



# ASTON FIELDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

## **WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY**

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### **HOMEWORK POLICY**

Homework should be supportive and purposeful for learning. At Aston Fields Middle School, teachers will set homework in good time, but it should not be done over the holidays or during assessment weeks. However, revision tasks will be set for Year 6 only during the Easter holidays in preparation for their SATS.

All teachers are aware of the importance of homework and the need to maintain consistency in the setting and marking of homework for the benefit of pupils. Although the teacher's main role is to facilitate and provide stimulating lessons which are key to pupil progress, time must be built into lessons to provide feedback on homework including 'next steps' for improvement to facilitate pupils' understanding of how to improve further, using dialogue and questioning. The Teachers Standards (September 2012) refer to teachers setting and marking of homework and all teachers at Aston Fields Middle School must adhere to these standards.

All homework should be recorded in pupils' planners. It is important to remember that planners are the link with home and, as such, give an impression of how the school values homework. It is therefore, important that all teachers ensure that all homework is properly recorded.

#### **Homework for Years 5 and 6**

In line with primary practice, regular homework at Key Stage 2 will be limited to the two Core Subjects and total a maximum of 2 hours per week. Core subjects are English (to include daily reading) and maths (to include the regular practise of times tables). Homework may include online learning or a traditional written piece or a mixture of both. Some science will be set when it is relevant and appropriate. Homework will be regularly marked in accordance with the Aston Fields Middle School Feedback and Marking policy. Feedback, written and/or verbal, will be shared with pupils and 'next steps' support will be provided.

Teachers in KS2 are expected to ensure that homework is properly recorded in planners by the pupils, as they learn to organise themselves. Parents/Carers are requested to check planners regularly to ensure tasks etc. have been completed. Directors of Year Groups and the Senior Leadership Team will monitor planners regularly.

#### **Homework for Years 7 and 8**

At Aston Fields Middle School, Extended Learning Assignments (ELAs) form a big part of homework in KS3. In nearly all foundation subjects, apart from PE, pupils will be expected to complete ELAs. Maths and English will continue with traditional weekly homework which includes reading daily, for a minimum of 20 minutes. Science will set approximately 3 pieces of relevant homework each half term, one of which may be a creative project or revision tasks.



ELAs provide an opportunity for pupils to become more independent learners, planning their time over a number of weeks and preparing them extremely well for transition to high school and KS4. They stretch the most able and are adapted to support pupils with SEND.

Foundation subjects will set their ELAs in accordance with the ELA timetable. Each ELA will be marked (following the School Feedback and Marking Policy) and written feedback will be given to pupils accordingly. Staff may also use the ELA as an Assessment for Learning opportunity, encouraging pupils to assess their own work/or the work of others against the given criteria.

### **Learning/Research Tasks**

In addition to ELAs, in some subjects, pupils may need to complete specific learning tasks, or research tasks, as directed by their teachers. These should take a maximum of 20/30 minutes to complete and details should be recorded in the pupil's planner. Such tasks could include:

- Gathering information, equipment, resources (eg ingredients for food technology)
- Preparation for an activity/task/assessment
- Completion of an activity/task
- Revision for a test/assessment
- Reflecting on learning – summarising, recording learning

Mr G Hall, Deputy Headteacher, is the person in school responsible for homework and he reviews this policy regularly, reporting to the Headteacher and Governors. Please contact him if you have any queries about homework.