

## **Homework Policy**

### **Our Mission Statement at Clifford Road**

*“Celebrating Achievement in all”*

#### **Ethos**

*At Clifford Road we want to encourage and develop a love of learning for our pupils that will stay with them throughout their lives.*

*Our aim is that they are healthy and safe, that they enjoy and achieve in all that they do and that they make a positive contribution to society and have success in the future.*

*This is underpinned by our belief that all children should be valued and treated fairly and consistently regardless of their ability. Personal, social and health education run throughout our school and together with Special Educational Needs form the building block that moves our school forward*

*At Clifford Road we aim to promote equality and tackle any form of discrimination and actively promote harmonious relations in all areas of school life. We seek to remove any barriers to access, participation, progression, attainment and achievement. We take seriously our contribution towards community cohesion.*

#### **For the Children:**

#### **Why Do We Have Homework?**

- ✚ It provides you with the opportunity to share your learning experiences with your family
- ✚ It helps you become a more confident learner
- ✚ It teaches you to learn for yourself
- ✚ It helps you properly understand what you have been learning in school
- ✚ It prepares you for learning, work and life!

#### **What Kind of Homework Can You Expect?**

**Some educators have said that we learn:**

**10% of what we read**

**20% of what we hear**

**30% of what we see**

**50% of what we see and hear**

**70% of what we talk about with others**

**95% of what we teach someone else**

So, we will set you a range of homework challenges to cater for different learning needs:

### **The Takeaway Homework Menu**

At the start of each half term, you will be given a Takeaway Homework Menu tailor made to your year group and topic. You will be given a date towards the end of the half term when the work needs to be completed and by that time you need to have completed a starter, main and a dessert to make a whole meal. *(If you wish to do more, you can choose to complete more than one of each course; however, there is an additional expectation that children complete the 'extras' on a regular basis so you need to leave time for these.)*

### **Extras**

#### Reading

Reading at home remains incredibly important, whether it is reading with an adult (listening to them read to you or reading to them) or reading independently. We would like you to complete the 'sides' chart, which will log your reading. There is an expectation set by the Department of Education that children read every day as part of homework. We support this and will provide you with an age appropriate reading book. In addition to this, you can choose additional books from the huge selection in the school library and class libraries.

#### Out of school activities

You will also notice that we ask you to let us know about after school clubs, activities and visits outside of school. At Clifford Road Primary we value these highly as they provide further enrichment. Tell us about music & dance lessons, sports clubs (in and out of school), trips out, beavers, cubs, rainbows, brownies, boys brigade, church groups...this list is endless!

#### Basic skills

Each classroom will have a 'salad bar' which will support basic skills such as times tables, number bonds, phonics and spellings. This is to help you if you have a particular gap in your learning and would benefit from a little extra practise at home.



### **What if You Get Stuck With Your Homework?**

Don't panic! If you're stuck this means that...

- You have realised that you don't know/can't do something!
- You now know you are going to learn something that you didn't know before!
- You are going to find out strategies for what to do when you are stuck - the most important lifetime skill of them all!



### **When You Are Stuck:**

- ✓ Don't walk away from the problem - be determined!
- ✓ Think about what you already know and how it can help you!
- ✓ Find out what bit of the homework is giving you problems (challenges)!
- ✓ Talk to someone about your homework (your parents, friends and most of all your teacher)!

✓ Come along to our homework club!

**To Help You Complete Your Homework, You Have to Ask Yourself Some Questions:**

- ❖ *Where do you work best?*
- ❖ *When is the best time for you to do your homework?*
- ❖ *How do you learn best?*



If you don't know that answer to some of these questions, talk to your parents and/or teacher and they will advise you.

### **If I Don't Do My Homework.....?**

We want you to want to do your homework because it will help you to improve. We will try to make homework interesting and rewarding and maybe even fun?!

However if you are unable to do your homework we will support you in the following ways:

- Provide a homework club during school time
- Discuss with you why you are unable to complete your work and support you in other ways
- Talk with your parents so that they can see why this homework has been set and how they can help

### **How Will You Know What We Think of Your Homework?**

We think it is very important that we give you feedback about what you have done and what you could do better. So...

- We will celebrate homework by sharing it with others in the class and school.
- Displaying homework so that we can all enjoy your work.
- Using the experiences and knowledge gained through class work, book discussions and other activities within school time.

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