



ST NINIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL

School Policy No.11

HOMEWORK POLICY

1. **Aim**

To ensure that the setting of homework is an integral part of the teaching and learning process.

2. **Objectives**

- To provide an agreed whole school strategy for setting work or study which pupils can undertake at home.
- To foster the correct habits and attitudes which are necessary for future years.
- To prepare pupils for the discipline of private study.
- To encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own learning.
- To reinforce classroom learning.
- To provide extension and remediation of coursework.
- To reinforce and confirm existing skills and provide opportunities to develop further problem solving and information handling skills.
- To strengthen the partnership between home and school.

3. **Methods of Achieving Objectives**

3.1 Principal Teachers should ensure that,

- their departments have a co-ordinated homework policy in line with school policy
- there is a sharing within the department of ideas and materials
- a statement of department procedures is prepared and issued to all members of the department
- homework is discussed regularly at departmental meetings.



3.2 Teachers should ensure that each piece of homework

- is sensitive to the individual needs/circumstances of the pupil
- is set with the ability of the pupil in mind
- has a clear purpose
- is issued with clear instructions on what is required
- is marked promptly and constructively and pupils made aware of their marks

3.3 Homework may take a variety of forms, e.g.

- written exercises
- note-taking and summarising
- guided reading
- personal reading
- consolidation problems in Mathematics
- writing up the results of an experiment in Science
- learning vocabulary in French and Spanish
- preparing a talk to be delivered to the class

3.4 The amount of homework set should be reasonable and vary with the year group, e.g.

S1 - S2 5-6 hours per week

S3 - S4 8-10 hours per week

S5 - S6 15 hours per week

We should remember that not all pupils will enjoy circumstances conducive to completing homework.



3.5 Parents are vital to the success of the school Homework policy.

They will be informed of school policy by the Headteacher and will be asked to support it.

Parents will be asked to

- provide pupils with a bag so that proper care is taken of books, jotters etc.
- ensure that homework is completed conscientiously and in the most suitable surroundings
- regularly monitor their child's progress through Show My Homework
- offer help when appropriate, e.g. by volunteering to hear a prepared talk or listen to French vocabulary
- help their child organise the week ahead and to check that there is a good balance of work and leisure.

4. **Staff Development**

Whole school discussion, departmental discussion and sharing good practice.

5. **Monitoring**

Principal Teachers - oversee departmental practice and ensure the issue is discussed regularly at departmental meetings.

PTs and Guidance staff monitor the issue of Pink Slips (refusal to complete homework).

SMT scrutinise Show My Homework in a systematic manner.

SMT and Guidance staff scrutinise the analysis of the Rewards System.

6. **Evaluation**

The policy will be evaluated annually by the use of questionnaires to all staff.

Annual Evaluation in May

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