



## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

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# **The Buckinghamshire Primary PRU**

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### **Introduction**

Homework is anything that children do outside the normal school day, which contributes to their learning in response to guidance from the PRU. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents to support children's learning. For example, a parent who spends time sharing a book with their child before bedtime is helping with the learning process.

### **Rationale for homework**

Learning is a lifelong process; it is not something which takes place purely during a school day. We are aware that learning experiences can be further enriched by not restricting education to the time and resources provided in any school/PRU. Children and parents benefit from sharing the learning processes. Tasks completed at home are also an important way of establishing a successful dialogue between teachers and parents. Our PRU encourages children to develop as independent learners.

We acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. We realise that such activities can present learning opportunities themselves and can play a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment. Homework should form part of a wide range of out-of-PRU activities that play an integral part in the lives of all children. We are well aware that children spend more time at home than at the PRU. When encouraged by parents, children can develop their skills, interests and talents to the full.

It is expected that part-time pupils will continue to be set homework by their referring mainstream school in line with their own practices. From time to time the PRU will also set purposeful homework for part-time pupils to enhance learning in line with PRU policies and practices.

In addition, a pupil's lead teacher will ensure that suitable homework, including reflection / evaluation of learning at the PRU, is set weekly for full-time pupils.

### **Aims and objectives**

The aims and objectives of homework are:

- to enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic development;
- to help pupils develop the skills of an independent learner;
- to promote a partnership between home and school in supporting each child's learning;
- to enable aspects of the curriculum to be explored in further depth;
- to provide educational experiences not possible in the PRU;
- to consolidate and reinforce learning done in the PRU and to allow children to practice skills taught in lessons;
- to help children develop good work habits for the future.

### **Inclusive homework**

We set tasks for all children as a normal part of PRU life. We ensure that these are appropriate to the ability of all children. Activities will be sympathetic to their individual needs.

## **Types of homework**

A variety of types of homework may be set throughout the PRU. These may include:

- Reading
- Learning spellings & times tables/number facts
- Research
- Reinforcement of learning in PRU time
- Practical activities

## **The role of parents and carers**

Parents have a vital role to play in their child's education and positive home learning experiences are key to development. Parents are invited and encouraged to help their children as they feel necessary and provide them with the sort of environment that allows children to do their best.

This can be by:

- providing a peaceful working space at home
- discussing the work that their child is doing
- not completing the work for their children as it is important that the teacher is aware of the child's own ability to complete the work.

The PRU will communicate with parents about homework by phone, in person or through the communication book/diary which each child has in place. Parents are encouraged to comment as appropriate on their child's homework.

If parents have any problems or questions about topics or tasks, they should, in the first instance, contact the child's class teacher. Should parents wish to make a complaint about the PRU homework policy or the way it is implemented, they should follow the PRU's complaints procedure.

## **Monitoring and review**

It is the responsibility of our Management Committee to agree and then monitor the PRU's Homework Policy.

Signed

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Chair, Management Committee

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Headteacher