

Homework provides a valuable link between the school and home and enables parents/carers to be regularly involved in their child's learning. Following consultation with staff, parents/carers and pupils, we have reviewed and updated our Home Learning Policy in 2010.

### **Aims**

The purpose of homework is to:

- Consolidate and extend the learning that takes place in the class.
- Provide opportunities for challenge and enjoyment of learning at home.
- Develop children's responsibility for planning and organising their work, leading to good study habits.
- Involve parents/carers as partners in their child's learning.

### **Responsibilities**

Teachers should:

- Plan an appropriate programme of homework tasks to meet the needs of the class.
- Explain tasks clearly.
- Provide feedback to pupils in relation to homework tasks.
- Monitor the progress of the children (e.g. teacher, peer or self assessment).

Pupils should:

- Record activities clearly in their homework diaries, younger children will require teacher support.
- Complete homework tasks as specified on time.
- Ensure the same level of effort and presentation as would be expected in class work.

Parents should:

- Help their child organise their homework activities.
- Provide a suitable home learning environment.
- Check their child's homework for effort and presentation.
- Inform the teacher if any problems occur.

### **Communication with Parents**

- The homework diaries provide a two way method of communication.
- The homework policy will be issued to all new parents.
- The homework policy will also be available on the school website.
- Homework help leaflets will also be available on the website.
- Termly class newsletters will provide homework information.

### **Non Completion of Homework**

We expect completed homework to be handed in on time, but there may be occasions where this is not possible and the class teacher should be informed if this is the case. The school will inform parents if a child is consistently failing to complete homework for no apparent reason to try to resolve the problem together.