



Homework Policy

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Owner	Headteacher

Heath Farm School recognises that homework is a valuable element of the school curriculum and can be an important means to raise a pupil's self-esteem, as well as supporting work done in the classroom. However, it is not appropriate to overload pupils with a very rigid and strict policy of homework as this can be counterproductive.

Frequency and content

Heath Farm School believes it is reasonable to expect that all students have English and Maths homework each week. This includes online packages such as Mathletics and Spellodrome - students have individual log ins, distributed by teachers.

The School recognises that homework may take many forms and may include reading, written work, observations, research and practice of other skills as appropriate. Reading regularly is an essential part of building literacy skills, Accelerated Reader reinforces the development of reading including comprehension.

At the beginning of the academic year, each student is given a reading record which we expect them to take care of. Students are awarded with stickers, certificates and prizes when they have completed various reading challenges.

The expectation of regular reading will differ between each student, but at least three times a week for five minutes should be encouraged.

Non-core subjects

In foundation and other non-core subjects, homework may be set at the discretion of the teacher or upon request from the student, parent or carers, as long as the level and frequency of the work does not place an unrealistic burden on the pupil. The School recognises that there will be occasions when more than one piece of homework will need to be set for a group in a particular subject.

Role of Parents and Carers

The School views the support of Parents and Carers as very important to the effective use of homework. All Parents and Carers will be acquainted with the School's Homework Policy.

Monitoring and Communication

Each class/subject teacher will be responsible for monitoring their students' homework. The class/subject teacher will be responsible for liaison with Parents and Carers on matters relating to homework. Each student will have a bag to carry their homework in, which is normally left in the classroom whilst in school.

Evaluation

This policy is evaluated each year, using Parent and Carer contributions from Annual reviews and comments in home/school books, diaries and Parent/Carer Open Afternoons.