

Polam Hall Junior School

Policy for Homework

This is a valuable element of the teaching and learning process. It promotes independent study and prepares our pupils for Senior School life.

Children will share reading with their parents. Spellings and tables will be learned at home. Specific homeworks will be set for girls from Year 2 upwards. The amount of homework will increase as the child advances through the Junior School.

A range of tasks will be set appropriate to the age of the pupils with the following objectives:-

- 1) To encourage girls to develop the practice of independent study
- 2) To develop perseverance, self discipline and organisation
- 3) To allow practice, where needed, of skills learned in class
- 4) To permit more ground to be covered and more rapid progress to be made
- 5) To enable classwork to concentrate on those activities requiring the teacher's presence
- 6) To open up areas of study, the use of materials and sources of information which are not accessible in the classroom
- 7) To involve parents in pupils' work and progress.

All tasks set will be productive, relevant and useful. No homework will be given simply 'because it is on the timetable'. The purpose and relevance of homework tasks will be explained when it is set.

(See also Junior School Handbook page 30)

(Extract from Junior School Handbook)

Homework : Year 3-6

Your daughter will be issued with a Homework Diary which contains a homework timetable. Each day she will record her homework into the diary and the details will be checked by the member of staff who is setting the work for that evening.

Years 3-5 have one subject per night covering English, Mathematics, and Science. Year 6 have 2 subjects per night, covering English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, French and Religious Education. Time spent on homework each night should be no more than:-

Year 3	20 minutes
Year 4	30 minutes
Year 5	45 minutes
Year 6	60 minutes

It would be appreciated if you ***signed this book each night*** to record the fact that you have been aware of the tasks set. In this way, the girls will know that there is a constant partnership between school and home.

If your daughter finds her homework particularly difficult please feel free to write a message in the diary.