



Hazlemere Church of England Combined School



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Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you about changes to our Home Learning Policy from September 2024.

At Hazlemere CoE, we believe in encouraging our children to be lifelong learners; we hope to build on children's interests, talents and enthusiasm by making learning fun. Learning should be relevant and engaging, wherever it takes place – in school, on the sports pitch or in the home. We have also listened to feedback from parents/carers given as part of our Stakeholder Surveys in May 2024.

Some children love learning at home but for some, the pressure of completing homework tasks can be a challenge for both parent and child. In these cases, homework can be counterproductive; children can begin to see learning as a chore and parents or carers begin to dread the weekly ritual.

We do not wish to compromise family life; time spent each day as a family can be limited, we must value every minute.

We also recognise the finding of research conducted by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) who have discovered that *'Overall, homework in primary schools does not appear to lead to large increases in learning.'*

Extensive research also shows that the best form of home learning is **daily reading**. Reading opens up the whole National Curriculum and is an essential part of successful learning habits. In addition, the **maths curriculum is heavily based around knowing number facts** like bonds to 10/20/100 and times tables. Therefore, throughout the academic year, we will have a heavy focus on all children reading daily and regularly recalling their number facts/times tables. **Expectations for each year group are detailed below.**

In order to provide further opportunities for those families who would like to do more learning at home, links will be included on the school website to the relevant section of the Oak National Academy website, where high quality, age-appropriate lessons and material can be accessed. Oak National Academy is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the [Department for Education](#). Once complete, evidence of these tasks may be brought into school for the teacher to view.

We understand that some secondary schools do set home learning daily, and so in order to prepare for secondary school, Year 6 will see an increase in the volume of home learning set. This may be both online and offline home learning.

Like any new policy, leaders will be reviewing this regularly to check for its impact. Should any alterations be made, we will inform parents at the earliest possible opportunity.

Kindest regards,

Mr B Daniels

Headteacher

Home learning expectations

Year	Type of Home Learning	Time Allocated
1	Practice learning number facts (Numbots) and/or times tables	10 minutes x3 a week
	Daily Reading with an adult	Min 10 minutes per day
2	Practice learning number facts (Numbots) or if secure, times tables (Times Tables Rockstars)	10 minutes x3 a week
	Daily Reading with an adult	Min 10 minutes per day
3	Practice learning number facts and times tables (Times Tables Rockstars)	15 minutes x3 a week
	Daily Reading with an adult	Min 15 minutes per day
4	Practice learning number facts and times tables (Times Tables Rockstars)	15 minutes x3 a week
	Daily Reading with an adult	Min 15 minutes per day
5	Practice learning number facts and times tables (Times Tables Rockstars)	15 minutes x3 a week
	Daily Reading with an adult	Min 20 minutes per day
6	Maths	30 mins (set Weds return Mon)
	English	30 mins (set Weds return Mon)
	Revision Tasks	Varies
	Daily Reading	Min 20 minutes