

# Homework Matters

A guide to Homework at Langwith Bassett Junior Academy  
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## Homework

We define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Langwith Bassett we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of strengthening links with home and developing community learning and engagement.

### Why give homework?

- It can inform other family members of work going on in class or half termly topics and encourage them to become involved and support their child.
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning and encourage involvement of the whole family.
- It takes advantage of the home environment and resources and the chance for quality family time.
- It helps to foster good habits of organisation and self-motivation and discipline in preparation for the demands of secondary education.

### Homework at our school

Whilst we support the value of homework, Langwith Bassett is not a school at which homework dominates home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture children and parent's imagination and that weekends and family time can sometimes be busy.

We work our children incredibly hard when they are at school. When they are at home we want our children to play, socialise and be involved in a range of activities which will develop them into well rounded individuals with a range of skills and interests.

We believe that, for this reason, homework should not be excessive and should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned. **If homework becomes a chore, burden or source of conflict then it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning.**

### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

- 15 minutes each day reading and sharing books
- 10 minutes a day learning number facts, times tables and spellings

### **Year 3 and 4**

- 15 minutes a day reading to an adult.
- 10 minutes a day learning times tables and spellings
- 30 minutes a week on other Maths English or topic activity as appropriate

### **Year 5 and 6**

- 15 minutes a day reading to an adult.

- 10 minutes a day learning times tables and spellings
- 1 hr a week on other Maths English or topic activity as appropriate

The Government's guidelines for schools Homework: Guidelines for Primary and Secondary Schools can be read in full on the DfES Standards Site.

The guidelines emphasise that it is more important that homework helps your child to learn than whether it takes a certain amount of time. The guidelines encourage schools to plan homework carefully alongside the work children do at school, and to make sure that all activities are appropriate for individual children.

### **Frequently asked questions**

**How much homework?** Children should not be expected to spend significantly longer on them than the guide times set out above. Activities may not take as long as the guide times: that does not matter at all as long as they are useful.

**What sort of activities should children be doing?** All homework activities should be related to work children are doing at school. However, homework may not always be written work. For very young children it will largely be: reading with parents or carers, informal games to practice mathematical skills, spellings. Older children may be asked to carry out research or a topic related activity.

**Should parents help with homework?** Generally, schools are very keen for parents to support and help children with their homework. But there may be times when schools will want to see what your children can do on their own.

### **What to do if you or your child have concerns**

If you found the homework inappropriate for your child, if they lack interest, if it becomes a battleground or if you are concerned that homework is given inconsistently please talk with your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you still have concerns then speak with Mrs Bacon, the Principal.

Any questions?

The full Homework policy is available on our website. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Mrs Bacon if you require any more information about Homework at Langwith Bassett Junior Academy. We are always happy to help.

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