



HOE BRIDGE SCHOOL

Homework Policy

Policy Statement

At Hoe Bridge School we strive for every pupil to make excellent progress through a personalised approach to their learning journey. We seek to develop in every pupil the values, skills and behaviours they need to be successful in life. All pupils receive a rich provision of classroom and extracurricular activities that develop a range of character attributes which underpin success in education and beyond. This is reflected in the school Ethos and Aims.

Teaching at Hoe Bridge School is designed to enable pupils to acquire new knowledge and make good progress according to their ability so that they increase their understanding and develop their skills in the subjects taught. We aim to foster pupil self-motivation, the application of intellectual, physical and creative effort, interest in work and the ability to think and learn for themselves. To achieve this we use well planned lessons and effective teaching methods, activities and management of class time. At Hoe Bridge School we set prep to encourage and support independent thought and to consolidate understanding.

Hoe Bridge is fully committed to ensuring that the application of this policy is non-discriminatory in line with the UK Equality Act (2010). Further details are available in the school's Equal Opportunity Policy document. Hoe Bridge seeks to implement this policy through adherence to the procedures set out in the rest of this document.

This policy applies to all members of our school community, including those in our EYFS setting. This document should be read in conjunction with: Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, Marking policies and Challenge at Hoe Bridge. The school follows the assessment arrangements of the EYFS statutory framework.

This document is reviewed annually by the Assistant Head (Academic) or as events or legislation change requires. The next scheduled date for review is June 2018

Procedures

Pre – Prep

- Reception children will have reading and spelling to learn at home
- Years 1 to 2 reading, spelling and mental arithmetic homework including the learning of tables is given weekly

Prep

Schedule:

Year 3 All prep is sent home and should consist of 30 minutes English, 30 minutes maths per week. For all other years, the majority of prep is an integral part of the school day.

Years 4/5	30 minutes	4.30 – 5.00
Years 6/7/8	1 hour	4.30 – 5.30

Year 4	English	2 x 30 minutes
	Maths	2 x 30 minutes
	Science	1 x 30 minutes
	French vocabulary	30 minutes per week at home

Year 5	English	2 x 30 minutes
	Maths	2 x 30 minutes
	Science	1 x 30 minutes
	VR/NVR	1 x 30 minutes
	French & Latin vocabulary	30 minutes per week at home each

Year 6	English	3 x 30 minutes
	Maths	3 x 30 minutes
	Science	1 x 30 minutes
	VR/NVR	1 x 30 minutes
	Latin vocabulary	2 x 30 minutes
	French vocabulary	30 minutes per week at home

Year 7/8	English	1 x 30 minutes
	Maths	1 x 30 minutes
	Science	1 x 30 minutes
	French	1 x 30 minutes
	History	1 x 30 minutes
	Geography	1 x 30 minutes
	RS	1 x 30 minutes
	Latin	1 x 30 minutes
	French vocabulary	30 minutes per week at home

Year 7 & 8 will be set prep following the above guidelines but will also be expected to consolidate subject material as directed by staff. Many preps will be set over a one week period to all pupils to manage their time and to prepare pupils for senior school.

Exceptions

Year 5 Tuesday English prep – this prep in school is allocated to a set reading book. An essential and enjoyable opportunity to expand reading and comprehension. On Tuesday evening the English department will also, set their spelling to take home, these, will be collected the following Monday/Tuesday.

Year 6 Autumn Term only. Monday English and Tuesday Maths preps will be taught in periods for the autumn term, this is an essential part of preparation for the 11+ Pre-assessments.

Friday – pupils may either stay at school to complete their preps or take them home for the weekend. Friday preps are maths and English for all year groups apart from Year 4, who only have English.

Setting Prep:

Work should be set to ensure that the majority of the group can complete the work in the allocated time. Extension work should be available for all to fill the 30 minutes.

NO PREP AT HOME should take longer than 30 minutes. If any individual prep takes longer, parents are asked to inform the respective member of staff either using their son/daughter's prep diary, or by email, copying in the Assistant Head Academic carolharrower@hoebridgeschool.co.uk.

Outside these allocated preps it is essential that all pupils read on a daily basis. Filling in the reading record books keeps an up to date record and reinforces the significance of reading for all pupils.

Prep 1	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Monday	Maths		English	Science	
Tuesday	English		Maths	RS	
Wednesday	Science		VR	French	Latin
Thursday	Maths	VR	Science	Finishing	
Friday	English	English/Maths	Maths		

Prep 2	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Monday	English	Geography	French
Tuesday	Maths	Latin	Geography
Wednesday	Latin	History	
Thursday	Latin	Finishing	
Friday	English		

Finishing Prep – Years 7 & 8 only

One hour per week is allocated to allow pupils to finish any work not completed and to allow rehearsal time for music and drama.