



Bishop Justus School Policies

Policy Title:	Homework Policy
LT Responsibility:	Deputy Headteacher
Date:	June 2018
Review:	June 2020

AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

- To reinforce knowledge which has been taught in school and give students the opportunity to practice skills they have learnt;
- To encourage self-discipline as the students, take responsibility for their learning;
- To promote independent learning
- To provide teachers with the opportunity to support and extend the learning of individual children;
- To encourage children to share their learning with parents and carers;
- To encourage parents and carers to become involved with their children's learning.

GUIDELINES:

Homework is given on a regular basis across the school following the below guidelines.

Staff will only set homework where there is a clear need and purpose and where it is likely to enhance or support learning or skills development. They will also, where appropriate, provide guidance; help pupils to manage homework requirements and allow reasonable time for tasks to be completed. All homework will be set using the school's online platform *Show my Homework*.

Key stage 3

There is a suggested duration of around 30 minutes per homework task set in Year 7 and Year 8.

Key Stage 4

It is expected that KS4 students should have between 60 and 90 minutes of homework per subject fortnightly.

Key Stage 5

It is expected that for every hour of lesson time, students in the Sixth form will do one hour of independent study. Staff will set homework that amounts to this quantity.

From time to time, homework may vary in response to a particular activity such as an educational visit. Homework content may be set as a written piece of homework or may include reading, research tasks or revision for knowledge tests. As with all work set, homework is monitored and results are recorded. Teachers should exercise their professional judgement when setting homework.

Responsibilities

It is our expectation that homework will be completed carefully and returned on time. Teachers will offer opportunities through the week to provide support for children to help them with any homework that is confusing or difficult for children to complete. Where homework is frequently missing or not completed or is late or of poor quality, appropriate sanctions will be put into place. This will often take the form of a detention at break time, lunchtime or after school.

The Headteacher will:

- Promote the school homework policy to staff, parents and pupils.
- Monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the policy.

Subject leaders will:

- Ensure that quality homework is set regularly.
- Will monitor and evaluate the progress of all students following courses in their subject, in conjunction with the relevant member of SLT.

The teacher will:

- Set regular homework activities which will include both written tasks or revision tasks for knowledge tests.
- Provide adequate and appropriate feedback to pupils through praise and encouragement, marking or testing (as appropriate).
- Set high expectation of pupils in completing homework.

Parents and Carers should support their children by:

- Providing a suitable place where your child can do their homework, somewhere reasonably peaceful, with supervision if appropriate.
- Making it clear to your child that you value homework, and support the school in explaining how it can help raise attainment.
- Providing activities that support the activities set by the teacher.
- Ensuring and checking that tasks are completed on time and to a suitable standard
- Being actively involved in joint homework activities with the children

Evaluation

- The school will follow up all complaints from parents regarding the marking of work.
- Subject leaders will adhere to the Quality Assurance cycle to ensure compliance within their teams.

Bishop Justus Church of England School processes personal data in accordance with the data protection principles embodied in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. The Academy complies with the requirements of the data protection legislation as detailed in the Trust Data Protection Policy. All staff are aware of the principles of data protection and will not process personal data unless necessary. The Academy safeguards the personal data it collects through the operation of the Trust's data protection policy and processes and the IT policy. In addition, the Academy has taken steps to ensure that all its contracts that process data have the GDPR compliant provisions.