



BYRCHALL HIGH SCHOOL

Homework Policy

Rationale

Regular homework is an integral part of learning. Tasks set will help students to consolidate, develop or broaden their learning. It also helps students to become confident and independent learners, which will help them throughout their time at school and in adult life.

To ensure homework is effective at Byrchall High School we need :-

- To set appropriate homework for all students from the most able to those with special needs.
- To ensure that the demands on students in relation to homework are consistent and manageable.
- To encourage students to value homework.
- To encourage parents to be involved in the homework process.
- To establish monitoring procedures in relation to the setting and completion of homework tasks.
- To ensure there are sufficient facilities made available for students in school to complete homework if necessary.

Guidelines for effective practice

- Our aim overall, is to set homework in approximately the following quantities:
 - Year 7 and 8: between 4 and 7 hours per week
 - Year 9, 10 and 11: between 6 and 10 hours per week
- Homework set must be recorded by the teacher on Edu Link. Staff should also keep their own records of homework set. Heads of Department should monitor the frequency and quality of homework set.
- Staff should oversee that student's record homework in their homework diaries and details either in their exercise book or jotter.
- HODs will monitor the setting, assessment, marking and recording of homework.
- Homework MUST be marked and should be marked at the earliest opportunity.
- Parents are encouraged to check and sign students' homework records each week.
- Form teachers will regularly check (at least weekly) that parents sign students' homework records and that students receive the quantity of homework they are entitled to. Discrepancies must be reported to the Head of Year/Head of Department so that they may be resolved.
- Pastoral staff, Learning Mentors and SLT will monitor the use of homework diaries and the overall implementation of the policy on a regular basis.

Homework Setting Guidelines

- Where practical, children should always be given at least 2 days' notice of when a homework is due in.
- The deadline date should be included on Edu Link, so that it appears on students' and parents' electronic diaries.
- English, Maths and Science should set homework expected to take at least one hour per week for their students. Homework must be set each week in these Core subjects for completion within a week.
- MfL should set one homework per week of between 15 and 30 minutes' duration in Years 7-9.
- In Years 7, 8 and 9 RE, Geography, History and Computing should set regular homework as required and detailed in their policies. Other subjects will set occasional tasks as and when appropriate in Programmes of Study.
- In Years 10 and 11 (GCSE years) all examination subjects should set homework each week.
- Where longer projects are set as homework tasks, they must be entered on Edu Link and in students' homework diaries each week.