

## Homework Policy

As a school, for a number of years we have debated the vital contribution that homework plays in supporting our pupils acquire life skills, attitudes and values which will prepare our young people to become free, responsible and active members of society, making the Church's mission present to all by example of their lives.

We recognise that appropriate homework supports by:

- Consolidating what has been learned in class
- Extending learning beyond what can be achieved in normal lesson time
- Preparing the learner for the next stage in their learning
- Assessing what a learner can achieve independently and individually.

This schools' commitment to homework is also reflected in the School Inspection Handbook (June 2012) – the handbook for inspecting school in England under section 5 of the Education Act (as amended) from September 2012 highlights the importance of regular and appropriate homework. For a school to be judged Outstanding the following statement must be realised:

- Teachers use well-judged and often inspirational teaching strategies, **including setting appropriate homework** that, together with sharply focused and timely support and intervention, match individual needs accurately. Consequently, pupils learn exceptionally well across the curriculum.

We are committed to the effective learning of our pupils and we aspire to maintain our 'Outstanding' judgement, whenever we are next inspected. Therefore, we have to ensure that all pupils regardless of their age or teaching group are supported effectively with appropriate and regular homework:

To secure this in **Key Stage 3 the following subjects** will need to be set appropriate homework **at least once a week**:

RE  
English  
Science (Years 7 & 8)  
Mathematics  
French  
Technology

and **the following subjects** will need to set appropriate homework **at least once a fortnight**:

Biology, Chemistry, Physics (Year 9)  
History  
Geography  
ICT  
Learning to Learn  
Visual & Performing Arts subjects according to rotation.

In **Key Stage 4** all teachers of **Core and Optional Subjects** should set appropriate homework **at least once a week**.

In **Key Stage 5 all teachers** should ensure that they set appropriate homework for all pupils their **at least once a week**.

As an 'Outstanding' school, we must be able to provide evidence to demonstrate that we realise the policy above. This will highlight our commitment to homework supporting the learning of our pupils. Therefore, all teachers will have a homework record log, see attached example, that they will complete each week for each group that they teach. To support the school in making its judgement on the quality of teaching, this log book will need to be submitted when required.