



**BLACK HORSE HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**HOMWORK POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
2023**

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**This policy sets out the guidelines for setting homework at Black Horse Hill Junior School.**

### **1. Our Aims:**

- i. Ensure that parents are clear about what their child is expected to do.
- ii. Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.
- iii. To use homework as a tool to help to continue to raise standards of attainment.
- iv. Improve the quality of the learning experience offered to pupils and to extend it beyond the classroom environment.
- v. Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children's learning.
- vi. Encourage pupils and their parents to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- vii. Reinforce work covered in class by providing further opportunities for the individual pupil.
- viii. To practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Mathematics, Reading and all elements of English.
- ix. Encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.
- x. To prepare Year 6 pupils for the transfer to secondary school.

### **2. Reasons for giving homework**

In Black Horse Hill Junior School we see the purpose of homework as follows:

- To help raise the attainment of every pupil;
- To demonstrate that learning is a life-long process, which extends beyond the school boundaries.
- For practice and consolidation of classwork e.g. reading, number practice, tables, vocabulary and spelling;
- To offer access to resources not available in school and developing skills in their use e.g. watching weather forecasts on television, gaining information from newspapers, food packets etc. and gathering information from parents/grandparents etc.
- To prepare pupils for future classwork e.g. gathering information, reading and bringing objects from home;
- To encourage pupil ownership and responsibility for learning;

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- To train pupils in organising and planning their time, developing good work habits and a degree of self-discipline;
- To support tasks given for individual learning needs providing information for parents in a variety of subject areas, giving real opportunities for parental cooperation and support and creating a shared agenda for home-school liaison and dialogue;
- To provide opportunities for parental cooperation and support, and the involvement of parents in their child's schooling:

### **3. Organisation of Homework**

Reading - children are given a reading book which they can take home to read. We recommend that children read for between 15 and 30 minutes each day, recording their thoughts and understanding in their reading records.

Maths & English - school will purchase an exercise book for each child in the school. Each week, the class teacher will ask the children to complete one page of the book, which will then be marked by the pupils, with the guidance of the class teacher. Unfortunately, misplaced books cannot be replaced by school.

Times Tables - Each child is given a times tables book to practice times tables daily. We recommend that children practice for 5 - 10 minutes daily.

Reasons will be sought for non-completion of homework. If the problem persists, parents will be notified.

### **4. School / Child / Parent Partnership**

- i. At Black Horse Hill Junior School, we are very keen for parents to support and help their children with homework.
- ii. We take the view that children are likely to get more out of an activity if parents get involved as long as they do not take over too much. However, there are times when we will want to see what children can do independently.
- iii. It is particularly important, as they get older, for children to become increasingly independent in their learning.
- iv. If a parent is unsure about what their role should be, they should discuss it with their child's teacher.
- v. Parents/Carers who have queries about homework should not hesitate to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher or target group teacher.

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### **The School Will:**

- i. Give clear instructions to children as to what is expected for homework.
- ii. Ensure the homework is accurate, clear and understandable for children.
- iii. Mark and respond to the homework and give appropriate feedback.
- iv. Contact parents if their child does not complete homework as set.

### **The Children Will:**

- i. Ensure that all homework is completed to a high standard.
- ii. Show their completed homework to parents.
- iii. Ensure all homework is handed in on time.

### **Parents will:**

- i. Ensure that children have the correct equipment and a quiet place to work.
- ii. Discuss homework activities with their child.
- iii. Inform class teacher if their child is not bringing work home on a regular basis
- iv. Inform class teacher if their child fails to do the work set.

**To ensure all the children benefit from the homework set, it is very important that staff, parents and children work as a team and fulfil the role that is expected from them.**

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