

## **SANDFIELD PARK SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY**

The school is committed to working with parents to support pupils in every aspect of their education. We recognise that extra work at home can be a source of anxiety for some pupils. For other pupils doing work at home particularly, where they see siblings doing the same, is a very positive experience.

The staff and parents at Sandfield Park have agreed that 'Homework' can include work on behaviour, communication, independent living skills as well as core skills in literacy numeracy ICT and other areas of the curriculum. Individual pupil targets are priorities for learning and can be practised at home as well as at school. Targets are set and assessed regularly and are discussed at parents meetings and reviews/ EHCP meetings.

The home-school book is the regular day-to-day contact for parents on the Sandfield site to be kept informed about work covered and for the school to be aware of issues in the home. Parents can also be contacted via the class Dojo page. ACE parents are usually contacted via phone.

The School website shows what areas of learning each class is undertaking on the Sandfield site each week and parents can use this to talk to their children about the work that they are doing with some follow up work at home if this is appropriate. To support this class teachers will put on key website addresses that pupils can use at home if parents wish them to practise academic skills and their targets.

ACE teachers will set homework for English, Maths, Science, History and French once a week. Pupils are expected to write this in their homework diary and to at least attempt this work. Other subjects such as Art, PSHE and ICT may also set homework depending on the projects taking place at that time.

Where pupils are utilising augmentative or assistive communication (AAC) systems i.e. PECs, Makaton, switches, communication aids, in the school, a weekly email is sent to parents outlining the core word of the week and a list of suggested activities as follow on work at home. An activity pack is also sent home each week, with either a toy, a game or a book and an explanation of how this can be used at home to support the work completed in school. This will help our AAC users consolidate what they are learning in school across all environments and with a wide variety of people.

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