



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new academic year, I would like to thank our returning families for the support you gave your children with homework last year. We believe that homework plays a vital role, not only in supporting learning in the classroom but also in developing independence and good study habits.

At Aston Fields Middle School, homework is regularly reviewed, and our current policy was written with parent and carer feedback at its heart. We hope you will continue to support us, and your children, with homework this year.

All pupils have now been issued with a school planner. This is where homework tasks will be recorded as they are set, along with details about the content, expectations, and deadlines. This system helps pupils to keep track of their responsibilities and encourages accountability and time management. We kindly ask that you check your child's planner regularly to ensure that deadlines are met.

We also recognise the importance of pupils being able to relax and take a break from academic responsibilities during the school holidays. For this reason, no homework tasks will be set during holiday periods. The only exception will be short revision tasks for Year 6 pupils during the Easter break, in preparation for the SATs in May.

For **Key Stage 2** pupils, homework will be set weekly for Maths and English. This may take the form of written tasks or computer-based activities, and there will be a mixture over the course of the year. In addition, pupils are expected to read daily and practise their multiplication tables. In Year 5, weekly homework will begin once pupils are in their Maths and English sets; until then, the focus should be on daily reading and practising key Maths skills. Occasionally, other subjects may set small tasks or projects, though this will not be on a weekly basis.

For **Key Stage 3** pupils, weekly homework will be set in English and Maths. Science homework will be set as required and may include creative projects, online activities, or revision tasks to support assessment preparation. Pupils are also expected to continue daily reading and regular practice of key mathematical skills.

In Years 7 and 8, most foundation subjects will set **Extended Learning Assignments (ELAs)**. There will be no more than two or three ELAs set in any half term. These tasks are designed to promote independence and effective time management. Subject teachers will provide clear guidance so that pupils feel confident and well prepared. A timetable for ELAs will be published on the school website shortly, and we encourage you and your child to check it regularly.

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If you have any concerns about your child's homework, or if they are experiencing any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact their form teacher or subject teacher. We are here to support you and your child in making homework a positive part of their learning experience.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Hall', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr G Hall
Deputy Headteacher