



# Robert Clack School of Science

## Homework Policy 2015 – 2016

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## **Robert Clack School of Science Policy**

### **19. Homework Policy**

**The Governing Body, Head Teacher and Staff** will ensure that the policy is implemented equally in all cases without discrimination.

Homework is an activity or a piece of work pupils are asked to completed outside of lesson time alone, in groups or with their parents/carers.

#### **The Purpose of Homework**

- To help pupils progress in learning
- To allow pupils to develop the practice of working on their own without the constant presence of the teacher or other pupils.
- To give opportunities for long term research.
- To give pupils valuable experience of working to deadlines.
- To prepare pupils with the skills of independent study required in Further Education

#### **Types of homework**

- Reading/writing/spelling
- Exam practice
- Watching a television programme or a film
- Using the internet
- Carrying out a project. This may involve research, collection of information for an individual or group project
- Observing/recording
- Making a model to exemplify an item of work.
- Completing an exercise to practice, enforce or apply aspects of the class work, e.g. writing up a practical

**It is important that pupils should have frequent and increasing opportunities to develop and consolidate their competencies as independent learners.**

#### **Organisation of homework**

- Each pupil is issued with a planner at the beginning of each term. It indicates when the homework for each subject is set and when it is due in.
- We give clear instructions concerning homework to everyone in the class, and ensure that all pupils have plenty of time to copy down which is expected

- Homework is regularly assessed and any feedback given is helpful to students.

### **Parents/Carers role in homework**

Parents/carers should:

- Check that homework details are filled in clearly and regularly in the planner. There is space for your regular signature
- Help their child to organise his/her time to their best advantage
- Ensure that there are suitable working conditions at home
- Take a positive and active interest in their child's work at home, rather than just insisting that its done

### **Non-completion of homework**

We expect completed homework to be given in on time. This gives pupils valuable experience of working to deadlines.

- The class teacher will have a discussion with the pupil to find out if there are good reasons for failure to hand in the work. Pupils may be asked to complete a detention, either at lunchtime or after school to complete the work
- The class teacher may contact the Subject Leader or the Leader of the Community
- A homework report might be issued