



Lakes Primary School

Policy for

Home Learning

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Rationale

At Lakes Primary School, we recognise and value the significant contribution that learning beyond the classroom can make to a child's education.

Research consistently shows that parents and carers are the most influential people in a child's life. Educational success is most likely when there is a strong partnership between school, home and the child. This policy outlines the purpose, benefits and expectations of home learning at Lakes Primary School.

Definition

Home learning refers to activities and tasks completed outside of the normal school day that support, consolidate and extend learning that takes place in school.

Aims

At Lakes Primary School, we believe home learning should:

- Strengthen the partnership between home and school.
- Involve parents and carers in their child's education.
- Provide opportunities for children to practise key skills in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Develop knowledge and skills across the wider curriculum.
- Reinforce and extend learning undertaken in school.
- Encourage independence, resilience, self-discipline and responsibility.
- Foster positive attitudes towards learning and curiosity about the world around them.

The Role of Parents and Carers

The support and encouragement of parents and carers is essential if children are to gain maximum benefit from home learning opportunities.

Parents and carers can support their child by:

- Encouraging them to complete home learning activities and explaining the value of these activities.
- Providing a suitable environment where learning can take place with minimal distractions.

- Taking an active interest in the tasks and activities set.
- Supporting regular reading and discussing books together.
- Helping children learn spellings, number facts and times tables where appropriate.
- Celebrating effort and achievement.
- Informing school of any circumstances that may affect their child's ability to complete home learning.

Home Learning Tasks

Home learning may take a variety of forms depending on a child's age and stage of development. Expectations and activities will evolve as children move through the school.

At the start of each term, children will receive a Home Learning Grid. An electronic copy will also be available via Arbor. The grid provides a range of optional activities linked to current learning themes and curriculum areas.

Children are encouraged to select tasks that interest them and present their learning creatively. Tasks may include:

- Research projects
- Practical activities
- Creative artwork
- Written work
- Mathematical investigations
- Reading activities
- Digital presentations

Making Home Learning Manageable

Home learning should be a positive experience which supports learning and family life. It should not cause unnecessary stress or conflict between children and parents.

If families experience difficulties completing home learning, parents are encouraged to contact their child's class teacher so that appropriate support can be provided.

Depending on the nature of the activity, home learning may be reviewed collectively in class or shared informally with teachers and peers.

Children will be encouraged and motivated through the school's rewards and recognition systems rather than sanctions for non-completion.

Feedback

At Lakes Primary School, we recognise the importance of meaningful feedback in supporting children's progress and celebrating their achievements.

Feedback may be provided through:

- Verbal feedback from parents and carers during activities.
- Class discussions linked to home learning tasks.
- Assessment opportunities, including spelling and times table checks.
- Presentations and sharing sessions within the classroom.
- Displays of completed work and projects.
- Written or verbal feedback from teachers where appropriate.
- Celebration assemblies and recognition through school reward systems.

Monitoring and Review

The effectiveness of home learning will be monitored through discussions with children, parents, carers and staff. We are committed to maintaining strong home-school partnerships and welcome suggestions that help us continue to improve our approach.

Commitment to Partnership

Lakes Primary School is committed to fostering positive relationships between home and school. By working together, we aim to ensure that home learning remains engaging, purposeful and supportive of every child's development and success.