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Learning beyond the classroom: Homework Policy

Principles

The Staffordshire University Academies Trust's (SUAT) academies have, as their primary aim, outstanding pupil learning. One key part of the learning development is that happens beyond the classroom.

One way in which our academies can help pupils to continue their learning beyond school is to set homework. Homework is effective when its objectives are clear, the time allowed for the completion of homework is appropriate and the homework prepares for, develops, extends or consolidates learning. Homework can be an aid to the development of independence and self-regulation.

Therefore, learners are entitled to expect:

- Homework to be appropriately relevant to the current curriculum
- Homework to be fully explained with clear objectives and expectations
- For homework to take an amount of time appropriate for the age of learner or stage of learning
- For the teacher to respond to returned homework in an appropriate amount of time
- For teachers to follow up with parents where homework is not done appropriately

To support this, we expect learners to:

- Organise their homework using a school planner or equivalent
- Complete the homework within the timeframe set by the teacher
- Seek support from teachers if the homework is too difficult or too easy
- Invest time and effort in the homework to ensure good learning and personal success

In support of this we expect parents and carers to:

- Show interest in the homework set and offer support if required
- Provide a peaceful and comfortable place for homework to be undertaken
- Encourage good homework habits eg completion of work ahead of deadlines
- Support the academy when there are issues with the non-completion of homework
- Communicate with the academy when there are questions or concerns regarding homework
- Sign the planner weekly, where relevant, to confirm that they have checked that homework has been completed