

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy

SEPTEMBER 2019

In order to implement the Mission Statement, both at home and at school, the children at Holy Name are set homework each night.

After many consultations with staff of the school, homework was considered for the following reasons:

- There is a need for homework from the parents', teachers' and pupils' point of view because homework provided the opportunity for Parental Involvement.
- Homework encourages the practice of basic skills in early years
- Homework helps to improve standards
- Homework helps Parents to know what their child is learning
- Homework provides the opportunity for parents to assess their own child's learning
- Homework provides a strong link between home and school
- Homework is influential in supporting and extending the primary curriculum

Homework is used by the teacher to reinforce a lesson taught in school or as an introduction to a new topic. It can also be used as an opportunity for individual research.

Homework is marked the following day and the class teacher evaluates the quality and relevance of the homework set.

Homework Clubs

To facilitate every child undertaking their homework in a warm, uninterrupted environment, a Homework Club, can be made available.

“Booster Classes” are available to all Year 6 pupils in preparation for SATS.

Reading

Children are asked to read for 10 minutes each evening to promote fluency and reading at length. Reading is the key to all learning.

Sample Timetable

Monday	Maths
Tuesday	Written English
Wednesday	Science
Thursday	Maths
Friday	Spelling

The timetable is flexible so the class teacher can make the homework set to be relevant to what is currently being taught and thereby enhance a pupil's learning.

CHILD PROTECTION / PUPILS AT RISK

**All Staff are asked to be constantly alert for any signs of abuse to pupils.
If suspicions are aroused by signs of injuries of any kind, neglect, undue emotional disturbance or unusual behaviour, please refer the matter to the Headteacher immediately, who will then inform the School's Child Protection Officer. A DELAY IN RESPONDING COULD BE COSTLY
Ms Pauline Sloane is the school's Child Protection Officer. Staff will receive Training in Child Protection each year.**