



# Lady Alice Primary School

## Homework Policy

### Aims:

- ❖ To allow for practice and consolidation of work taught in class
- ❖ To allow preparation for future class work
- ❖ To promote research skills
- ❖ To encourage responsibility and ownership of learning
- ❖ To foster partnership between home and school
- ❖ To provide opportunities for challenge / independent learning
- ❖ To provide additional support with core skills
- ❖ To provide parents with an opportunity to be involved in their child's learning
- ❖ To develop pupils' organisational skills.

### Rationale

Homework should be varied, interesting, and provide opportunities for challenge as well as the practice of basic skills. It should be within the pupil's capabilities however should also be challenging. We will endeavour to ensure that homework tasks are accessible to all and will adapt the tasks as necessary.

### Procedures

- ❖ Pupils will take responsibility for completion of homework with parents providing support as required.
- ❖ Parents/carers will inform the school of any reasons why a child is unable to complete any homework task in order that adaptation and/or support is provided.
- ❖ Homework tasks will be designed to be completed within the recommended timescales – P1-P3 no longer than 10/15 minutes and P4-P7 no longer than 30 minutes.
- ❖ When setting timescales for homework tasks, account will be taken of children's commitments to the range of after school activities which also enhance their learning.
- ❖ When necessary, children will be given unfinished work to complete at home however this should not become a regular occurrence.
- ❖ All homework tasks/diaries should be signed by parents/carers indicating they are happy with their child's effort.
- ❖ Specific instructions for each task will be given on a weekly/daily basis.
- ❖ If pupils are regularly not completing homework tasks class teachers will contact parents/carers by text message followed by a letter which should be signed and returned to the class teacher. (Appendix 1).



Dear Parent/Carer

Unfortunately your child, ....., has failed to carry out homework tasks satisfactorily on three occasions. Perhaps you are unaware of the problem. I draw it to your attention and seek your support and encouragement in ensuring that homework is completed.

If there is a problem please contact the school and arrange an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Regards

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I acknowledge receipt of your letter about my child's unsatisfactory homework.

Pupil's Name .....

Parent/Carer's signature .....

Date .....