

<b>Whitchurch Church of England Primary School</b> 	Effective Date:	January 2018
<b>Policy and Procedure Statement</b>		
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### Aims

At Whitchurch CE Primary we aim for all children to be successful in their learning. We aim for all children to achieve at least the age expectations in each year group and to transfer to secondary school well prepared for the next step in their education.

### Principles

We believe that a partnership between school and home will enable children to be more successful in their learning. At Whitchurch CE Primary School we want the home learning tasks which are set by the school to be simple to administer and to provide additional practice of skills learned in school. We believe that practising skills little and often is preferable to one long piece of homework to be completed once a week.

### What homework do we set?

1. Reading  
Children should read a little of their school reading book on a daily basis and not least than 5 times a week. The children are provided with a reading diary and parents are asked to log what has been read and when. Reading diaries are checked by the class teacher at least once a week. Children in Year 1 and Reception may be given high frequency words and phonics to learn too. Further guidance on hearing children read is provided by the class teacher.
2. Spelling  
Children from Year 1 onwards have spellings to practice. Children are expected to practice their spellings at least 4 times a week and they are tested on them weekly in class.
3. Maths  
All children in Years 1-6 will be set a task weekly on My Maths which they are all expected to complete at home. This will be linked to the learning that has happened in class as an opportunity to consolidate what has been learnt.  
Children in Key Stage 1 need to learn number bonds and they will need to practice weekly. Children in Key Stage 2 need to learn multiplication tables. The children complete the 'Times Table Challenge' weekly in class.
4. Topic Grids  
Many children like to complete additional home learning projects which enhance their learning of the topic which is being studied in school. Children in Years 3 – 6 are provided with an optional home-learning grid each half term. Teachers are always very pleased to receive children's contributions to the topic grid and these are usually displayed in class.

5. Children in Upper Key Stage 2 will be provided with a grammar book. They will be set a task weekly which must be completed.

#### **Parents**

At Whitchurch CE Primary School we ask parents to support their children in their learning. Hearing reading and discussing the text is very important. Whilst a careful eye on spelling practice and My Maths tasks is preferable there is no need to teach these skills. It is helpful to establish a routine for completing home learning and finding the same time on a daily basis is often helpful. Parents who are concerned about their children's home learning or progress should contact their child's class teacher without delay.

#### **School Responsibility**

The class teacher will ensure that children and their parents are kept up to date with their child's progress in home learning as with their other school learning.

#### **Child Responsibility**

It is the child's responsibility to ensure that their home work is completed. Depending on their age, parents should support children in this. All children are encouraged to complete their home learning and task completion will be monitored by the class teacher. Children in Year 4 to Year 6 will be asked to miss some of their lunchtime to complete home learning tasks if they have not been done at home.