

St Nicholas CE VA Primary School

Vision Statement:

'At St Nicholas we nurture everyone ***to be the best we can be***, in a caring and inclusive Christian environment.'

UNCRC Article 29 : All children have the right to learning that allows you to become the best that you can be.'

Home Learning Policy

Home Learning: any learning which pupils are asked to do outside school time, either on their own or with parents / carers

Why do we promote Home Learning?

At St Nicholas we believe that learning alongside and from others helps to develop essential inter-personal skills and attributes amongst our young people. We also place great emphasis on developing the children's ability to be resourceful, responsible, resilient and reflective and believe home learning serves to enrich these skills and attitudes. Furthermore it fosters a sense of collective responsibility within our community and helps to strengthen that very important partnership between home and school.

Good reasons for Home Learning

-  We can practise what we already know to deepen our understanding
-  We can extend our learning and explore what interests us
-  We can share our learning so we understand the value of working alongside others

Responsibilities

School is responsible for:

- Sharing expectations with the children and parents at the beginning of each year so parents are clear about the type, content and frequency of the home learning.
- Setting and monitoring appropriate home learning tasks, taking into account pupils differing levels of ability including those with special educational needs and disabilities.
- Marking and feedback
- Providing clarification if required for pupils and / or parents.
- Ensuring Home Learning is time limited to allow children to relax and develop hobbies. (***UNCRC Article 31 : Children have the right to relax and play***)

Parents are responsible for:

- Encouraging and supporting your children
- Encouraging your children to complete tasks on time
- Liaising with school by commenting on homework
- Providing a quiet space for children to complete homework
- Seeking clarification from school if appropriate

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Children are responsible for:

- Making sure they have all their equipment with them e.g. reading book , spellings , Home Learning tasks etc
- Seeking help from school or home if required
- Completing tasks on time and to the best of their ability
- Remembering to hand home learning in

Type and Amount

The type and amount of Home Learning tasks is reviewed annually and communicated to parents in the Autumn Term. If this changes throughout the year then revised expectations are sent out with termly overviews along with suggestions on how parents can help. Occasionally we set Home – School projects linked to specific subjects, competitions or school development priorities. e.g Right Respecting School Award. We believe these help to raise awareness and deepen understanding amongst our community, around the schools aims and aspirations.

SEE APPENDIX 1 for 2013-2014 Home Learning Tasks and timetables

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