



**Mission Statement**  
 “A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together”

## HOMEWORK POLICY

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This policy has been prepared by the Principals and staff in consultation with and agreement from the Board of Trustees.

## 2. Aims

- 2.1. To develop home school partnership,
- 2.2. To consolidate and reinforce children's skills and understanding,
- 2.3. To extend school learning.

## 3. Effective Homework

- 3.1. Homework is an important tool in consolidating learning and enhancing the curriculum for children. Regular homework is important, since it gives pupils the opportunity to practise at home the tasks done in class and helps them to work towards improving important skills.
- 3.2. It also helps children to become confident and independent in their learning, which will help them throughout their time at school and in adult life.
- 3.3. It is a vital aspect of the partnership between home and school.
- 3.4. At RCSAT schools, we also value family time and recognise the importance of quality family interaction and therefore do not wish to over burden our pupils with excess amounts of homework.
- 3.5. In order to fulfil the aims:
  - 3.5.1. All homework set will be planned carefully with exercises or tasks relevant to everyday school activities.
  - 3.5.2. All children have a homework journal/reading record note book in which homework exercises are recorded and are taken home.
  - 3.5.3. When setting and marking homework, we realise that there are different ability groups within the class and work should be set at the appropriate level and well within the capabilities of the child.
  - 3.5.4. Detailed information concerning homework will be issued in each schools homework procedure which is updated annually and the class teachers half termly plan inside the homework journal. Parents should contact the school if homework presents any difficulties.

## 4. RCSAT Homework Programme

- 4.1. Our homework programme is as follows and timings follow National Guidelines:
  - 4.1.1. Foundation
    - 4.1.1.1. Reading activities are sent home throughout the week.
  - 4.1.2. Year 1
    - 4.1.2.1. Daily reading
    - 4.1.2.2. Spelling and numeracy activities
    - 4.1.2.3. Phonics activities are given to selected children
    - 4.1.2.4. Takeaway homework projects
  - 4.1.3. Year 2
    - 4.1.3.1. Daily reading
    - 4.1.3.2. Spelling and numeracy activities including times tables
    - 4.1.3.3. Takeaway homework projects
  - 4.1.4. Years 3 and 4 - 1.5 hours of homework per week
    - 4.1.4.1. Daily reading
    - 4.1.4.2. Weekly spelling and number exercises including times tables
    - 4.1.4.3. Takeaway homework projects
  - 4.1.5. Year 5 and 6 - 2.5 hours of homework per week
    - 4.1.5.1. Daily reading
    - 4.1.5.2. Weekly spelling and number exercises including times tables
    - 4.1.5.3. Takeaway homework projects

## 5. How can parents help?

5.1. Parents are asked to help us in the following ways:

- 5.1.1. Help children to spread the work throughout the week.
- 5.1.2. Organise a quiet time and space.
- 5.1.3. Make sure the homework is done well before bedtime.
- 5.1.4. Supervise to see that a proper effort is made.
- 5.1.5. Help with any basic queries or errors.
- 5.1.6. Testing spelling using the Look Cover Write Check method.
- 5.1.7. Sign the homework journal(KS2)/book(KS1) and write a brief word if there have been any difficulties, upsets or unusual circumstances.
- 5.1.8. Read with/to infant children every night.

5.2. Parents are asked:

- 5.2.1. Not to let your child spend too long on homework,
- 5.2.2. Not to try to teach what your child does not understand or to correct the work. The teacher will undertake both these tasks. However, the teacher will be very grateful if you can write a note in the homework diary if your child has not understood something.
- 5.2.3. Please contact the school with any concerns. The school will be happy to help.

## 6. Review

6.1. This policy will be reviewed at least every year, or when review is deemed necessary.

