



# **THE CLARE SCHOOL**

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

### **1. PURPOSE**

The following document provides guidance and is specific in relation to the Clare School

### **2. AIMS OF HOMEWORK**

This may be any suitable activity undertaken at home by pupils on their own or with parents/carers that supports and enhances their educational development. This can be set in a variety of ways by teachers as the lead professional in class, to stimulate and compliment in-school activities and learning.

### **3. ENTITLEMENT**

All pupils at 'The Clare School' will have access to homework if it is thought appropriate.

### **4. RATIONALE**

Homework could be set by a member of staff under the following criteria:

To support topics/modules of work i.e. asking pupils to bring in items such as photographs and research materials e.g. books.

To read to or share a book with an adult.

To provide 'catch up' work for pupils who have been absent from school.

To extend work for pupils who have really engaged with a subject.

At the request of the pupil (homework must be relevant and enhance the work achieved in the classroom).

To practise skills at home, e.g. telling the time.

Tasks that require help from home should be negotiated with parents and carers. This is usually done via the 'Home/School Book' or verbally with older more able pupils. It needs to include the day or date for homework to be returned and an explanation about what is required.

In the Formal class within the Primary Department the following homework may be given:-

Yrs 1 & 2 Reading Books will be sent home when appropriate.

Yrs 3 & 4 Pupils may have some literacy or numeracy type activities.

Yrs 5 & 6 As well as the above, children will be asked to undertake some research type activities relating to core and foundation subjects.

In the Formal and Semi-Formal Secondary Department the following criteria for homework has been agreed by staff:-

A flexible timetable, with an agreed length of time per week for each subject, given when appropriate. Suggested time - 20/30 minutes per subject.

For GCSE pupils, homework is part of the course and will be about one hour per subject each week given in one block or as separate smaller tasks.

Pupils will be encouraged to complete tasks as they will be linked to the teaching and learning, but no action (such as keeping pupils in at lunchtime) will be taken if homework is not completed.

Homework will be checked and feedback given.

Most non-exam homework will be fairly practical, e.g. finding out information through investigative work.

5. PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS

Any problems or concerns felt by parents/carers or pupils should be shared with the teacher setting homework, the Deputy Headteacher or the Head.

This Policy is to be reviewed during Spring 2021.

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