



## Homework Policy Junior School

At The Royal School Hampstead we value the role that homework plays in the education of the girls in our care. It is an essential part of the learning programme and of a child's development.

The purposes of completing homework include:

- To practise & reinforce skills covered in class
- To foster concentration and self-discipline
- To research for information for future lessons
- To develop children's ability to plan and organise their time
- To use resources available outside school to foster independent learning habits
- To provide parents with an insight into the children's learning
- To strengthen home-school links

### Expectations

Staff expect homework to be presented to the same standard as class work. If this is not the case the teacher may ask for the homework to be repeated. Pupils should not just download large amounts of information from the internet when researching a topic. They should be required to synthesise the information and present it in a way that is relevant to the work set.

Homework set is recorded in the individual pupils' homework diary (Key Stage Two) and includes the date on which the homework is due in. In addition:

- Homework should be differentiated in order to meet the individual learning requirements of the pupils.
- The homework diaries should be checked regularly by class teachers. The homework diaries are also used for simple communications between the class teacher and home
- Pupils from Year 1 to Y6 have Reading Records where there is an opportunity for the parent and the pupil to make a comment when the child is heard to read at home.

- Pupils from Year 2 upwards are issued with pupil homework diaries. The diaries are checked and signed on a regular basis by class teachers and parents.
- If a pupil diary is lost, defaced or damaged, the pupil is expected to pay for a new one.

### **Absence**

If a pupils is absent on the day homework is due in, that pupil should hand in the homework on her return to school. If a pupil does not hand in her homework on time, and there is not a valid reason received in writing, the pupil will hand in the homework the following day. Where a pupil has a recurring problem regarding completion and handing in of homework, parents will be contacted in order to discuss the way forward. Teachers are responsible for marking homework and giving feedback to pupils.

### **Amount Set**

The amount of homework will vary according to the age and learning needs of the child. However, it is likely that some homework will be assigned each day of the week for Years 2 – 6.

Class teachers will notify parents of homework routines at the beginning of the year and notify them of any changes. Further information can be found in the *Junior School Parents' Guide* given to all parents in September or when a new pupil joins.

Each child is also expected to read each night and maintain their reading record. They also have weekly spellings /mental maths.

### **Advice for Parents:**

- Make it clear to your child that you value homework opportunities and support the school by explaining how it can help their learning
- If your child needs help then provide sufficient explanation to enable them to do the work themselves.
- Discuss tasks, however briefly, with your child when they are completed
- Offer feedback to school about the homework set using your child's homework diary.

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