



BRICKHALL SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

We work collaboratively with parents, to ensure continued learning on the home and school front as we understand that **reinforcement** is the key to complete and total learning. A supportive dialogue system is built using the home- school communication book and other avenues like the **parent- teachers conference and the Open day** to help keep parents informed of their children's academic progress, behavioral concerns (if any) and welfare in general.

Our school has a **strict homework policy** and we expect compliance from each child. Homework is an essential part of the curriculum as it helps to reinforce the learning that goes on in the school. We expect parents to encourage their children to hand in homework when due and in an organized manner

Consistent failure of a child's homework being handed in, will prompt the school to mandate the child to join the school's supervised Homework club which is a fee paying club.

The purpose of homework

To encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline to work on their own, an essential skill for adult life.

- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding.
- To extend school learning, for example through additional reading.
- To enable students to devote time to particular demands such as project work.
- To support the home/school relationship.

Parents'/Carers' role in homework

-Parents/carers should support students with their homework but accept that their role will become less and less important as students become more responsible and independent.

-Parents/carers should try and provide a suitable place where students can work

-Parents/carers should encourage students to meet homework deadlines.

-If parents/carers feel that insufficient or too much homework is being set, they should contact the subject teacher or the class teacher who will investigate the situation.

-Parents/carers should make it clear to students that they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help them to progress.

-Parents/carers should encourage students and praise them when homework is completed.

Students' responsibilities

Students should always carry their diaries with them and record all homework in it.

Students need to accept that deadlines must be kept.

If students are absent, they need to find out what work has been missed and catch up on it as soon as possible on their return. **Being away on the day that homework is set is not an excuse for not doing it.**

Problems with homework should be resolved before the deadline. If necessary students should see the member of staff concerned for help.

Monitoring and Evaluation

In order to ensure that the policy directly contributes to the quality of teaching and learning the provision of homework will be regularly monitored. A sample of Home School Learning Diaries and planned activities will be reviewed by the Assistant Head teachers annually as part of the school's self-evaluation process. In addition, the scrutiny of homework samples will form part of curriculum leader's monitoring responsibilities at the allocated phase of the School Improvement Plan. Parents will also be given opportunities to share their views with teachers at parent consultations and other occasions as appropriate.