



Palm Global
Academy

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HOMEWORK POLICY
2026/2027

Aims

To raise standards of achievement and attainment by extending and reinforcing work completed during lessons and extending independent study and learning skills.

To ensure that homework is an integral part of the curriculum and is a planned part of all Schemes of Work.

To provide parents/carers with an opportunity to take part in, monitor and support their children's education through supervision of work completed.

The Definition of Homework

Relevant work assigned by staff to students linked to the appropriate scheme of work, to be completed routinely outside the timetabled curriculum, including:

- Consolidation and extension of class work.
- Preparation of work for the next lesson, including revision for tests/exams.
- Practice and application of specific skills.

Homework should provide opportunities for differentiation by varying tasks for SEN (D)/Able, Gifted and Talented students.

The Importance of Homework

Homework is seen as a valuable part of the learning process by:

- Helping students to make rapid progress
- Allowing students to work independently
- Enabling students to practise skills learned in the lesson
- Encouraging students to use materials and other sources of information
- Involving parents/carers in the learning process
- Providing students with the discipline of working to meet deadlines

Setting and Recording of Homework

- Homework will be set by staff on the appropriate day for each year group and will be of appropriate duration for that year group. Please see **Homework Allocation** section below.
- As a guide, students should be given 5 days to complete all homework – however, this is based on the teacher's discretion.
- Work not completed in the lesson can be set as an extra piece of homework for students to complete in their allocated time identified on the timetable.
- Staff will ensure that homework is set using the correct method – either through assignments in Teams or on the portal Showbie.
- Senior management will monitor the recording of homework.

Parental Involvement

Parents/Carers can support the school and their children:

- by communicating with their children and checking that the work has been completed to an acceptable standard.
- by providing assistance through discussing homework tasks, reading drafts of assignments, making suggestions for general improvement.

- by communicating with their teachers if they have any questions or concerns about homework.

Homework Allocation

It is encouraged that students keep a diary to write down when homework is given and when it is due. All subjects in Key Stage 3 will set homework once a week.

Students should be given at least 5 days to complete homework unless the work set is needed for the next lesson. Homework due in less than 5 days must be appropriate to the time and allocation mentioned below.

For Key Stage 3, as a general rule, each piece of homework should take approximately 30 minutes to complete, although occasionally a task may take longer than this.

In Key Stage 4, homework is expected to take approximately 45 -60 minutes to complete.

Marking

Teachers will mark homework promptly and give constructive feedback in line with school and department making policies.

Teachers have the option on how to give feedback from the various software applications being used by the school.

Recommended Time

Times below are approximate; however, students would not be expected to be spending significantly less or more time than the recommended allocation.

Key Stage 3 - 1 hour per night (across 2 or 3 subjects)

Key Stage 4 – 1 hour 30 to 2 hours per night (average 45 to 60 minutes per subject)

Failure to Meet Homework Requirements

If a student fails to submit work on time, provide satisfactory work or produce completed work on more than one occasion in a term, they will be given a warning and be expected to rectify the situation within 24 hours.

A student who fails to meet homework requirements three times or more per term in a particular subject will result in a parent teacher meeting. The student will then be closely monitored to ensure that homework is completed. Students will be asked to join a 1-to-1 meeting online with the subject teacher in their allocated independent learning time to complete any missing work.

Monitoring

The Senior Leadership Team is expected to monitor the effectiveness of the whole school homework policy by:

- regular review with teachers
- lesson observations
- scrutiny of student work

Review

This policy is to be reviewed: July 2027