

Bishop Wood C of E Junior School



Homework Policy

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed in full by the Governing Body every three years.

The policy was last reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body in November 2024.

It is due for review in November 2027.

Signature

Date

Head Teacher

Signature

Date

Chair of Governors

INTRODUCTION

At Bishop Wood Church of England Junior School, we understand that homework can be used to effectively support current learning in the classroom; tasks should be set that correlate to the curriculum covered.

We believe that there are five hallmarks to effective homework:

- Purpose: pupils should understand why the task is set and how it can be completed successfully
- Efficiency: the task set should be focused on the knowledge and skills required and take no longer than necessary
- Ownership: pupils perform better when they own or choose the task set
- Competence: homework must be appropriate to the ability of the pupils, enabling positive outcomes
- Aesthetic Appeal: tasks should be enticing and give pupils the chance to create well-presented tasks

We are conscious of the need to consider the wellbeing and work/life balance of all stakeholders within the school community:

- Homework should not put undue pressure on pupils or their families
- Staff should not be overburdened with excessive marking as a result of homework
- Parents will be able to understand the task and support their child/ren
- We encourage collaboration and support from any family member or friend to help pupils succeed

HOMEWORK SCHEDULE

Weekly tasks in reading, writing and maths will be closely aligned to the curriculum and serve to support skills and knowledge being developed in lessons. Half termly projects will also be themed and linked to the curriculum, most likely the topic of study for that half term.

	Tasks	Maximum Time
Key Stage 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pupils read daily for 30mins● Weekly maths challenges and/or writing activities	3 hours a week (including time spent reading)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Half termly project linked to the curriculum	4 hours per half term

If parents find their child is spending, on a regular basis, far more time on homework than is suggested for the child's year group, or if the child is experiencing any other difficulties, parents should make contact with the class teacher.

Homework will not be set over school holiday periods and teachers will not set homework to help pupils catch up, if they take holiday absence in term time.

Deadlines for tasks will be set by the teacher and confirmed with the class. Copies of resources and instructions will be sent home and made available on the class page of the school website.

Unfinished class work will not be sent home as homework, unless discussed and agreed with parents due to specific circumstances.

Should children fail to complete the task, they will be given the opportunity to complete the work during an extension period or in their own time at school. However, no sanctions will be given for the failure to complete homework. If a pupil frequently fails to hand in the expected work, the teacher will discuss their concerns with the parents to find a solution.