



Hallsville Primary School

Homework Policy

Aims

Teachers, children, parents and carers need to share the following aims if homework is to be effective:

- Homework should allow the pupil to reinforce or apply the skills that have been learned in lessons.
- Homework should promote independence and self-discipline.
- Learning can take place in or outside of the school.
- Homework involves parents and carers in their child's learning and provides a focus for further learning at home. It creates a home-school partnership.

Homework Expectations

Pupils have a right to be set homework. The weekly total times are as follows:

Nursery	60 minutes
Reception	100 minutes
Years 1 and 2	150 minutes
Years 3 and 4	200 minutes
Years 5 and 6	300 minutes

These times should be seen as maximum times and should be set equally for each child.

Homework Timetables

The Homework Co-ordinator will ensure that the teachers in each year group set a homework timetable at the start of the year. This timetable will be sent home to parents with a letter explaining the homework expectations.

Parents' Homework Workshop

Teachers in each year group will hold a workshop for all parents in the hall at the beginning of the year. Letters of invitation will be sent well in advance of the meeting to allow as many parents and carers as possible to attend. During the meeting teachers will provide explanations, activities and resource packs to enable parents to support their child with homework at home.

These workshops will typically include information on: MLE, home reading and reading diaries, spellings and times tables.

Responsibilities

Teachers will provide homework in line with the policy. Teachers will monitor and check homework that is handed in and work in reading diaries. Rewards for good homework will be given. Teachers will provide opportunities for pupils to complete their homework in school if it has not been completed at home. Phone calls home will be made if homework or reading diaries are not completed.

Support

To ensure that every child has the chance to succeed in life, Hallsville Primary School will support families who find it difficult to encourage their children do their homework at home. A quiet supportive space to complete their homework in school will be provided during the school day. We also provide, free of charge, Homework Clubs.