



SELLINDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOME LEARNING POLICY

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Introduction

At Sellindge we understand the importance of developing a pupil's learning through the journey they take both at school and at home with their family. We aim to help support this process through providing pupils with activities that help enhance the learning that takes place in school and create opportunities for an individual's personal development. The way in which home-learning is approached will be determined by its rationale.

Purpose

- Developing an effective partnership between the school and home.
- Consolidating and reinforcing skills and understanding.
- Extending school learning
- Encouraging pupils to develop personally including such attributes as building confidence, trying new things, challenging themselves and developing self- motivation

Effectiveness

To be effective homework should be:

- given regularly (termly) and communicated well to pupils/parents.
- relevant and purposeful;
- appropriate to the pupils ability;
- accessible to all pupils, including allowing enough time for completion;
- followed up with feedback.

Approach

Home Learning may be in the form of formal homework or more informal home challenges. It should be of value to the pupils learning and not just a meaningless activity. It should not be used as an assessment piece as it may not have been completed independently. Parents should be encouraged to give pupils an appropriate amount of support. It is important to use this as an opportunity where parents can contribute to their child's learning. It should be encouraged through the use of positive reinforcement and incentives. Home-learning should not give the teacher a disproportionate amount of planning or marking.

Expectations

At Sellindge we **expect** all children to do the following at home **each week**:

- Read a reading book- ideally 15-20 minutes every night
- Learn mental maths skills including times tables in preparation for tests (including Maths Passport and Tweets)
- Explore the weekly phonics/spelling patterns.

At Sellindge we **suggest that** all children to do the following at home **each term**:

- Complete at least 5 of the Home- Challenges set for each class from the grid of 20
- Try to complete at least one Home-Challenge a week.
- There is no set date that work needs to be completed by but a new set of challenges will be issued each term.

On **occasions** individual pupils may be asked to:

- Complete work as organised between parent and teacher
- Practise skills for an intervention

- Revisit work that they may have had difficulty understanding.

Additionally, pupils may independently undertake home –learning that has not been set by the teacher but consolidates what they have been learning in class or shows other personal development. The school encourages pupils to share this with the teacher.

Seesaw

The school using the Seesaw online platform for giving and receiving Home- Learning.

- Teachers will post the Home-Challenges at the beginning of the term and any weekly home learning will be shared on the same day each week (may differ from class to class)
- Pupils can upload responses, photographs, videos etc. onto the Seesaw platform.
- Pupils can bring Home-Challenges into school
- Teachers will give feedback to pupils via Seesaw and will incorporate opportunities for pupils to share some of the home-learning in class through activities such as Show and Tell.
- The school will ensure that all families have access to the appropriate technology to access learning platforms.

Incentives and Rewards

Teachers will celebrate the home-learning that has been completed in a variety of ways including positive feedback, reading tickets, house points, homework trophies and other school incentives. Teachers will not give a consequence for homework that is not completed other than the withholding of a reward.

COVID-19 addendum in line with expectations from DFE

- *If pupils are self-isolating owing to COVID-19, they will be provided with home learning that is linked to the learning that is being taught in class. This will be via the Seesaw Learning Platform*

Equality

This policy should be read in conjunction with other related school policies and complies with ‘The Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Other Documentation Links

SEN Policy

Home School Links Policy

Equality Policy

Home School Agreement

Teaching and Learning Policy

COVID-19 Preparation for Full opening