

POLICY POINTS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

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At Earlham the staff and governors regularly create and review policies on all aspects of our school and we would like to keep you updated and aware of our school policy decisions.

Earlham's Homework Policy aims:

- To consolidate learning and deepen understanding.
- To support and develop the partnership between home and school through enabling parents to actively participate in their child's learning
- To encourage pupils to develop perseverance, initiative and self-discipline through independent study.
- To develop the habit of home study and life-long learning, and to ease the transition from primary to secondary education.
- To complement the requirements of the National Curriculum Programmes of Study through the integrated planning of classwork and homework.
- To provide a progressive, regular and consistent approach to homework throughout the school.
- To ensure that our homework procedures are manageable, appropriate, relevant and supportive of existing systems.
- To use homework to reinforce and/or extend work covered in class; practise or consolidate skills and knowledge; prepare for future classwork.

All children will be expected to have an appropriate reading book to take home. The reading record, with comments by both staff, child and parents, is expected to be regularly maintained and will be monitored by SLT.

Homework may be completed on sheets (retained in a plastic folder) or in a homework book which will also be kept in the folder, depending on the nature of the activity.

Homework should consist primarily of Literacy and Numeracy, with topic and science work being added on occasion. Homework should be related to recent or current work, to reinforce class lessons or to prepare pupils for future learning, and should be set according to the needs of the pupils. There may also be ongoing work on e.g. times tables, number bonds, spellings and similar activities.

Homework will be briefly marked and returned home. Work that is not completed to a high standard should be returned and done again. The teacher may on occasion require pupils to complete unfinished homework at playtime.

Helpful hints for Parents and Carers:

- Provide somewhere quiet for your child to work, if possible away from the TV and other children. They will need a flat surface to work on.
- Establish a regular time or times each week when the homework is done.
- Keep homework books away from other children in the family. They belong to the one child and should be treated with respect.
- Give help and support to your child but don't do the work for your child – class teachers want to see your child's work, not yours!

If you have any questions or comments relating to this policy please come and see Miss Robinson.



REMEMBER:

YOU CAN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS HOMEWORK OR ANY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING EVERY TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL.

Please speak to your child's class or set teacher to arrange this.

