



*'Spurring each other on with love'*

# Homework Policy

## 2025-2026

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POLICY HISTORY (starting with the new cycle started in 2011)

Policy / Version Date	Summary of change	Governor adoption Date	Signed by the Chair	Next Review Date
1	Reviewed from old policy by JF	Summer 2012		Summer 2013
2	Reviewed by MH	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2014		Summer 2015
3	Reviewed by MH			Summer 2017
4	Reviewed by MH	21 <sup>st</sup> June 2018		Summer 2019
5	Reviewed by MH	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2019		Summer 2020 (deferred – COVID)
6	Reviewed by KC	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021		Summer 2022
7	Reviewed by THH – to be consulted on in Autumn 2022	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022		Summer 2023
8	Reviewed by THH	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023		Summer 2024
9	Reviewed by THH	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024		Summer 2025
10	Reviewed by THH	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025		Summer 2026

Homework at Bickleigh Down CofE (Aided) Primary School is set in order to enrich and consolidate the learning in school. It is an opportunity for pupils to apply different skills to their learning. It also helps children to extend their learning through independent research and reading.

Homework is not set as a time filler, or as something that is to be worried over but rather an opportunity to develop real life skills. Parents are not expected to teach new skills but are asked to provide support and encouragement.

In Foundation, an optional weekly homework is given each Monday as part of the weekly newsletter. This homework will vary each week with a range of areas or subjects covered across the year. All children are expected to read at home daily and books are changed in school twice a week.

In Years One and Two, spellings or spelling investigations will be sent home weekly. An English, Mathematics or Topic piece of homework will be sent home each week as part of the weekly newsletter sent out by Key Stage One teachers. Homework will be shared and celebrated.

In Key Stage Two, all children will be set spellings and times tables to learn each week which relate to the expectations in the National Curriculum. In addition, one piece of English and one piece of Mathematics homework will be sent home each week. Class teachers will provide this homework regularly on a set day each week.

Children must achieve at least 85% or more in their spelling test. If they do not achieve this score and cannot prove they have practised their spellings a number of times, they will stay in at lunchtime to work on their spellings before being retested. This will continue until they achieve the acceptable score.

Homework for all children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two is compulsory and not optional. Children will be expected to complete homework on time and to the best of their ability.

Homework is to be completed in pencil or handwriting pen (not biro) dependent on the ability of each child. High standards of presentation are expected and homework will be shared and celebrated in school.

Any homework which is not completed on time will be completed at home at the earliest date available.

The child will be given detention by the class teacher if the homework is not completed to a good standard or if the homework is not handed in on time. Parents and carers should communicate to the class teachers of any extenuating circumstances reason(s) why a child's homework may not be completed or handed in on time.

Children with significant Special Educational Needs may need homework which is adapted to their needs. The SENCo and class teacher will liaise with parents where this is applicable.