

Cockshut Hill School Home Learning

Rationale

"Homework is not an optional extra, but an essential part of a good education". -1999 White Paper, Excellence in Schools

Homework is work that is set to be completed outside the timetabled curriculum. It contains an element of independent study not directly supervised by a teacher. It is important in raising student achievement. Not all homework is done at home; in fact, for some students who find it hard to work at home, or for some tasks which may require resources (books, software, equipment) more readily available at school, it is necessary or desirable to carry out the task at school. The school's Learning Hub (Library) is available as a base to complete homework after school.

Homework enhances student learning, improves achievement and develops students' study skills and as such is an integral part of the curriculum. It requires careful planning and integration into the scheme of work of each curriculum area.

Failure to complete homework results in a 20 minute detention in compliance with the Cockshut Hill School behaviour policy.

Homework has the most positive impact on student learning when:

- It is done by the student to the best of their ability.
- Students have a quiet, designated place at home or school to complete homework.
- Students develop a routine for completing homework at home.
- Parents/Carers are supportive and encouraging.
- Teachers plan for homework as an integral part of the student learning. Setting long, tedious homework does not improve student learning.
- Homework is linked closely to one of our 4 school values – Ambition.

How homework supports the learning and development of Cockshut Hill students

- Supports classroom practice enabling students to extend learning.
- Enables students to practise skills learnt in the classroom and so embeds knowledge.
- Promotes personal and independent research and learning.
- Encourages key behavioural skills such as self-reliance, time management and personal organisation.
- Encourages the development of research and presentation skills.
- Allows for the testing of knowledge and the practising of techniques pertinent to criteria for assessment in examinations.
- Promotes enjoyment of learning for its own sake.

The role of the student

- To listen to homework instructions in class.
- To copy down instructions for the task and deadline date into their planners.
- To ensure that homework is completed and handed in to meet the deadline.
- To attempt all work and give their best.
- To inform the class teacher of any difficulties.
- To attend any detention issued for no homework.

The role of the Class Teacher

The class teacher controls the direction of homework and the nature of tasks undertaken.

The teacher will:

- Set homework according to the timetable.
- Provide the stimulus.
- Give full and comprehensive instructions.
- Set deadlines for completed work and ensure that they are met.
- Provide help and support.
- Sign for a detention in student planners where homework not completed and place a detention on the school's behaviour platform.

Key Stage Three Homework

All students in KS3 will be set homework by class teachers in the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and Modern Foreign Languages. Students will also be expected to read at home on a regular basis. Students will also have access to the Learning Hub. Homework tasks should be set to students via Teams. This can be quizzes, comprehension tasks, exam questions or a suitable App (Hegarty Maths). The tasks will be set by class teachers using the following timetables:

| Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Time reading | 20 minutes |

Reading books are available for all from the Learning Hub (as well as the book provided by the school catch-up funding) and are age appropriate for all reading ages.

| Once a week | | |
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| English | Maths | Science |
| 30 Minutes | 30 Minutes | 30 Minutes |

| Once a fortnight | | |
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| History | Geography | MFL |
| 30 Minutes | 30 Minutes | 30 Minutes |

Students will be expected to write their homework into their planners and the date that it will need to be handed in. Parents/Carers are expected to support the school in ensuring that these tasks are completed at

home. If students do not complete homework on a regular basis parents will be informed by achievement leaders.

Key Stage Four Homework

All students in KS4 will be set homework by class teachers in all of their GCSE subjects, with the exception of art and iMedia. Students will also be expected to read at home on a regular basis. Homework tasks should be set to students via Teams. This can be quizzes, comprehension tasks, exam questions or a suitable App (Hegarty Maths). The tasks will be set by class teachers using the following timetables:

| Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Time reading | 20 minutes |

Reading books are available for all from the Learning Hub and are age appropriate for all reading ages.

| Once a week | | |
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| English - 30 Minutes | Maths - 30 Minutes | Science - 30 Minutes |
| RE - 30 Minutes | Option K -30 Minutes | Option M -30 Minutes |
| Option L – 30 Minutes | | |