

Homework Policy

St Vincent's School for Sensory Impairment and Other Needs



‘We Love, Live, Learn and Grow.’

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School Mission Statement

'Inspired by the example of St. Vincent we strive to create a safe and caring teaching and learning environment where all love, live, learn and grow in community so as to serve God and the Common Good'.

Our aims are that each individual in the community of St. Vincent's;

- Can love and respect God and each other and be loved and respected.
- Can live their life to the full.
- Can learn from each other and from opportunities and experiences, according to their needs and abilities.
- Can grow in faith, confidence, wisdom and understanding and so reach their potential.

Introduction

Homework is an integral part of learning at St Vincent's School as it is directly related to content taught during normal school time. The school policy for homework was developed and agreed by the whole staff and has the full agreement of the Governing Body. The policy was approved and ratified by the Governing Body – **September 2025**.

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure that parents are clear about what their child is expected to do.
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.
- To use homework as a tool to help continue to raise standards of attainment.
- Improve the quality of the learning experience offered to pupils and to extend it beyond the classroom environment.
- Provide opportunities for parents, pupils and the school to work together in partnership in relation to learning.
- Encourage pupils and their parents to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- Reinforce work covered in class by providing further opportunities for individual learning.
- To practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Numeracy and Literacy.
- Encourage pupils where appropriate to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.

The Nature of Homework

It should be noted that homework can be set in many different forms with different expectations and outcomes. It is important to remember that when setting homework there are several points to consider:

- The nature and type of homework changes throughout a pupil's school career.
- Amount and frequency of homework will differ according to the pupil's ability level and Key Stage.
- Homework should not cause undue stress on the pupil, family, or the teacher.
- It will not necessarily come in the form of a written task.

Reading

Learning to read is essential for children to be able to access learning across all subject areas of the curriculum. Children need to practice their reading at home and in school to ensure they progress well and develop fluency. Please commit to listening to your child read at least once a week and writing a comment in the home-school journal. This will really ensure your child develops their reading skills at a good rate and keeps up with the National Curriculum expectations.

Using technology to support with homework

A copy of the school's E-Safety policy can be viewed on the school website. The child's safety is paramount in all matters regarding use of the internet, and we advise parents and carers to always supervise their child's access to the internet.

General

- Marking homework is a way of keeping track of progress. Marking may be done in a variety of forms, some of which will not be written.
- Feedback may be given to individual pupils, or to groups of pupils.
- If children are absent due to illness, we will not send homework home. We would assume the child was too ill to work.
- If a pupil is absent for a length of time e.g., with a broken leg, the teacher and the parent will agree what should be done, how it should be marked and what sort of help needs to be given. In such circumstances the teacher should consult the Head Teacher first.
- It is not possible to give homework when parents take holidays in term time.
- Parents/Carers who have queries about homework should not hesitate to contact the Family Liaison Officer.

Role of the Class Teacher

- To provide an explanation of homework tasks to parents and carers when necessary and give guidance of how they might assist their child.
- To ensure any homework is purposeful and links directly to the curriculum being taught.
- To reward and praise pupils who regularly complete homework tasks.
- To mark homework when necessary and give feedback to pupils.

Role of the Leadership team and Governing Body

- To check compliance of the Policy.
- To meet and talk with parents when appropriate.
- To discuss with staff how far the policy is being successfully implemented.
- Inform new parents to the school so that they are aware of the home/school agreement and what it entails.

Role of Parents / Carers

- To support the school by ensuring that their child attempts the homework.
- To provide a suitable place for their child to carry out their homework.
- To encourage and praise their child when they have completed their homework.
- To become actively involved and support their child with homework activities.
- To make it clear that they value homework, and they support the school by explaining how it can help learning.

Homework Timetable

Homework is set according to a homework timetable. Whilst homework may not be set every week in each subject, the day it is set, will be in line with the timetable below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T1					Reading
P1			Computing		Reading/Weekly Spellings & Timetables Maths English
P2	History/Geography		English Maths	Computing	Reading/Weekly Spellings & Timetables
Y7	Computing English	Art Spanish	Science History/Geography R.E.	Maths	
Y8	Computing English	History Spanish	Art Science Geography	Maths R.E.	
Y9	Science	Computing English R.E.	Art Maths History/Geography	Spanish	
Y10.1	Art History/Geography	BTEC IT R.E.	Music English Spanish	Maths Science	
Y10.2	Art BTEC IT	History/Geography	Music English	Maths Science R.E.	
P16I	BTEC Music WJEC IT	HL&F	Maths	English	
P16T		HL&F	Maths English	WJEC IT	