

THE SHRUBBERIES SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

It is recognised that staff at The Shrubberies School will always strive to work closely with parents in identifying and agreeing specific targets and objectives for their child. It is also understood that there should be a consistency of method and practice agreed with parents to be implemented both at home and at school.

Homework will be set for pupils where we think it is both beneficial and necessary or when requested by parents. We recognise that for some pupils, such as those with profound and multiple difficulties, and their families homework may not be appropriate. Therefore a homework agreement will be discussed with all pupils and families during their Annual Review meeting. The homework agreement will be between the parents, pupil and class teacher.

We consider homework to be relevant and of benefit to the pupil. It may come in a variety of forms to meet the holistic needs of our pupils, for example;

- Work on EHCP targets
- Topic work
- Construction/art work
- Encouraging pupils to take home their reading books and share them with parents.
- Numeracy in realistic context e.g. exchanging money, measuring, directions etc.
- Independence and self-help work e.g. making drinks, washing up, tidying, cutlery skills etc.
- Social skills e.g. turn taking within a game, sitting at the table, visiting a new place etc.
- Life skills
- Communication skills e.g. signing, PECs etc.
- Physical and/or sensory activities
- Self-occupying skills
- Encouraging pupils to bring work and artefacts into school from home.
- Specialised teaching resources may be used by parents at home, particularly on weekends and holidays.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and significant amendments will result from whole school discussion. The policy will then be presented to the Governing body for approval.