Homework Policy

At Severn Vale we value homework and believe it is an essential part of contributing to student progress and attainment. By setting homework, our aim is to develop responsibility and excellent academic habits; consolidate knowledge and as a result improve academic outcomes and therefore future prospects.

In keeping with academic research, we believe that homework serves the following purposes:

- To allow practice and consolidation of the learning done in class;
- To reinforce learning and links directly to the curriculum being taught, aiding fluency;
- To embed key subject content in the long-term memory. For example, spellings or key vocabulary;
- To develop mastery of key skills, such as calculations;
- To develop study skills of time management, meeting deadlines and fostering independence;
- To engage in wider reading or research.

Homework can be set in many different forms with different expectations and outcomes.

As a school, we do not believe in setting homework for the sake of it, but have asked teachers to set homework when it is meaningful, purposeful and relevant. As a result, we have made a conscious decision not to have a formal timetable for pupils.

Teachers will ensure that:

- purposeful homework is set regularly, giving at least two full school days to complete homework tasks;
- all homework is placed onto Satchel:One (Show My Homework) with clear guidance about the homework task, purpose, length of time spent on completion and a clear deadline;
- concerns are communicated with parents around homework;
- they issue praise and sanctions in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Students will ensure they:

- are clear on what is required and the deadline to successfully complete homework on time;
- seek assistance and/or clarity from their teacher if they are unsure about what is required;
- speak to their teacher prior to the homework deadline, should an issue arise;
- take pride in their work and complete their homework task to the best of their ability.

Parents will ensure they:

- check Satchel:One (Show My Homework) regularly so they know what homework their child must complete;
- encourage and support their child to complete homework;
- communicate with their child's teacher if there are concerns or queries with homework set.

Support available for homework completion

We understand that not all our students will have access to effective IT at home. Therefore, all students have access to our 'getting ready' session before school (IT2 8:00 – 8:45) and the 'getting it done' session after school (IT1 & IT2 15:15-16:30). These provide supervised IT facilities to enable any student to complete their homework tasks.

Sanctions for failing to complete homework.

All students must learn to take responsibility for their learning outside the lesson. Successful completion of homework requires: Understanding it when set, completing the piece of work set and handing it in on time.

Any homework not completed / handed in on time will incur a homework detention of 1 hour after school on a Friday. Students failing to attend will spend the following Monday in Referral.

Full information can be found in our Behaviour Policy.