



Alderman Knight School

Homework Policy

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Reviewed By	John Goodchild – Assistant Head
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Ratified by Governors	

1. Introduction and Aims

At Alderman Knight School we work with parents and carers to support learning at home. We understand the difficulties some pupils will have completing work at home and as a result, we have developed a flexible homework approach in collaboration with parents and carers. The School recognises that homework may take many forms and may include reading, written work, observations, research and practice of other skills as appropriate.

Practices and procedures

Parents and carers in collaboration with tutors will complete a homework request form at the first face to face meeting in Term 1. This will be based on the expectations outlined below. After this meeting the request forms will be passed to the AHT who will compile the list of all pupils' homework requests and will then send it around to the whole school. Subject teachers will set the homework as requested. The tutor team and subject leaders will monitor the homework being set.

In Key Stage 2, pupils' homework is usually weekly and is designed to develop reading, spelling and comprehension skills.

In Key Stage 3, homework is based around English, Maths and Science. Weekly reading and spellings are standard for all pupils in KS3. In addition, Maths homework is standard for Year 8 and Year 9 classes, and science homework is standard in Year 9. Please see the grid below for clarification.

Year	English Homework	Maths Homework	Science Homework
7	Standard	Optional	Optional
8	Standard	Standard	Optional
9	Standard	Standard	Standard

Standard would be the normal expectations for a class but as we have a flexible approach to homework, the class teacher and/or tutor, in consultation with the AHT, may decide this isn't appropriate for a particular class for a subject. Additionally, where homework is optional, the class teacher and/or the tutor, in consultation with the AHT, may decide homework should be standard for a subject.

These standard expectations for the class will then be communicated to parents at the first face to face meeting. Parents can ask for changes to be made for their child if they don't think the expectations for the class as a whole are appropriate.

Maths homework is often set through the My Maths or Maths Pad website. Full instructions will be sent out on how to access these resources in the Autumn Term.

In Key Stage 4 and 5, pupils can expect homework dependent upon the exams/accreditations they are working towards. There is an expectation if pupils are taking GCSEs they will be expected to complete regular homework. We might use revision sheets, workbooks, and websites such as Bitesize in Maths, English and Science, Seneca Learning, My Maths, Maths Pad, or Purple Mash.

Alderman Knight School have purchased subscriptions to a number of on-line resources to aid the development of literacy and numeracy skills. Links to these resources are located on the Alderman Knight School website. These resources can be accessed from home and are used routinely for homework.

Logins for each of these on-line resources will be sent out in the Autumn Term. If you need logins sent home please contact your child's tutor.

Alderman Knight School holds sessions for parents and carers to come into school to find out more about how pupils are taught, how they can support at home as well as how to use homework based resources. Information on these sessions will be sent home with pupils and posted on the school website.

The role of the Subject Leader/Tutors – Monitoring homework set by class teachers

It is expected that subject leaders and tutors will check to see that the teachers are regularly setting, marking and providing feedback to pupils and parents/carers in line with the requested homework from parents/carers. The senior leadership team (SLT) will ask subject leaders at different points through the year for samples of homework from the different teachers within their departments. This type of homework scrutiny will be used as a means of ensuring that homework is of the highest standard at Alderman Knight so it continues to inform the teaching and learning of our pupils.

Role of Parents/Carers

The School views the support of parents/carers as very important to the effective use of homework. All parents will be acquainted with the School's homework policy. If you find the homework inappropriate for your child, if they lack interest, if it becomes a battleground or if you are concerned that homework is given inconsistently please talk with your child's tutor in the first instance.

Other policies that support this policy

- Curriculum
- Assessment
- Subject policies
- Marking policy

Timetable for Review	Annually	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Status	Statutory	Gloucestershire CC	School	
Circulation	Website	Weduc	SAM	School Office

**Table of Review and Modifications
(to be finished once the policy is finalised)**

Date Reviewed	Page Number of Changes	Summary of Changes Made
September 2023	2	Changed literacy to English and numeracy to Maths throughout.
	2	Changed 'complete a homework request form during the first couple of weeks in school via a phone call.' to 'will complete a homework request form at the first face to face meeting in Term 1.'
	2	Added table outlining expected homeworks.
	2	Changed the whole paragraph starting 'In Key Stage 3' to outline new expectations outlined in the table below it.

	2	Added extra paragraph specifically about math homework starting 'Maths homework' after the paragraph starting 'In Key Stage 3'
	2	Added 'Maths Pad' in the last line of the paragraph starting 'In Key Stage 4 and 5'