

# PARSLOES PRIMARY SCHOOL



## **Homework Policy 2017-2018**

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## **RATIONALE**

Children learn most effectively when home and school share the same values and aims and work in close partnership with each other. Homework is one of the ways to ensure that the parents/carers are aware of the work the child is doing in school and provides a positive way of supporting the child's education.

## **PURPOSES**

It is important that Homework is given in a fair, organised and consistent way to ensure that all staff, parents and children know what is expected from them.

## **GUIDELINES**

1. Homework cannot take the place of teaching.
2. New concepts should not be introduced as homework.
3. Homework should be meaningful and complementary to the work done in the classroom.
4. It should meet the Year Groups expectations of level of achievement.
5. Homework will be set on a weekly basis and will consist of Literacy and/or Numeracy tasks.
6. Homework sent home for each year group is to be reviewed annually.
7. There is a whole school consistent approach to how homework is organised using the correct homework book (years 1 to 6) or homework folder (reception).

### Assistant Head Teacher for Infants / Junior should:

- Discuss with teachers the homework to be set for the week in accordance with school policy at weekly planning meetings
- Organise the homework on stickers for each pupil and deliver to class teacher by Friday ensuring that the return date is clearly stated

### Teachers should:

- Inform parents which day homework will be given and when it is expected back. This will also be written on parent info documents and inside their homework book
  - Set the homework with the appropriate assistant head at weekly planning meeting. Ensure that the homework is differentiated for the abilities within the classroom. Add an extension piece for more able.
  - Go through the homework with the class so that it is clearly understood by all
  - Mark the work regularly and ensure parents are aware of the result
  - Have a system in place so that pupils can share their homework with the class
  - Have a system in place to reward those who complete homework consistently well
  - Keep a record of whether the homework has been completed or not using teachers blue hardback book and report at parents evenings or sooner if real concern
  - Inform parents if their child has not completed the set homework and inform the appropriate member of the SLT if this occurs on more than three occasions. This may lead to the referral of a pupil to homework club
2. Parents should:
- Assist with (but not complete) the homework
  - Ensure the homework has been completed
  - Write a comment if they wish to

- Ensure that the homework is returned to school on time
- See their child's class teacher if they need support with any homework set

3. Children should:

- Inform their parents about the homework set
- Complete the homework and return it to school by the date due
- Take pride in their homework and be keen to complete as it is given a high profile by the class teacher