



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

## Bilbrook CE Middle School

### Homework Policy

#### Homework is set in order to:

- Encourage students to develop the skills, confidence, motivation and self-discipline needed to study effectively as independent and life-long learners.
- Consolidate, reinforce and extend what students know, understand and can do at school.
- Extend school learning: not all learning takes place at school.
- Involve parents and carers in students' learning and keep them informed about what students are doing at school.

#### Aims

This policy aims to:

- Make sure that teaching staff, parents and students are aware of their responsibilities with regards to homework.
- Ensure that parents understand what is expected of their child.
- Encourage students to develop the responsibility and self-discipline required for independent study.
- Embed knowledge and support students' learning experiences via revision and reinforcement.
- Work with parents and involve them in their child's learning, and to keep them informed about the work their child is undertaking.
- Use homework as a tool for raising standards of attainment.
- Extend learning beyond the classroom.
- Give students further practise and a deeper understanding of skills, knowledge and concepts learned during the school day.

### **Homework Activities might include the following:**

- Short or long answer questions or pieces of writing
- Project based learning
- Completion of online tasks
- Learning key vocabulary
- Making a model
- Reading: an invaluable support to learning
- Report writing
- Research
- Revision
- Teaching parent(s)/ carer(s) what has been studied at school
- Visit to a public library or museum

### **Expectations**

**KS2:** Students will receive weekly homework for English and Maths and will have extended projects set from other subjects throughout the year.

**KS3:** Students will receive a Knowledge organiser that contains knowledge that will be delivered within their lessons, a set of Homework Learning Challenges and a set of 'Big Questions' for each curriculum area. Each half term, children will be expected to complete the following:

### **Maths, English and Science**

- Complete 2 Homework Learning Challenges
- Complete 2 Big Questions

### **Foundation subjects**

- Complete 1 Homework Learning Challenge
- Complete the Big Question for each curriculum area.

Staff will ensure that it is clear to students when pieces of work are to be handed in or completed; this will be recorded in their planner.

### **Students are Expected to Ensure that:**

- Homework details (including the name of the subject) are copied accurately into their Diary and that the date due has been noted.

- Do their best with each piece of work, including presentation.
- Ask for help if they find the homework too difficult, either from their teacher or from their parent(s) or carer(s).
- Complete homework on time.
- Establish a routine with regard to homework, aiming to evenly space the Big Questions and homework challenges out over the half term.

### **How Can Parents and Carers Help?**

- Sit down with students, checking (and signing) their Homework Diary and talking about their child's learning and the homework that has been set.
- Support students with extended project work or Knowledge organisers by helping them to plan and manage their time.
- Provide a quiet and suitable work space (e.g., a desk or table with a chair) for students where they are not distracted by interruptions.
- Help students establish a routine with homework setting aside time for it to be completed and ensuring that it is seen as a priority.
- Support and praise students' work, not just when it is completed, but as it is being done.
- Give help if required without doing the homework for students!
- Encourage students to meet deadlines.
- Contact school if any additional support is required.