

POLICY STATEMENT - HOMEWORK

1. Rationale

Homework is an important part of pupils' experience of school. It sows the seeds of independent study which, it is hoped, will grow through to adult life. It supports school work by providing opportunities for research, learning and reinforcement of classwork. Homework is not an end in itself - it must derive from the schemes of work for each subject, and fulfil a clear purpose on each occasion that it is set. Homework must take account of differences in ability levels. All pupils should undertake homework. The school should seek the support of parents in ensuring that pupils complete work, and should develop in pupils a sense of personal responsibility for its completion to a high standard.

2. Purposes

Homework is set in order to:

- i. establish a sound approach to individual learning and personal responsibility
- ii. reinforce and extend learning begun in school
- iii. provide work for assessment in line with the subject scheme of work
- iv. provide opportunities for research and information-gathering
- v. provide opportunities for learning of material in preparation for tests and examinations

3. Guidelines

To implement this policy the school will:

- i. provide one homework per subject per week throughout the 8 week learning plans and one homework per fortnight in the 16 week learning plans.
- ii. provide one homework per subject per week at KS4.
- iii. Provide homework as appropriate at KS5
- iv. seek parental support in ensuring that homework is completed
- v. There are three points in each learning plan where formal assessment takes place two APs and one formal assessment. Written feedback is given to each pupil at each of these three assessment points and it is the responsibility of the classroom teacher to ensure pupils follow up this feedback.
- vi. Support transition from primary to secondary by only introducing homework to year 7 through PBL for the first learning plan. Maths and English will introduce their homework tasks in the second learning plan and Science and Welsh will start in the third learning plan. The full homework guideline 3(i) will be implemented from the fourth learning plan in week 25.