



Ferndown
Middle School

CASTLEMAN ACADEMY TRUST

POLICY: HOME LEARNING

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Introduction

At Ferndown Middle School we believe that home learning can make an important contribution to pupils' progress in their learning.

All pupils in all year groups are expected to do home learning, with the amount required increasing with age. Therefore, in order to be effective, home learning needs to be a part of the partnership between parents and school. Through this policy we aim to clarify the roles and responsibilities for all those concerned with the setting and completion of homework.

1. Rationale

- Encourage pupils to develop long term strategies for independent work and study.
- Develop strategies for pupils to extend their own learning.
- Help pupils to develop skills in organisation and meeting deadlines.

2. Purposes

- To revise and review previous learning to highlight areas of strength and need for development.
- To reinforce concepts and knowledge taught in class.
- To prepare for future learning, for example by undertaking initial research.
- To apply knowledge and skills in new or unfamiliar contexts.
- Filling the gaps in learning following their individual pathways.

3. Responsibilities

Teachers:

- **are expected to set all home learning tasks via Class Charts**, the on line Learning Platform, each week.
- are responsible for ensuring that all home learning tasks are explained fully to pupils in their lesson.
- are required to give out a hard copy of all worksheets to pupils where needed.
- are expected to set appropriate home learning according to the needs of the child.
- are required to set home learning in relation to the published timetable and the allotted time for completion.
- will give clear guidance about the requirements of the tasks and the deadlines for completion on Class Charts.
- will give pupils appropriate feedback about their home learning.

Monitoring of homework

- Non-completion of home learning and failure to meet deadlines will involve parents being informed via Class Charts in the first instance and a call in the second instance by the subject teacher. Where there are difficulties completing the work at home, homework club in school will be offered as a solution.
- Allowing for reasonable adjustments to be made for pupils with SEND, completion of homework is expected and sanctions will be imposed where necessary.
- Absences must be marked clearly as absent rather than non-completion.
- If the completion of home learning is not improving despite efforts, a meeting will be arranged with parents/carers.

Pupils:

- are responsible for checking the Class Charts (Learning Platform) ensuring that when home learning has been completed, it is recorded onto their completed list.
- must complete home learning by the deadline set and within the time guidelines established for each subject.
- should spend the required amount of time on the home learning task.
- complete all home learning tasks to the best of their ability.
- Speak to the subject teacher if he/she has any questions regarding the home learning.

Parents & Carers:

- provide encouragement for their child when undertaking home learning tasks.
- provide a suitable working atmosphere in which children can complete homework.
- check that home learning tasks have been completed appropriately and on time, using information on Class Charts.
- communicate with school if there are any issues regarding home learning.

The School will support

- with home learning technology.
- provide a room in school during homework club.

Home Learning schedule

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Writing <small>Set Monday Due Monday</small>	30 Mins		45 Mins	
Reading <small>Set Monday Due Monday</small>	3 x 20 Mins			
Spelling <small>Set Monday Due Monday</small>	Spelling Shed 10 Mins			
Maths <small>Set Monday Due Monday</small>	10 Mins X tables 30 Mins		10 Mins X tables 40 Mins	
Science <small>One per week to coincide with lessons</small>			40 minutes	
Geography or History <small>One per week to coincide with lessons</small>			30 minutes	
French <small>One per week to coincide with lessons</small>			30 minutes	
Art/Design			One home learning task per rotation	