



Keble Prep Homework Policy

Aims of the Policy

We believe that homework has a role to play in the education of boys at Keble School in that it can:

- Help develop their organisational skills
- Encourage independent thought processes
- Allow them to catch up on work that has been missed or is incomplete
- Enable them to read about a particular topic
- Give an opportunity to carry out research from new sources
- Help them practise examples of work that have been undertaken in class
- Enable them to learn new vocabulary
- Help them prepare for tests or examinations
- Allow parents to be involved in the educative process

Objectives of the Policy

The policy will outline the procedures and requirements through the school.

Homework Diaries

Each September from Year 3 onwards, each boy is given a homework diary and is shown how to use it by his form teacher. He is expected to be responsible for noting down his homework in the diary and to take the necessary books home and return the completed work to his teacher. Any boy unable to complete his work should ensure that his parents send a note to the teacher concerned.

Junior School

Homework of some description is set from the time the boys enter Keble in Reception. It is seen as a positive opportunity for parents to work with their son and the school and also for the boys to consolidate and extend their learning. All boys have a reading record for the logging of books read and comments.

In Reception reading daily at home with an adult is expected plus some support with phonics. Maths and literacy activities are provided for working on over the weekend.

In Year 1 there is daily home reading plus a weekend activity based on topic work, which may include some form of writing or research, a phonics activity and a weekly maths activity.

In Year 2 home reading, reading extension, the learning of new reading vocabulary plus learning of a weekly spelling list and particular multiplication tables is expected. The last two items may vary according to the boy's ability. A maths activity based on the current work is sent home each week. There is occasional homework related to topics.

In Years 3 & 4 there is a homework task set weekly in Maths, English, and spellings as well as usual home reading. A time limit of 30/40 minutes is suggested for homework tasks. Homework in areas such as Science, Geography and History will be set in turn throughout the term.

In all classes particular boys may be asked to complete a task at home or occasionally be given extra practice in a task where it is felt necessary. This will be to strengthen their understanding, reinforce what they have learned in class or to undertake work relating to a topic. In these cases a written note in the individual diary will be made.

All boys in Year 1 to 3 have a library time once a week in which to select a book of their own choice and share it with their parents at home.

Senior School

In the senior school homework is set by subject. The boys receive a homework timetable in September, which also outlines the daily time requirements for each year group.

Sensible time limits are recommended for each subject. These increase as the boys progress through the school.

Homework is recorded on Realsmart for parents and teachers to access.

There are even times when the boys can use their iPad to photograph instructions written on the board. If the set homework is not completed on time parents should write a note explaining the reasons. Boys should not spend a significant amount of time over the indicated requirements; parents can also indicate if this is the case and where necessary sign the work as incomplete.

Holiday Homework

In general, the school feels that the holidays are for recharging batteries and therefore does not set holiday homework beyond any due for that evening. Exceptions to this rule occur when older boys have exams in the weeks after the holiday and for those pupils where some daily practice and consolidation is essential. For parents who want to keep boys busy reading should always continue and book reviews plus diaries of interesting visits are a good idea.

Monitoring and Evaluation

All staff are responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of this policy and the policy reviewed every three years.

Links to other Policies

This policy is linked to the Curriculum Policy, Marking Policy, Teaching & Learning Policy and Assessment Policy.