

# Mill of Mains Primary School



Homework Policy

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## **Introduction**

This policy was devised after consultation with pupils, parents and staff.

## **Vision**

“Children who do homework regularly throughout their time at school benefit from the equivalent of roughly an extra years schooling.”

(Scottish Executive)

## **Aims**

Our aim is to:

- build partnerships between school and home
- share learning and experiences between school and home
- value parents as partners in our pupils’ learning
- consolidate knowledge, understanding and skills taught in school
- develop in pupils the skills necessary to become independent learners
- encourage pupils to develop a conscientious attitude, self-discipline and responsibility
- promote independent learning skills for life
- encourage children to take responsibility for their learning

Homework is a balance of regular activities designed to develop core skills and to support pupils to apply learning across all areas of the curriculum.

## **Role of Pupils**

The following points will help guide pupils in completing homework:

- make sure you know exactly what to do. If not, seek help and resources in advance
- take responsibility for homework and do your best
- complete learning activities on time
- remember to return homework to school on or before the return date
- if you have any problems, share them with your teacher. We are all here to help.

## **Role of Teachers**

- Homework will be given out on a Monday and returned by the end of the week.
- Homework will not be given on short weeks.
- A variety of curricular areas should be covered throughout the year to ensure breadth and depth.

## **Role of Parents and Carers**

The following points will help guide parents and carers in supporting homework:

- support and encourage but don’t do it for them!
  - *Pupils may need support with homework tasks. However, an important part of the learning process is to overcome challenges. Supporting your child to find their own solutions will help them develop independent learning skills.*
- no pressure, just guidance!
  - *By encouraging and praising effort, pupils will become more confident in their learning.*

- check what the task is before starting
  - *All pupils should know clearly what they are to do for homework. If not, please send a note to the teacher.*
- find a suitable place and time for homework
  - *To be able to complete homework, pupils need a quiet place with little background noise, a table at a comfortable height and good lighting. Having a routine always helps.*
- check before returning
  - *A final check from parents and carers encourages pupils to do their best and is a good way for parents and carers to see learning in progress. Making sure it is returned to school by the pupil, this is a key skill of independent learning.*
- responsibility
  - *Remember, teachers cannot make your child complete homework in the evening. Only you and your child can do this.*
- holidays
  - *It is not school policy to give homework over the holidays, or to give homework if a parent chooses to take their child from school during term time.*
- always remember.....
  - *If there are any concerns, please share them with the teacher via a note to the class teacher or a phone call. Don't ever worry; we are all here to help.*