



Ranvilles Junior School Homework Policy

1. ACCESSIBILITY

This policy is available in large print or Braille.
Please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange this for you.

2. PURPOSE OF POLICY

This policy aims to mirror and formalise the good practice already in place at Ranvilles Junior School as an extension in the home. For the purpose of this policy "homework" refers to any work or activities pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents or guardians. These activities should not interfere with others the children may do after school, such as sport, music and clubs of all kinds.

3. APPROVAL

Approval date:

Approver
signature:.....

Approver position: Curriculum Chair

Date for next review: May 2020



4. **INTRODUCTION**

Homework will be assigned to children in order to ensure:

- Positive home school links are established
- Parents/guardians can be active partners in the education of their children.
- Pupils' work initiated in school has an opportunity to be supported and extended at home
- Consistency of approach throughout the school in developing independence
- Needs of individual pupils are taken into account
- Consolidation and reinforcement of basic skills
- Children have the opportunities to take responsibility for the management of their own learning.

Our ethos is focused on developing and improving quality rather than quantity.

5. **CONTENT**

All parents are encouraged to contribute to their child's development by providing a rich and varied home life with discussion between adult and child, using books, writing and drawing materials, imaginative and creative toys and a careful selection of television and programmes and use of ICT.

A Homework "Question and Answer" Information pack is available on our school website to complement this policy.

Homework is carefully planned and structured to support the pupils' learning. We ask that all parents support **activities** set by the teacher for homework which cover core skills in:

- Spellings
- Reading /comprehensions activities / writing
- Multiplication tables practice / core maths skills

Pupils will also have the opportunity to complete **Challenges** linked to the set activity. Parents can choose to support their child at home with this homework.

Children are encouraged to complete a project linked to the curriculum - **an Extension**. This project based homework links with our Infant school and gives the children time to complete a foundation based activity over several weeks.

A= Activity – core skills homework (compulsory)

C= Challenge – an option linked to the basic skills activity (optional)

E= Extension – a project linked to the foundation curriculum (optional)

Setting and collecting in of homework

A description of the homework for the whole week will be given to the children every Wednesday and will be due in the following Monday; children will always have more than one night to complete it.



Recommended Timings

Years Three and Four

In year 3, children will be set two homework tasks of thirty minutes each, or the equivalent in total, every week. In year 4, children will be set two homework tasks of forty minutes each, or the equivalent in total, every week. Both year groups will have a third task focused on the foundation curriculum to be completed over a half term.

Years Five and Six

In year 5, children will be set two homework tasks of fifty minutes each, or the equivalent in total, every week. In year 6, children can expect two homework tasks of up to one hour each, or the equivalent in total, every week. Homework will continue to be focused mainly on literacy and numeracy but should also include topic work tasks which support the child's learning in other subjects on a regular basis. Both year groups will have a third task focused on the foundation curriculum to be completed over a half term.

PARENT FEEDBACK

Parents will be given the opportunity to feed back on their children's response to homework at parents' evenings. Parents are also welcome to make an appointment with teachers to discuss homework tasks where, for instance, they are unsure of what is required. We welcome and encourage parents to comment in writing with regards to children's homework and this can be done through the Home/School Planners.