



Homework Policy

Next Review: October 2025

Statement of intent

At Cotteridge Primary School, we believe that homework plays an important part in a child's education. Homework is important in reinforcing learning which has taken place in class and developing independent study,

We are also aware that children have opportunities and experiences outside of school that are equally important in developing and enriching their lives. We have given careful consideration to making homework well-balanced across the school.

This Homework Policy was developed after consultation between staff members and parents.

Aims

Cotteridge Primary School's Homework Policy aims to:

- Develop a consistent approach to homework throughout the school.
- Make sure that teaching staff, parents and pupils are aware of their responsibilities with regard to homework.
- Ensure that parents have clarity on what their child is expected to do.
- Encourage pupils to develop the responsibility and self-discipline required for independent study.
- Support pupils' learning experiences via revision and reinforcement.
- Work with parents and involve them in their child's learning and to keep them informed about the work their child is covering.
- Use homework as a tool for raising standards of attainment.
- Improve the quality of the learning experiences by extending it beyond the classroom.
- Give pupils further practice and deeper understanding of skills, knowledge and concepts learned during the school day.

1. Responsibilities

1.1. The role of the headteacher, senior leadership team and governing body:

- Monitor and review the effectiveness of the policy.
- Discuss with staff how far the policy is being implemented.
- Meet with parents as appropriate.
- Support parents with information about homework.
- Inform new parents about the Homework Policy.
- Place the Homework Policy on the school's website.

1.2. The role of the teacher:

- Plan and set up a regular programme of homework for pupils
- Ensure homework for the half term is available on the website at the start of the half term.
- Provide an explanation of homework tasks and ensure pupils understand what they have to do.
- Ensure all homework given is purposeful and links directly to the curriculum.
- Set homework that is appropriate to the child's ability.
- Monitor homework regularly and make sure pupils are completing it.
- Communicate with parents if there is a problem regarding homework.
- Be available for discussion if necessary with parents and pupils about homework.
- Ensure homework takes equal opportunities into account and that the needs of pupils with disabilities are considered.
- Reward quality work and praise children who regularly complete homework.

1.3. The role of parents/carers:

- Support their child in completing homework.
- Become involved in their child's homework and encourage their child to have a positive attitude towards it.
- Encourage their children to complete homework to a high standard and on time.
- Provide suitable conditions and resources for their child to complete homework.
- Praise their child and celebrate achievements with regard to their homework.
- Inform teachers of any issues that may arise and co-operate with the school to find a solution.
- Keep the school informed of any change in circumstances which may affect their child's learning and homework.

1.4. The role of pupils:

- Take age appropriate responsibility for their own learning and submit completed work in a timely manner with help from parents.
- Have a positive approach towards homework.
- Put the same effort into homework as would be expected of class work.
- For older children, make sure they understand the tasks that have been set and seek clarification if required.

- Ensure that they have everything they need to complete homework and return to school all books/stationery needed to complete their homework.
- Take pride in the presentation and content of their homework and perform to a high personal standard.

2. Homework Tasks

- 2.1. Assistant Headteachers will explain the organisation of homework to parents during the year group introduction meetings at the start of the academic year.
- 2.2. Every half term for Years 1-6, an overview of the spellings and Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS) for each half term will be available on the website on the year group pages. This will also be sent home with the children at the beginning of each half term.
- 2.3. Children in Reception will have weekly homework tasks sent via EvidenceMe.
- 2.4. Children in Key Stage One will have a homework folder. Each Friday, they will receive maths and spelling homework. Spelling homework can be found on the Spelling Shed website each week. Maths is to be returned the following Wednesday. There will be a weekly spelling test, based on the spellings they have been learning on Spelling Shed that week.
- 2.5. Children in Years 3 and 4 have a Maths homework book, which they will take home every Friday. Maths is to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. Spelling homework can be found on the Spelling Shed website each week. There will be a weekly spelling test based on the spellings they have been learning on Spelling Shed that week.
- 2.6. In addition to maths and spellings, Years 5 and 6 will also have English homework, due back on Wednesday.
- 2.7. Parents/carers are encouraged to discuss any errors with their child. If they have any queries, they should make an appointment to see their child's class teacher. Feedback from parents about their child's homework is welcomed by the school.
- 2.8. Teachers may occasionally set extra homework for the whole class if they feel it would be beneficial.

3. Pupils who do not complete homework

Whilst we encourage all children to complete homework and hand it in on time, we do recognise that there will be occasions when this is not possible. The school will endeavour to be understanding under these circumstances.

In Key stage one, children are encouraged to complete their homework and reward points given if they do so.

In years 3 and 4, after two occasions of homework not being completed or handed in on time in a half term, children will complete homework with their teacher at breaktime

or lunchtime. The teacher will have a conversation with parents about how best to support their child to complete homework.

In years 5 and 6 we feel a responsibility to prepare our children for secondary school and the demands placed on homework, therefore, if homework is not completed it will be done during break or lunchtime. Children in Year 5 and 6 are given opportunity to manage their own time with options to complete homework in the library at break times or lunchtimes if they prefer.

4. Marking homework

In Year 1, the teacher will mark the children's homework and in years 2-6, homework will be marked with the children. Teachers might not mark homework that is handed in late.

5. Pupils with SEND

While pupils with SEND may benefit from special tasks separate from the homework received from other pupils, it is important that they also do as much in common with other pupils. There will be occasions when the teacher sets different spellings and maths homework to ensure SEND children have work pitched at the correct level.

6. Equal Opportunities

At Cotteridge Primary School, governors and staff members are committed to providing the full range of opportunities for all pupils, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity and social, cultural or religious background. All children have equal access and inclusive rights to the curriculum regardless of their gender, race, disability or ability.

7. Policy review

- 7.1. This policy is reviewed every two years by the headteacher.
- 7.2. The scheduled review date for this policy is October 2025.