



Homework Policy

Throughout their time at St. Michael's School Woolmer Green children will be set tasks to complete at home. This homework is designed to enhance learning. Parents are informed of the policy through the school prospectus, initial meetings with parents and formal teacher parent contacts.

Parents should be made aware of the homework their children are being set and are informed through homework diaries and newsletters, which set out the topics being covered that term and arrangements regarding formal homework. If there are difficulties regarding homework then these are normally easily dealt with by note or conversation with the teacher.

Parents can help their child by:-

- Providing an atmosphere conducive to learning
- Setting a regular time for homework
- Helping children gather relevant resources by visiting the library, museums, bookshops and so on
- Taking an interest by encouraging and praising the child
- By contacting the teacher if the child does not understand the homework or if there is a recurring problem.

Homework varies depending on the age and needs of the child and consists of a variety of activities. It does not always require a written response and could include finding out information, conducting research, learning parts for a performance, bringing in items to school.

Homework will be marked by the teacher or by the children marking each other's work. We aim to mark sensitively, with the age, ability and confidence of the child in mind. We try to be constructive and helpful in what we say and write. Further information is contained in our marking policy.

Foundation Stage

Children are expected to read daily at home, practising key words and talking through the book.

Key Stage One

Children are expected to read daily at home. We recommend that these sessions are kept short (approximately ten minutes) but this will vary depending on the child and family situation. Children are asked to learn spellings at home using the look, cover, write, check method. Staff may also set the children tasks of finding out information. There will be weekly maths homework. Children will also learn their times tables at home.

Key Stage Two

Children are expected to take part in increasing homework activity in order to prepare them for the homework set in secondary schools. No homework should engage a child for more than half an hour per night. All children will be expected to read at home and record this in their reading book. Children have spellings to learn and sentences to write containing these spellings.

Children have regular multiplication or mental arithmetic tests to prepare for at home. Children who learn musical instruments are expected to set aside time to practise at home if they are to make progress.

Occasionally children may be asked to complete work at home to enable them to stay on task, particularly if it is felt that more should have been achieved at school.

Poor quality homework is not acceptable and teachers may ask for this work to be taken home, completed and resubmitted. Pupils who consistently do not complete their homework will be expected to do the work at break time.