

Frequently Asked questions

When does my child get homework and when should it be handed in?

All classes will give out homework on a Thursday and collect it back in on a Tuesday. The teachers will give guidance to clarify expectations

What should I do if my child doesn't know what to do?

Your child should ask their teacher for clarification. It is advisable to take a look at it on the Thursday night to check what is required so that they can ask their teacher before the weekend.

What happens if they don't hand their homework in on time?

Key Stage 2 children will have a 15 minute detention to finish it with support from staff. A detention will not be given if there are mitigating circumstances i.e. unwell for the whole of the homework period or a family emergency. Parents of Key Stage 1 children will be spoken to.

What should I do if I feel the homework is too hard or too easy for my child?

Ask the teacher if you can arrange a meeting to discuss your concerns. Spellings or maths questions will be adapted after looking in to this to ensure that the homework is appropriate for your child.

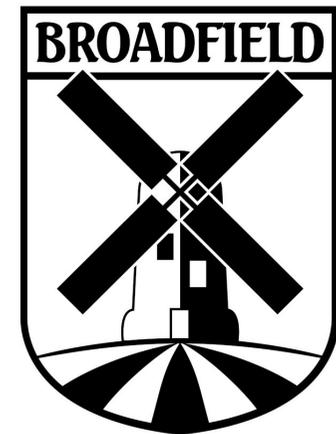
This does not apply to the learning log as all children can access this at their level and their work would be judged in relation to their current attainment. On rare occasions children with very complex needs will have something different to the learning log.

Why don't we set homework for the holidays?

We feel it is important for children to have a break from independent learning and enjoy the time with their families. If families are away for the whole holiday period it isn't a positive experience trying to rush homework when everyone is tired.

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Homework guidance for parents



Age group expectations

Early Years (EYFS)

Reading—every night for 5-10 mins. Please record this in their reading record so that we know that they have read. Remember it is valuable for you to read to them or you share the reading between you.

Key words— high frequency words to learn that will aid their writing.

Key Stage 1 (Phase A)

Reading—every night for 5-10 mins. Please record this in their reading record so that we know that they have done it. If they are tired you can read to them. Please ask them questions about the content of the book.

Spellings—practise saying the spellings out loud and putting the words in to sentences or simple phrases.

Maths—times tables from year 2

Talk for writing—have a chat about a few ideas that they could write about in their big write on a Friday.

Learning log—they should spend no more than 20-30 minutes. Try to encourage them to be as independent as possible.

Key Stage 2 (Phase B & C)

Reading—every night for 5-10 mins. Please record this in their reading record so that we know that they have read. They should be a fluent reader from year 3 so the best use of your time with them is to ask questions about the text, particular more probing questions that can't be taken directly from the text.

Spellings—practise saying the spellings out loud and putting the words in to sentences.

Maths—Times tables and mental arithmetic. Mathletics website is for addition practise.

Talk for writing—have a chat about a few ideas that they could write about. When assessed the content of their writing gains the highest marks.

Learning log—they should spend no more than 30 minutes. Encourage them to be independent . Children of this age should not need parents to sit with them. You can just be on hand nearby to answer questions and encourage them to compete it swiftly.

Year 6—they will bring home test papers to practise. Please try to create test conditions for them such as no help and keeping to the designated time to help them feel relaxed when they do sit the formal tests in May.

The purpose and aims of homework

- To help to develop an effective, positive partnership between school and parents in pursuing the aims of the school.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding of concepts.
- To have high expectations of pupils in completing homework.
- To make use of resources for learning that may be in the home.
- To extend school learning, for example through learning logs and additional reading.
- To encourage pupils to develop the confidence and self discipline needed to study on their own and be prepared for the requirements of secondary school.
- We display a good example of homework in the junior corridor

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