

# Homework Policy

Midhurst CofE Primary School is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Our intention is that children will be safe, secure and happy, and enjoy their time as pupils at this school.

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Signed:



HEADTEACHER



## **Vision**

At Midhurst CE Primary School we believe passionately in living life in all its fullness by developing the spiritual and holistic potential of each child. Our distinctively Christian values of kindness, peace, friendship, respect, creativity and forgiveness underpin the education and care we provide for the whole child, their family and school community.

## **Aims**

Our aim is that every child will reach their full potential by:

- learning to read so that they can read to learn.
- having the skills to write with purpose and fluency.
- becoming problem solvers through logic, reason and numeracy.
- knowing how to learn, what sort of learner they are and how they learn best.
- accessing a wide ranging, creative curriculum that is challenging and inspiring and caters for the needs of all.
- gaining knowledge, skills and understanding appropriate to a fast-changing world, so they can be self-reliant, adaptable and lead fulfilling and meaningful lives.
- being valued as an individual, who can share their concerns and can grow in confidence knowing their place in their class, their school, their local, national and international communities, wanting to help others and make a positive difference.
- being aware and able to make healthy choices physically and mentally. They will choose to keep active and develop positive attitudes to life and wellbeing.
- understanding that they are responsible for their own actions and take responsibility for them.

At Midhurst C of E Primary School, we strive to ensure that the whole school environment is a place that promotes learning, encourages challenge and independence and is as safe as possible. We believe that children should feel secure, happy, and valued as unique individuals so their educational, emotional, spiritual, and physical needs are met. We expect every child to make good progress and develop their wisdom, knowledge, skills and understanding of the world they live in.

We encourage enthusiasm and motivation across the school, enabling us all to be creative and imaginative in our work. The biblical teachings of Jesus underpin all we do, our priorities and decisions, collective worship, RE and across the curriculum. Our Christian values are alive and in action around the school. Our distinct Christian foundation supports children to cooperate, share and show respect for everyone, regardless of faith, culture or ethnic background and be responsible for their own behaviour.

# MIDHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### *Through this policy we aim to:*

- *ensure consistency of approach throughout the school*
- *ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility*
- *ensure the needs of the individual pupil are taken into account*
- *ensure parents/carers have a clear understanding about expectations from themselves and the pupil*
- *improve the quality of learning experience offered to pupils*
- *extend and support the learning experience via reinforcement and revision*
- *provide opportunities for parents, pupils and school to work in partnership together to enjoy learning experiences*
- *encourage pupils to develop long term strategies for future needs in year 6, to prepare pupils for secondary transfer*

### **Reading**

We expect pupils to read every day. There will naturally be a progression of development and range of skills practised from the pupil listening to an adult reading, reading to an adult, reading on their own, to discussion and personal opinions of the book read.

We ask for a written comment in the reading journal from an adult or the pupil to share information about the reading session. There are some notes at the front of each child's Reading Journal as a reference. In Years 5 & 6 homework diaries are used to record any reading done at home.

These are checked at least weekly, and staff may award children for showing consistent reading and recording in their journals.

### **Spellings**

Regular homework will include learning spellings or spelling rules. Spellings go home (Year 2 and above) for pupils to learn. Additional spelling lists and worksheets may also be sent home.

### **Times Tables**

Times tables will be set for pupils in Years 2 to 6. Each child has a 'Times Tables Rockstars' log-in so they can practice at home. As a school, we also participate in 'Multiplication March', when children are also encouraged to practice their times tables at home.

In addition to these homework tasks, in Year 6 children:

- practise Maths and English skills using CPG homework books
- read every evening and summarise what has been read in their 'summary book' which demonstrates their understanding
- have a homework diary where they record their daily homework tasks.

### **Communication with parents**

At the beginning of each academic year, teachers send out a 'Supporting your child at home' information leaflet, which sets out the expectations for each year group and gives parents information about the learning resources which can be used at home.

### **Other tasks**

Other homework tasks may include tasks based on numeracy, literacy or another area of the curriculum. They will be designed in such a way to allow opportunities for skill reinforcement or development for the pupil in a family setting.

Many pupils belong to outside clubs and receive specialist tuition out of school hours. We encourage and uphold these valuable activities which we view as a priority for pupils.

We have signed up to a range of IT programmes to further support children's learning at home such as White Rose Maths, MyMaths, Sumdog, TT Rockstars and Oxford Owl. The school uses SeeSaw, an online learning platform, which allows teachers to set/upload tasks for children to do at home, communicate with pupils and parents and upload any tasks