

Christ Church C of E  
Primary School, Moreton



# Homework Policy

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*Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good. Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another. Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.”*

*Romans 12:9-12*

**Mission Statement**

***Together we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us***

Our mission is to love all children who are part of our community helping them develop respect, tolerance, self-confidence and to become the best they can be.

We will support our children to develop their God given gifts to the full and encourage a life-long passion for learning which will successfully lead them into secondary school and beyond.

As a church school at the heart of Moreton community, our work is underpinned by the Christian values of *friendship, humility, forgiveness, compassion, justice and service* which Jesus helps us to achieve.

We are a welcoming, caring and inclusive school committed to working in partnership with parents, governors, Christ Church and Chester Diocese Academy Trust.

We strive to provide a rich and varied curriculum which reflects God's concern for the whole child; promoting spiritual, moral, cultural, physical and emotional wellbeing alongside academic excellence and independence.

As a school community, we all work together to provide the very best for our pupils and families; firmly believing that:

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## Introduction

Homework can be described as anything that children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning and helps them to progress. Homework includes a whole variety of activities which can be set by teachers and parents/guardians to support the children's learning.

## Rationale for homework

Homework is an important part of a child's education, and can add much to a child's development in addition to their school work. Homework plays a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment and the rate at which they make progress. We see homework as an important example of co-operation between teachers and parents/guardians.

One of the aims of our teaching is for children to develop as independent learners and we believe that doing homework is one of the main ways in which children can acquire the skill of independent learning. However, we also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development outside of the school day, so this policy aims to outline realistic homework expectations that compliment your child's whole development.

## Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of homework are:

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

## What do we expect at Christ Church?

### ❖ Role of the Child

Children should make sure they take their homework home and where possible, complete it independently or with the guidance of their parents / guardians. Children **must** take homework from their bags in the morning that it is due in and place it in the homework tray / box. Teachers *cannot* take homework from children's bags.

### ❖ Role of the Parent / Guardian

Parents and guardians should support (where necessary) and encourage their children to complete their homework to a high standard and within the deadline given.

### ❖ Role of the Teaching Staff

Teaching staff should set the homework and acknowledge returned completed homework by marking written tasks and give feedback where appropriate. Some feedback may be given as a whole class input and used as a teaching and learning exercise in lesson time. Staff will offer homework clubs to support children to access tasks set for homework.

## Inclusion and homework

At Christ Church, we set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child, and we endeavour to differentiate and adapt any task set so that all children can contribute in a positive way.

## Use of ICT for homework

A copy of the school's E-Safety policy is available from the school on request



and may also be found on the school website. The child's safety is paramount in all matters regarding the use of the internet and we advise parents and carers to always supervise their child's access to the internet when undertaking homework tasks online. There are many websites containing highly educational material which can have a powerful effect on children's learning; Christ Church C of E Primary School whole heartedly endorses the safe use of online educational material.

### Expectations of homework

At Christ Church, parents can expect the following homework:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Homework Tasks</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
<b>FS2</b>	<i>As and when your child is developmentally ready in FS2, homework will be as follows:</i>	
	Reading Basic Skills Challenge Topic Based Project	Set once a week, please read daily with your child Set once a week, linked to Phonics, Maths or Writing Set during school holidays
<b>Year 1</b>	Reading Spellings Challenge book	Set once a week, please read daily with your child Will be set half termly, once children are ready for this Set once a week, focus on Maths, English or Topic set on a Friday, due back on Wednesday
<b>Year 2</b>	Reading Spellings Homework book	Set once a week, please read daily with your child Set half termly tested on Monday Set once a week, focus on Maths or English, set on a Friday, due back on Wednesday
<b>Year 3</b>	Reading Maths English / Topic Spellings	Set once a week, please read daily with your child Set once a week on a Friday, due back on a Wednesday Set once a week on a Friday, due back on a Wednesday Set half termly, tested on Friday
<b>Year 4</b>	English Spellings Reading Maths	Set each Monday, due back in on a Friday Set half termly, tested on a Friday Expected to be done daily Set once a week (set Friday – due back Wednesday)
<b>Year 5</b>	Reading Spelling English Maths	Please read daily with your child, books can be changed daily Set half termly, tested on a Friday Set half termly, one piece due back each Monday Set on a Friday, due back on a Monday
<b>Year 6</b>	Reading All Homework	Please read daily with your child, books can be changed daily Set online via SATs companion and Time Table Rockstars. This includes spelling tasks.

Homework may be set on different days for each year group. Please refer to year group newsletters for further information on this.

Where possible, homework will be displayed on the school website, allowing for easy access for parents and children.

If any further support is needed for homework then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Infant Homework club is offered every Tuesday, 3.15-4pm

Junior Homework club is offered every Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm

