

# Beaconsfield Primary School



## Homework Policy & Expectations

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### Suggested time allocations for homework each week:

Reception:	30 – 40 minutes	(reading mostly)
Year 1:	30 – 40 minutes	(reading mostly)
Year 2:	45 – 60 minutes	
Year 3:	60 – 75 minutes	
Year 4:	75 – 90 minutes	
Year 5:	75 – 90 minutes	
Year 6:	90 – 120 minutes	

- a) Homework tasks should be set each week. (This may be a task set each day or several tasks given out at the start of a week and collected at the end of the week.)
- b) **Reading is an expected part of homework** for all children. Reading should take place on 4 out of 5 nights of the week. This should be recorded in the pupil reading record and signed at home by an adult
- c) Homework **should not be just a photocopied worksheet** for pupils to fill in.
- d) A weekly homework register will need to be kept for each class. (These will be monitored by the SLT)
- e) Homework tasks should involve a range of subject areas and provide opportunities for pupils to discuss topics with people at home.
- f) Within reason homework task should be differentiated for those who require it.
- g) Spelling/ punctuation and grammar tasks, times tables and mental maths activities should be included as part of homework, but these should not be the only homework.
- h) Homework activities should be used to reinforce learning/ activities from within lessons. Teachers need to take time to explain to children how to complete the work with clear explanations.

### Procedures when homework is not completed:

- 1<sup>st</sup> occasion - Verbal warning from class teacher (Expectation that the missed work is completed)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> occasion - Send home standard letter stating dates (from register) that homework was not returned.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> occasion - 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to parents including a warning about meeting in school if home work is missed again.
- 4<sup>th</sup> occasion - Meeting with either Assistant Head or Deputy Head
- 5<sup>th</sup> occasion - Meeting with Head Teacher

# Meetings can only take place once these steps have been followed and where an up to date class register has been kept.

**# It is important that homework is given out each week. The majority of parent complaints to the head teacher are about homework (not given out, not marked or too easy/ hard). Parents expect homework to be given out weekly.**