



## Home Learning Policy

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Home learning is an integral part of the learning at Furze Platt. It provides opportunity to reflect consolidate and prepare for future learning. Habits of hard work, self-discipline and independent study are essential as students move up the school. In general, home learning should be set regularly in line with the guidance below.

Show My Homework is the online platform used by all staff at FPSS for the setting and monitoring of home learning. It allows students and parents to access what has been set at all times. We understand the valuable role parents can play in helping support their child to manage their home learning and welcome this. We encourage parents to support their children with home learning, not least because they can engage with the topics being studied in school. Home learning enables teachers to ascertain what students have learnt; we ask parents to support judiciously, and to contact the class teacher should issues arise.

Using Show my Homework will improve student independence, organisational skills, time-management and help them to keep on top of their workload. Teachers should ensure that home learning is clearly set, explained and recorded. Deadlines should be made clear and the details of the home learning recorded on the relevant teacher and class pages on Show My Homework.

### Setting home learning

Teachers should set home learning that will best assist the learning of their class. Home learning should have clear learning objectives. Examples include:

- Consolidation, reinforcement and extension of work done in class;
- Research and questioning activities to prepare for the next lesson;
- Reading activities to prepare for the next lesson, and to develop learners' literacy further;
- Practice activities to prepare for tests, examinations or practical work;
- Independent learning activities.

The frequency and duration of home learning will vary according to the key stage for which the home learning is being set as per the guidance below:

Stage	Subject	Amount and frequency	Duration
Ks3	English, maths, science	2 pieces per week	20-30 minutes
	history, geography, computer science, each	1 piece per week	20-30 minutes
	MFL	1 piece per fortnight	20-30 minutes
	art, technology, philosophy & religion, PSHE	1 piece per short term	30 minutes
	music, drama		
Ks4	English, maths	2 pieces per week	30-60 minutes
	physics, chemistry, science	1 piece each per week	30-60 minutes
	All other subjects	1 piece per week	30-60 minutes

Departments will establish the specific tasks that are appropriate for their subject. All teachers will follow the guidelines for frequency and duration set out by FPSS. Where appropriate teachers will differentiate the work set.

Support is provided for home learning by individual teachers, department homework clubs and at whole school level through Supervised Study, which has been created to support students for whom there are persistent concerns with the completion of home learning. Teachers should liaise with Heads of Department and Head of House in order to determine whether this service is appropriate for supporting a student with their home learning.

### **Monitoring of home learning**

Teachers should check and acknowledge that home learning has been completed on the day it is due. Appropriate action should be taken where home learning has not been done in line with the guidance provided by FPSS. Teachers will liaise with Heads of Department and Heads of House when there are concerns about a student's home learning.

Heads of Departments will regularly monitor home learning across their departments, in line with the guidance given for this. SLT monitor the home learning that is set on a termly basis via Show My Homework reports. Our QA programme evaluates the effectiveness of home learning.

### **Marking of home learning**

Where written work has been set, teachers should mark this in accordance with guidelines for marking and feedback contained within the Marking and Feedback Policy.