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1. Introduction

This policy outlines the principles and practices for homework at Hanover Street School. Homework is considered an integral part of the learning process, but we recognise the importance of promoting a balanced home-school life.

2. Aims of Homework

- To consolidate and extend learning covered in class
- To develop independent learning skills, time management, and organisation
- To encourage responsibility and a positive attitude towards learning
- To promote communication and collaboration between home and school

3. Homework Schedule

- Homework will be handed out on Mondays and returned on Fridays each week.
- Late homework will be accepted with a valid reason.

4. Supporting Resources

All pupils will have access to:

- Bug Club: Online reading platform with banded books and comprehension activities.
- Education City: Educational games and activities aligned with the curriculum.
- Google Classroom: Online platform for sharing resources, submitting assignments, and providing feedback.

5. Homework Structure by Stage

Primary 1 - Primary 3:

- Focus on paper-based activities to reinforce core skills using some online resources to support.
- Weekly tasks may include:
 - Phonics practise

 sound of the week.
 - Reading for at least 10 minutes daily.
 - Reading activities accessed through Bug Club
 - Spelling activities.

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- Completing Big Maths practice worksheets.
- Education city games and activities.
- Short research projects or extended writing tasks.

Primary 4 – Primary 7:

- Blended format with a mix of online and paper-based activities.
- Weekly tasks may include:
 - Reading activities accessed through Bug Club.
 - Reading for at least 15-20 minutes daily.
 - Spelling activities.
 - Completing Big Maths practice worksheets.
 - Completion of Google Classroom activities linked to current topics.
 - Education city games and activities.
 - Research projects or extended writing tasks.

6. Parents/Carers Role

- Offer support and encouragement, but avoid completing the work for your child.
- Communicate with teachers regarding any difficulties or concerns about homework.
- Monitor online activity during homework time and ensure safe internet use.

7. Communication and Feedback

- Teachers will provide clear instructions and expectations for each homework task.
- Homework will be marked and feedback provided each week.
- Teachers can be contacted via Seesaw to support with any homework queries.

*Please note that teacher contactable hours are between 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.

8. Review and Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed and evaluated every two years.