

# 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.

To help parents and carers keep track of the homework set, we will be using Google Classroom Guardians. You will shortly receive an email inviting you to join your child's Google Classrooms as a guardian. Once you have accepted the invitation you will receive weekly email summaries about the work your child has been set and what they have completed. A guide to Google Classroom Guardians is attached at the end of 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 upload the homework to Google Classroom which pupils can access via the school website. If a child requires it, a paper copy can also be provided.
- Once parents have accepted the invitation for Google Classroom Guardians, they will receive an email summary of all homework that has been set as well as details of any work that has been completed or is still outstanding.

## **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.

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,



Mrs K. Rodgers

Assistant Headteacher

## Parents' Guide to Google Guardian

As a guardian, you can get email summaries about your child's activity in Classroom. In email summaries, you can review:

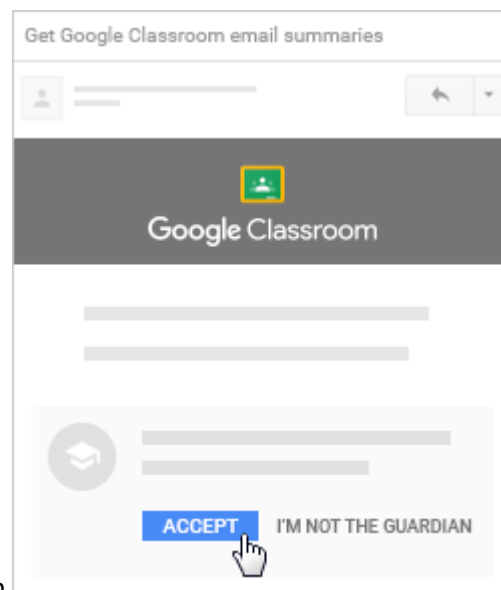
- Missing work—Work not submitted when the summary was sent.
- Upcoming work—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails).
- Class activities—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers.

If there's no activity to report you might not get an email summary.

### Get email summaries

To get email summaries of your child's work, you must accept an email invitation from a teacher or administrator. You have 120 days to accept an invitation before it expires.

1. The teacher or administrator emails you an invitation to join your child's class.
2. In your email program, open your email invitation.
3. Click Accept.



If you're not the guardian, click I'm Not The Guardian.

4. Click Accept to confirm.

When you accept an invitation, you and your child get an email confirmation.

The best option for parents is to use a google account. If you want to use another email account, please ensure you are not signed into any google account when accepting the invite, as google classroom will assume you want to use the account signed into google.

For specific questions or troubleshooting please see the FAQs from Google here:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/7126518?hl=en>