



## Name of Policy: **Home Learning**

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### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to make explicit what is expected of both teachers and pupils regarding home learning activities. All members of staff are expected to be familiar with the policy and to apply it consistently.

### The Need For A Home Learning Policy

Learning at home is an important element of a child's education. It enables them to further develop their learning at home by extending what they have learned at school. Furthermore, it enables pupils to reinforce the learning that has taken place at school to ensure that they are secure in their learning of key concepts. Home learning helps to prepare pupils to become independent learners and manage their own time effectively in preparation for life after school.

### What Will Home Learning Consist Of ?

#### Reading :-

All pupils at The Royal School are encouraged to develop a love of reading. Home learning plays a key role in developing this.

#### Reinforcement:-

Home learning can reinforce what has previously been taught in lessons.

#### Research:-

Home learning can give pupils opportunity to independently develop an insight into upcoming topics that will be studied in lessons.

## Vacation Learning

In preparation for upcoming topics pupils may be set optional research home learning tasks before every scheduled vacation.

## Marking

Home learning should not create further administration tasks for teachers. If home learning needs to be marked then the school marking policy should be applied. Home learning should inform activities that are to be completed in lessons. Pupils should be encouraged to self and peer assess as part of the home learning experience. When home learning requires direct feedback from the teacher it should be completed no more than 2 days after the completion of a task.

## Worksheets & Text Books

Textbooks are sometimes sent home for home learning activities. We also encourage worksheets to not be used. We encourage our pupils to be independent and worksheets can stifle this. All home learning should be differentiated and suit the needs of individual pupils.

## Parents & Home Learning

Homework is assigned on Google Classroom with clear instructions and submission expectations. Parents are encouraged to guide children with their home learning should they need it; however, they should encourage the child to work independently to complete the tasks set. If parents have any issues with tasks that have been set they should raise their concerns with the class teacher initially.

## Special Educational Needs

All teachers have a responsibility to ensure all pupils can access home learning activities. Occasionally, some pupils may have different schedules for completion based on their individual needs.

## Rewards

All teachers have a duty to publicly praise those pupils that are regularly carrying out home learning activities. Outstanding work completed at home is rewarded in achievement assemblies. The parents of pupils that do not regularly complete home learning tasks will be invited in to meet with the classroom teacher. This meeting will focus on explaining the importance of continued learning at home.

## Policy Monitoring & Evaluating

This policy will be monitored through further consultation of staff and through the planned monitoring reviews.