

## ST BERNADETTE'S HOMEWORK POLICY

### Our Mission

#### Learn to Love: Love to Learn

At St. Bernadette's Catholic School you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you

### Rational

At St. Bernadette's homework is given to all children. It aims to:

- bridge the gap between home and school, allowing parents direct involvement in their child's learning,
- encourage self discipline and personal organisation
- provide an opportunity for children to reinforce or extend the learning which has taken place in class.

### The nature of homework

Homework will:

- Be set for clearly defined purposes, not for its own sake.
- Vary in its nature and will not always be of a formal pencil and paper style.
- May include extension of work begun in class, additional research, reading, learning of tables and spellings, or collecting of information.
- Be followed up in class and made clear to children that tasks are not optional.

### Frequency of homework

The frequency and length of tasks will vary according to the age and needs of the child. Children and parents are notified of their homework timetable at the beginning of the school year. Children will be given homework on a Tuesday which should be completed by Friday and mathematics homework on a Friday which should be completed by the following Tuesday. This is reinforced at the welcome meetings which are timetabled in September. Homework will be completed on Seesaw. The table below sets out a general guide for the quantity of homework given to each year band. **All children should read every night.** An RE prayer bag will be sent home on a rota basis (one bag for one child in each class) throughout the year.

NURSERY	Take home toy (each night a different child in the group will take this home), Take home book (each week each child takes one book to share with parents), RE/ Prayer bag (taken home once a week)
RECEPTION	Word wall (words build up throughout the year), Common Exception Words, Reading, English & Mathematics - each once a week.
KEY STAGE 1	Reading each night, practising spellings each week and Mathematics and English every week (approx.40 minutes per week in total)
YEAR 3 and 4	English and Mathematics each once a week (approx. 50 minutes per week in total). Reading each night and spellings tested every two weeks.
YEAR 5 and 6	English and Mathematics each once a week (approx.1 hour per week in total.). Reading each night and spellings tested every two weeks.

## **Incomplete homework**

Children should be encouraged to get into a routine for homework. All homework should be signed and dated by parents. The children in Key Stage 2 will be encouraged to use a homework diary to aid their personal organisation.

### **KS2 Homework Procedure**

Class teachers will set a homework timetable in welcome meetings at the start of the academic year and will notify parents of this.

If a child fails to produce a piece of homework the teacher concerned will log this and remind the children in class time. Teachers will keep their own record of non completed or late homework. and will give children an orange trackit point.

As a reward, children who have completed all work set will be rewarded with an extra break time at the end of the half term.

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Date:

Dear Parent:

Re: Homework.

At St. Bernadette's we set homework as we believe it:

- bridges the gap between home and school, allowing parents direct involvement in their child's learning,
- encourages self discipline and personal organisation
- provides an opportunity for children to reinforce or extend the learning which has taken place in class.

Your child has not completed homework this term on \_\_\_\_\_ occasions. Please refer to your child's communication diary where the missed homework pieces have been indicated.

This situation will continue to be monitored. It is vitally important that all homework is completed and handed in on time.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Cowings  
Headteacher

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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have received a letter regarding my child's homework.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_