



# Wainwright Primary Academy

Working Together, Perseverance, Achievement

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## Wainwright Primary Academy Homework Policy

### **Aims**

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure that parents are clear about what their child is expected to do.
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the School.
- Use homework as a tool to help continue to raise standards of attainment.
- Improve the quality of the learning experience offered to pupils and to extend it beyond the classroom environment.
- Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children's learning.
- Encourage pupils and their parents to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- Reinforce work covered in class by providing further opportunities for individual learning.
- Practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Maths and English.
- Encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.
- Prepare Year 6 pupils for the transfer to secondary school.

### **The type and amount of homework**

Homework can be set in many different forms with many different expectations and outcomes. Homework will be set weekly from the Foundation Stage to Year 6 in addition to regular reading at home. Every week children will be given phonics or a spelling focused homework and a number related or times table focused homework. Other homework will be set at the discretion of the teachers based on the needs of the children.

- The nature and type of homework changes throughout the pupil's career
- The amount and frequency of homework will increase as a pupil gets older.
- Homework should not cause undue stress on the pupil, family or the teacher.
- It will not necessarily come in the form of a written task.

Homework should never be too onerous nor should it ever create stress within the pupil's family. If parents have any concerns they should not hesitate to contact the child's teacher. Normally, more than one day will be allowed for the completion of a homework task, except where daily practice is to be encouraged e.g. reading, spelling and times tables.

Parents/Carers who have queries about homework should not hesitate to make an appointment to see their child's teacher.