

Homework Policy

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1. Aim

The purpose of homework is to enhance pupil learning and therefore promote academic achievement.

In particular homework will:

- provide more time for study, allowing pupils to make more rapid academic progress;
- encourage pupils to study on their own and so develop as independent learners;
- allow parents to become involved in the education of their children.

2. Purpose

The reason a teacher will set a particular homework will vary but will include:

- consolidating and reinforcing skills and understanding, developed at school;
- practice – learning by doing;
- learning and memorising factual knowledge;
- extending school learning, for example through additional reading;
- managing particular demands, such as coursework assignments;
- encouraging pupils to develop the skills and motivation needed to study on their own as independent learners;
- developing research and practical skills;
- providing opportunities for private reading, study or research;
- doing work not suited to a classroom situation;
- developing self-discipline.

3. Parent

St Benedict's believes that education is a partnership between home and school, and that parents have their own responsibilities. Parents are encouraged to support pupils with their homework. Such interest and support will always enhance the child's learning.

Parents are requested to:

- Provide a quiet, suitable place where pupils can do their homework;
- Make it clear to pupils that they value homework and support the school policy;
- Take an interest in the homework, encourage pupils and praise them when work is complete;
- Expect and check that deadlines are to be met;
- Monitor progress by checking exercise books and student planners, and praising good work;
- Check students homework schedule on Edulink One at least once per week;
- Contact the school if there are particular difficulties
- Support the school in the appropriate use of sanctions.

4. Edulink One

Teachers use Edulink One to set homework for students. Parents can access their son/daughter's current homework schedule by logging in to Edulink One and clicking the Homework icon. More information can be found on the school website: <https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/edulinkone>.

5. Timing

Homework by department from September 2019

- At KS3 each piece of homework will be for approx... 30/45 mins.
- At KS4 each piece of homework will be for approx... 45mins/1 hour.
- At KS5 students are set approximately 4 hours per subject

| Subject | Key Stage 3 | Key Stage 4 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mathematics | 1 per week | 1 per week |
| English | 2 20min hwks per week | 3 20min hwks per week |
| Science | 1 per week | 3 per fortnight |
| Religious Education | 1 per fortnight | 1 per week |
| History | 1 per week | 1 per week |
| Geography | 1 per week | 1 per week |
| Languages | 1 per fortnight | 1 per week |
| Art | 1 per fortnight | 1 per week |
| Business Studies | - | 1 per week |
| Computing | 1 per fortnight | 1 per week |
| Design and Technology | 1 per fortnight | 1 per week |
| Drama | 1 per fortnight | 1 per week |
| Music | 2 per half term | 1 per week |
| Physical Education | - | 1 per week for GCSE |



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