

<p>THE SOUTH DOWNS COMMUNITY SPECIAL SCHOOL</p>		<p>HOMEWORK POLICY</p>
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It is the policy of the staff and governors at The South Downs School to encourage and support liaison between home and school. The application of our Homework Policy will vary according to the age and ability of our pupils.

We ask our parents to:

Support their children with their weekly homework tasks and to read to their children as often as possible. Parents can make a significant contribution to their children's education in many other ways; by talking about their feelings and experiences, making things, encouraging their children to help around the house, visiting places of interest, taking walks, listening to music and singing together and watching television together.

<p>Recommended time allocation for homework</p>		
<p>Years 1 and 2</p>	<p>10 minutes daily</p>	<p>Reading together, P.S.E</p>
<p>Years 3 and 4</p>	<p>15 minutes daily</p>	<p>Literacy and Reading Activities P.S.E.</p>
<p>Years 5 and 6</p>	<p>30 minutes daily</p>	<p>Literacy and Reading Activities Numeracy. P.S.E.</p>

Each teacher will send a homework book home with each pupil at the beginning of the year. The book consists of homework sheets, one per week. Each week the sheet will set out a P.S.E task for Friday and the weekend as well as the homework for the following Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please sign and return the book to school each Friday morning. It will be sent back with your child each Friday afternoon. It gives the teacher an opportunity to check the homework, also to add new spellings or changes to the sight vocabulary.

The homework sheets will be clear about what parents / carers and pupils need to know.

Parents and carers will be treated as partners in children's learning giving guidance and support. There are spaces on the sheet for your comments about your child's homework, which we welcome.

The homework will be carefully planned and structured to support progression in learning as part of the school's schemes of work.

The children will receive clear and prompt feedback.

The teachers will monitor and evaluate the homework and discuss with the parents on the consultation days.

At the front of the homework book are some suggested guidelines and what are hopefully some helpful hints for parents.