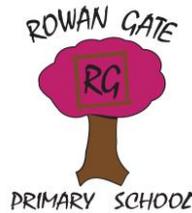


# ROWAN GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## HOMEWORK POLICY

*This school policy reflects the consensus of opinion of the whole teaching and support staff and has the full agreement of the governing body.*

*This policy reflects the philosophy of the Equality Policy, the Mission Statement and the School Aims in relation to the whole curriculum.*

### **Introduction**

Rowan Gate Primary School is a school for pupils with profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), moderate learning difficulties (MLD) and autism. As such the needs of the children and their families with regards to homework are varied. Thus the interpretation of 'homework' is wider than would be expected in a mainstream setting.

The staff at Rowan Gate Primary School endeavour to work in partnership with parents and carers to facilitate the development of each pupil. For this to be successful, Rowan Gate responds to the needs of parents, carers and pupils.

### **Why is homework important?**

- It raises your children's achievement.
- It consolidates and extends the work they have done in school.
- It helps to inform you about your children's school work and allows and gives you the opportunity to support this work.

### **What sort of activities should children be doing?**

Our homework activities are related to the work your children are doing at school.

For some children homework will include:

- Reading with parents or carers.
- Games or activities to practice English, Maths or other skills.

For other children homework will be related to communication, personal or social activities.

Parents may be able to support their child's homework with resources from home, such as photographs, favourite toy or book which are related to the topic. For some pupils AAC devices may be used to record messages from home about the topic, eg News – what the child did at the weekend.

## **What homework should my child be doing?**

This varies with different classes and you will be informed at the beginning of each term in the class newsletter about topics your child is working on.

When it is appropriate, reading books will be sent home regularly and parents are strongly encouraged to record reading activities in the pupil's reading diary.

## **Should I help my child with homework?**

Homework allows you to see what your children are doing and to support their learning. This partnership between school and home is a vital part of education.

We take the view that children are likely to get more out of an activity if parents are involved. If you are unsure about how much help to give, you should communicate with your child's teacher, using the home school book.

## **10 things you can do to help your child learn**

1. Give your child confidence through lots of praise and encouragement.
2. Read to, and with, your child as much as possible.
3. Encourage your child to observe and talk about what they see, feel and think.
4. Make use of your local library.
5. Visit museums and other places.
6. If your child likes watching television, watch it together sometimes and talk about what has been watched, eg newsround.
7. Try to provide a reasonably quiet and suitable place where your child can work and show that you and all members of the family value and respect the homework activity.
8. Try to set time aside to support your child's homework activities whilst also allowing some independence where appropriate.
9. Encourage your child to discuss their school day with you, relate it to comments in the home school book.
10. Enjoy the activity together.

The type of homework a child engages in will reflect the child and family's needs and as such, children in the same class may have different types of homework.

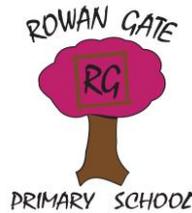
The type and frequency of homework is agreed between the pupils, class teacher and parents, in consultation with the Head Teacher.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We want your children to succeed.

## **Review**

*This policy was revised in Feb 2014 and will be reviewed annually.*

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## Homework Agreement

### What homework will be given?

A weekly activity which should take 10 – 15 minutes.

Daily reading is encouraged and makes a huge difference to the development of this important and enjoyable activity.

### When will homework be given?

Child will receive their homework activity weekly and a completion date will be given. If this changes you will be informed. Reading obviously can take place at any time and should be enjoyed every day!

### Should parents help with homework?

Absolutely! Your children will enjoy sharing their activities with you and learn from the conversation. It will also show right from the start that you value what they do at school and set good habits for the future.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We want your children to succeed.

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## Rowan Gate Primary School Homework Agreement

Please complete this form and return it to school. It will be kept on file and form as an important part of our Home-School Agreement.

Child's Name: ..... Class: .....

**I have read and support the homework policy and recognise the important part it plays in my child's educational development.**

Signed: .....Parent/Guardian Date: .....

**I will help my child do their homework every week**

Signed: .....Parent/Guardian Date: .....