



Tuesday 14th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing regarding home work and a new policy that will be effective across aspire from this term. I have been discussing homework with staff this week as I am keen to ensure it is consistent across the federation.

I am aware that there are many different opinions amongst parents regarding homework, some will feel whatever we assign is too much and others will always want more. We have tried to adopt a more creative and flexible approach which we hope will suit most people.

Pupils will continue to be asked to read at home regularly and will be sent spellings and times tables to learn where applicable. In addition to this we will be asking pupils in years 1-6 to pick 3 tasks from a homework menu to complete over the half term in their homework books, these will be linked to learning in school but give opportunity for a more creative approach.

Children will be asked to bring their homework books in mid way through the term so that their teacher can check progress, with the deadline for all homework to be completed by the last Monday of the term.

Early years will be set challenges once a fortnight on tapestry and parents are asked to upload a photo to tapestry to show their child completing the challenge.

For pupils in years 1-6 each school will offer a termly after school homework support session that pupils can attend if they need help or find it hard to complete homework. Attendance at this session is optional. All pupils are expected to complete homework and if at the end of term they haven't they will be referred to a non optional lunchtime homework session.

All aspire class teachers will be sending out their first home work menu in the week beginning Monday 27th September and pupils in years 1-6 are required to complete at least three tasks in their homework book by Monday 18th October. Homework books will be sent home with the menu.

Some teachers have already sent out their menus so this does not apply to the following classes this term.

Oak class - Kingswood  
Barn Owls - Ulcombe

Chestnut and Sycamore - Kingswood

From Term 2 ( After the October Half term),homework menus will be sent out by the beginning of the second week.

Year R children will be set their first challenge on tapestry in the week beginning Monday 27th September and then these will follow fortnightly.

I have attached our new aspire homework policy so that you can read about it in more detail. I can be contacted with general queries about homework via email at [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk). If you have a specific query regarding your child's homework please discuss this with their teacher.

Each individual school will inform you when they will be holding their after school homework support session, if your child would like to attend.

Thank you in advance for your support. I look forward to seeing the children's home learning.

Kind regards,

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