

THE WORDSLEY SCHOOL

BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE AND MUSIC COLLEGE

DRAFT HOME LEARNING POLICY

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Home Learning Policy

The philosophy behind the homework policy is to promote learning at home as an essential part of good education. Homework not only reinforces classroom learning; it also helps pupils to develop skills and attitudes they need for successful lifelong learning. It supports the development of independent learning skills, including the habits of enquiry and investigation.

<u>Aims</u>

Homework is set effectively to

- reinforce and extend learning, underpinning that which takes place in the classroom
- to support pupil learning in a variety of ways
- to give an opportunity to pupils to demonstrate that learning has taken place
- to develop a positive attitude to independent learning in every pupil

Parents are actively encouraged to ensure that homework is completed and handed in on time as stated in the Home/School Agreement.

Policy to Practice

- Homework is set according to timetable and recorded in every pupil's planner
- Homework should be appropriate and challenging to each pupil's ability
- Homework is marked where appropriate, following the guidelines laid down in the Marking Policy
- Where homework is not completed satisfactorily, parents will be informed and made aware of the adverse implications of non-completion of homework both for their school report and for their final school leaving reference.
- In Key Stage 3 staff are <u>not</u> to issue detentions for failure to complete homework. Instead, individual staff should pass onto Angela Lloyd the name of any pupils who have failed to produce two homeworks. A letter will be sent to parents highlighting the implications of non-completion.

Monitoring

Homework is monitored through

- Heads of Department (November each year)
- Senior Management (February each year)
- Pupil work pursuit strategy (half termly)
- Head of House planner check (termly)

Glenda Sherwood June 2006