



Alderman Knight School

Homework Policy

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Introduction:

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. Homework is discussed at the first parents evening in September/October and agreed with those parents who would like to support it. 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 during the first couple of weeks of school via a zoom session/phone call. This request form will be passed to the DHT who will compile the list of all pupils homework requests which is sent 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 and comprehension skills.

In Key Stage 3, homework is based around literacy or numeracy. The homework is often on a topic agreed with the pupil. Numeracy homework is often set through the My Maths website. Full instructions will be sent out on how to access the work in the Autumn Term.

In Key Stage 4 and 5, pupils can expect some homework dependent upon the exams/accreditations they are working towards. There are times, particularly for exam students, when we set homework especially as they approach exams. We might use revision sheets, workbooks, and websites such as Bitesize in Maths, English and Science, Seneca Learning, My Maths 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 again, 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.

