



HOMEWORK POLICY

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ is our teacher.

At St Bernard's we believe that all persons are created by God, unique and equal. We strive to create a caring Christian community in which we provide education based on Gospel values where all people reach their full potential. We aim to develop positive relationships with every individual and family, the parishes and the wider community.

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"

John 10:10

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At St Bernard's we firmly believe that learning away from the classroom is an essential skill and requirement so that all pupils to reach their full potential.

Homework is designed to aid a pupil's continual progress throughout all stages of their school life. This homework policy is designed to help parents/carers support their child in their learning away from school. As such, homework is deemed to be '**Parent led and Teacher supported**'.

The approach to homework is distinctly different across the two key stages. In Key Stage 3, homework is designed to '**Inspire, Explore and Discover**', whilst at Key stage 4 homework also becomes an essential part of preparation for **progress and attainment** at GCSE.

Key stage 3

- There is no prescribed time limit for homework at Key Stage 3.
 - Year 7 homework takes the form of a graduated approach:
 - Autumn 1 READ homework only (except for subject revision tasks)
 - Autumn 2 READ and core subjects only (except for subject revision tasks)
 - Spring onwards READ and all subjects.
 - Year 8 homework includes weekly READ home learning and a mix of learning tasks from across the curriculum areas.
- A variety of learning tasks are created by each department and are available via the school website. These documents will be available on a termly basis.
- In certain circumstances a teacher may set an additional task as homework. Any specific teacher given task will take priority.
- To support the transition of Year 7 students into Secondary school life, homework routines are implemented within a phased time frame across subjects.

Key stage 4

- The default setting for homework in Key Stage 4 is **revision**. As such, no child should ever claim to have no homework to do.
- A teacher may set an **additional task** or tasks as homework. Any specific teacher given task will take priority over revision.
- We do follow an alternative homework approach for Year 9 as part of their transition into GCSEs, instead, homework for this year group involves the **St Bernard's Award** along with only **revision** tasks set by teachers.