



Manor Park CE VC First School

Home Learning Policy

Our Mission Statement:

Inspiring all to learn and grow

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The Department for Education believe “homework to be an important part of a good education. Where schools do decide to set homework, they should develop their own homework policies in consultation with staff, parents, pupils and governors.”

This policy has been written in consultation with staff, parents, pupils and governors following questionnaires, parent forums and staff / governor meetings.

Why give Home Learning?

- It informs parents about the learning taking place at school and strengthens home-school links
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning and encourages children to become life-long learners
- It promotes opportunities for parents to become involved in their child’s learning
- It is a valuable opportunity to rehearse key skills
- It helps to foster good habits of organisation and self discipline in preparation for the demands of Middle School.

Home Learning at Manor Park CE VC First School

At Manor Park CE First School, we believe in nurturing a love of learning in all pupils. We recognise that children have different strengths and varied interests and as such, have created a home learning format that we believe will motivate all children to continue their learning outside of the school environment.

Home Learning for all year groups will consist of a half-termly “Choices Grid”. At the beginning of the year, all children will be given a Home Learning Book which should come to school in their book bag every day. Teachers will stick the “Choices Grid” into the Home Learning Book at the beginning of each half term. Where possible, children should complete their Home Learning in the book. For more creative home learning items, these will be celebrated in class during a “Show and Tell” type session. On the inside cover of the Home Learning Book, there will be a feedback grid where teachers will write comments about items celebrated in class.

The “Choices Grid” will include:

- English, Maths and Topic activities for the children to choose from (there will be more choices than there are weeks)
- A wide range of activities to allow parents the flexibility to fit home learning in with their busy lives
- Activities that meet the needs of all learners

The deadline for all Home Learning from the “Choices Grid” will be on Thursdays. Teachers will ensure that Home Learning is acknowledged and returned to the children on Fridays. If appropriate, comments will be made on the feedback grid

All children who complete Home Learning activities will receive a stamp in their book and a team point.

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In addition to the choices grid, each year group will set the following Home Learning:

Reception	Weekly reading books
Year 1	Weekly reading books and additional phonics games where appropriate
Year 2	Weekly reading books and spellings activities
Year 3	Weekly reading books and spelling activities
Year 4	Weekly reading books and spelling activities

Working Together with Home Learning

At Manor Park CE First School, we believe that education is a partnership between home and school. When we asked the children about what they liked most about Home Learning, many children enjoyed working on a project with their adult at home and valued spending that time together, working towards a common goal.

We have taken into account the views of staff, parents and children when writing this policy and continue to welcome any feedback that will strengthen and improve the Home Learning opportunities for our children.