



Hazlehead Primary School

“Homework provides a way of enabling parents to see examples of the kind of work being tackled during the school day and this is important in encouraging a partnership between school and parents. Effective schools have a policy which takes account of the school’s characteristics.”

Effective Primary Schools HMI Publications

Hazlehead Homework Policy

At Hazlehead School, we have embedded the 7 principles of curriculum design, from Curriculum for Excellence, within our learning and teaching. These principles should be reflected in our homework policy. Our aim is to ensure that all homework encompasses the following principles:

- Challenge and enjoyment
- Breadth
- Progression
- Depth
- Personalisation and choice
- Coherence
- Relevance

Aims

- To provide work which promotes the seven principles of curriculum design
- To encourage parents to support, encourage and allow opportunities for participation in their child’s learning
- Develop lifelong learning skills needed in the modern world

Homework should be:

- Well explained to the children, sharing success criteria where appropriate to allow pupils to know when they have achieved
- Related to class work
- Matched to the needs and abilities of the individual child
- Set to include opportunities for personalisation and choice

Homework Days and Timings

As a result of our pupil, parent and staff questionnaires, homework at Hazlehead will be allocated on a Thursday to be handed in by the following Tuesday for P2 – P7 pupils. For P1 pupils, homework will be allocated on a Wednesday to be handed in the following Tuesday. No homework will be given during the holiday periods. Time spent daily on the preparation of reading (P1-P3) will be included in the timings below.

- P1: 10-20 minutes approximately
- P2 - P4: 15 - 25 minutes approximately
- P5 - P7: up to 30 minutes approximately



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Nursery

To foster the involvement of parents in their child's education, the nursery staff will give nursery challenges to the children linked to their topic. Pupils will be encouraged to complete these challenges and bring in their work to share with their peers. This will be added to their learning journey to show learning both inside and outside the nursery setting.

Homework – Curricular Areas to be given as homework

Reading homework may include:

- Reading guided reading books P1-P3
- Sharing library books chosen by the children
- Comprehension questions to discuss
- A book review
- Word games
- A variety of texts – fiction, non-fiction , poetry

Other Literacy homework may include

- Handwriting P1-P3
- VCOP – Vocabulary, connectors, openers, punctuation

Spelling homework may include:

- Tricky spelling words given to learn
- Spelling strategies
- Key vocabulary
- Cross Curricular theme vocabulary
- Numeric vocabulary

Mathematics homework may include:

- Problem solving activities
- Number bonds, multiplication bonds
- Consolidation of work completed in class

Cross Curricular/IDL homework may include:

- Research tasks – finding facts or gathering related items
- Prepare a talk on a given topic
- Note taking
- Summarising /report writing
- Design activities/Technologies
- ICT – PowerPoint presentations
- Observing and recording information e.g. weather, changes in the environment



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Organisation of Homework:

- Each child has a homework diary which is used as a home school link. The homework diary is checked regularly by teachers.
- Feedback will be given to pupils in their homework diaries relating to reading P1-P3
- Reading books should be brought daily to school
- Parents are asked to check and sign homework

Monitoring and Assessment

The class teacher is responsible for the allocation and marking of homework. Staff will give feedback to pupils on completed work.

Parents should ensure homework is completed and should sign the work to inform the class teacher that work has been supervised at home.

Absence from school

When parents choose to take their children on holiday during term time, no class work will be given to the pupil to carry out during that holiday period. Pupils may wish to keep a diary of the experience to share with the class on their return.

On occasions of extended absence due to illness, class work may be provided if requested by a parent. This should take the form of practice and consolidation work which the child is capable of completing independently.

Your child's learning journey

Homework is just one of many ways we share children's' learning with their parents. It supports the following as another means of shared communication.

- Learning Journeys/ Learning Portfolios
- Parent Interviews
- Open afternoons
- Curricular evenings
- Class Assemblies
- Pupil Reports

We hope that all these aspects allow parents to build up an understanding of how their child is progressing within Hazlehead School.

Additional Information

Additional information relating to homework can be found on the following websites:

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone> (search homework)

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/index.html> (Primary Homework Help for Kids)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>