

# Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week teachers will begin setting homework for pupils in all year groups. A copy of the homework timetable for this term is attached to this letter.

At Edward Peake, we believe that regular completion of homework supports pupils in building upon what they have learned in school and also helps them to deepen their interest and understanding in different subjects.

However, we do recognise that many of our pupils have interests, hobbies and activities outside of school so wish to try to balance the desire to support pupils' learning with the demands of family life.

Below are some frequently asked questions regarding homework.

## **How much homework will be set, and how long should it take?**

English and maths homework will be set every week for all pupils. Pupils in years 6, 7 and 8 will also have homework set by other subject areas across the half term with no more than five pieces of homework (including English and Maths) being set across the week. The amount of time spent on an individual piece of homework will vary but should be no more than 30 minutes in years 5 and 6 and no more than 45 minutes in years 7 and 8.

Pupils in years 5 and 6 will have weekly spellings to practice via Spelling Shed which should be around ten minutes per day.

## **How do I know when my child has homework?**

- Teachers will ask pupils to write down the homework in their planner, with details of the task and the due date.
- Teachers will also upload the homework to Google Classroom which pupils can access via the school website.

## **What type of homework may be set?**

There are many different types of homework that are set by different subjects which may include:

- Recapping of work covered in lessons.
- Quizzes on the topic covered in lessons
- Accessing online resources to complete activities
- Research tasks where pupils are asked to present information gathered
- Worksheet based activities with a range of shorter activities for pupils to complete
- A 'menu' task where pupils have multiple choices of tasks to complete

## **What should my child do if they are finding the homework difficult?**

Pupils should talk to their subject teacher if they need any help with their homework, it is therefore important that they do not leave their homework until the night before it is due as their teacher will not be able to help them.



**What if we do not have access to the internet or a computer at home?**

Any homework set on Google Classroom can be printed for pupils by their teacher for them to complete by hand. Pupils should just ask for a printed copy of the work. We hope to be setting up a homework club in the next few weeks where pupils can access computers to complete any homework needed.

If you have any queries about the homework your child has been set please contact the school office who will direct your query to the relevant member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Rodgers', with a stylized flourish at the end.

K Rodgers  
Assistant Headteacher