

Clifford Road Primary Homework Policy

"Celebrating Achievement in All"

At Clifford Road Primary we want to encourage and develop a love of learning for our pupils that will stay with them throughout their lives.

Our aim is that they are healthy and safe, that they enjoy and achieve in all that they do and that they make a positive contribution to society and have success in the future.

This is underpinned by our belief that all children should be valued and treated fairly and consistently regardless of their ability. Personal, social and health education run throughout our school and together with Special Educational needs form the building blocks that move our school forward.

At Clifford Road we aim to promote equality and tackle any form of discrimination and actively promote harmonious relations in all areas of school life. We seek to remove any barriers to access, participation, progression, attainment and achievement. We take seriously our contribution towards community cohesion.

For the children:

Why do we have homework?

- ✚ It provides you with the opportunity to share your learning experiences with your family
- ✚ It helps you become a more confident learner
- ✚ It teaches you to learn for yourself
- ✚ It helps you properly understand what you have been learning in school
- ✚ It prepares you for learning, work and life!

What kind of homework can you expect?

Some educators have said that we learn:

10% of what we read

20% of what we hear

30% of what we see

50% of what we see and hear

70% of what we talk about with others

95% of what we teach someone else

So, we will set you a range of homework challenges to cater for different learning needs:

Reading:

Your teacher will set you regular reading tasks.

This could be books borrowed from the school or County libraries, books your teacher has given you, comics, newspapers, magazines, leaflets, websites, signs and posters. We want to encourage you to enjoy reading and to share this with others. This may be done as a written report, a class discussion or as a one to one with a teacher/ another adult/ a peer.

Word work:

We want to help you learn how to spell words **and** learn how to use better words. Your teacher may set you a weekly homework task or challenge all about words.

Mathematics:

We want you to know your times tables really well - so take time to say these out loud. If you are in years 5 and 6, you will have structured questions to help you improve areas that you may find difficult to take home so that you can reach your weekly/termly target. Developing other maths skills can be great fun if you take one of our maths games home to play with your family.

Homework challenge sheet:

Each half term we will give you a homework challenge sheet. The challenge will be to complete as many of the activities as you can. We want you to develop lots of skills so we'll give you lots of different types of activities. These are just some of the activities that might be on your challenge sheet: help with the cooking, take photos when you're out for a walk, learn a poem off by heart, play a board game with your family, learn to tell the time, practise throwing, catching and kicking a ball...

Homework projects:

Every term, we want you to complete a project that is linked to the learning taking place at school. This is a good chance for you to work with other family members as a team. Your teachers will carefully explain the objective of the project and tell you how to be successful. The rest is up to you!

Getting ready for high school:

In years five and six, we will be asking you to do slightly more homework than the other children in the school (the Government recommends that you spend 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours a week doing homework). This will prepare you for high school and will help you get ready for the end of year tests and reach your end of year targets.



What if you get stuck with your homework?

Don't panic! If you're stuck this means that...

- You have realised that you don't know/can't do something!
- You now know you are going to learn something that you didn't know before!
- You are going to find out strategies for what to do when you are stuck - the most important lifetime skill of them all!



When you are stuck:

- ✓ Don't walk away from the problem - be determined!
- ✓ Think about what you already know and how it can help you!
- ✓ Find out what bit of the homework is giving you problems (challenges)!
- ✓ Talk to someone about your homework (your parents, friends and most of all your teacher)!
- ✓ Come along to our homework help sessions!

To help you complete your homework, you have to ask yourself some questions:

- ❖ *Where do you work best?*
- ❖ *When is the best time for you to do your homework?*
- ❖ *How do you learn best?*



If you don't know that answer to some of these questions, talk to your parents and/or teacher and they will advise you.

If I don't do my homework.....?

We want you to want to do your homework because it will help you to improve. We will try to make homework interesting and rewarding and maybe even fun!

However if you are unable to do your homework we will support you in the following ways:

- Provide a homework club during school time.
- Discuss with you why you are unable to complete your work and support you in other ways.
- Talk with your parents so that they can see why this homework has been set and how they can help.

How will you know what we think of your homework?

We think it is very important that we give you feedback about what you have done and what you could do better. So...

- We will give you written feedback whenever this is possible because we feel it is important for you to show your parents how well you are doing.
- When you have finished your termly homework project, we will write you a short letter to take home.
- If you do well with the homework challenge sheet, we will celebrate this by giving you a special certificate.
- We will celebrate good effort by displaying your work, sharing it in school assembly, putting it on the Life Channel and website

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