



# Home Learning Policy

Article 29 – Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child’s respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

Nova Primary School Governor Information	
Model Policy	No
Local Changes	
Customisation*	
Originally Adopted	Summer 2015
Last Review Date	Autumn 2021
Next Review Date	Autumn 2024
* additions made to policy (eg local detail) but not a change to any policy structure	

History of most recent Policy changes – Must be completed

Date	Page	Change	Origin of Change e.g. TU request, change in legislation
November 2018	Section 3 & throughout	Changed concept of ‘takeaway menu’ to ‘Nova Home learning journey’ with daily mission, weekly rockets and termly explorer tasks	Refresh home learning
	Section 2	Section 2 added ‘To prepare children with the learning behaviours and attitudes needed for their future education’	

	Section 3	Changed 'times tables' to 'number facts' Adjusted expectations for year groups	In line with reviewed calculation and spelling policies
	Section 7	Removed: 'In KS1 ensure children receive badges for the number of books read ' Added: 'receive positive and constructive feedback (verbal or written)' 'Monitor home learning tasks being completed by children' 'Ensure children completing home learning expectations receive a home learning certificate at the end of each term to recognise their efforts'	Clarify expectations
August 2021	Section 2	Updated purposes of learning to focus more on consolidation of key learning skills.	Following teacher and parent consultation in July 2021. To refine the purpose on key skills.
	Section 3	Removal of reference to 'home learning journey menu' which includes range of daily, weekly and termly tasks. Focus on key skills (reading, spelling and number fluency). Updated table.	Following teacher and parent consultation in July 2021. Change to focus on key skills (reading, spelling and number fluency) rather than wide range of tasks.
	Section 4	Removed reference to home learning journey tasks. Added experiences.	Following teacher and parent consultation in July 2021.
	Section 6 and 7	Updated role of parents and teachers to align with home school agreement.	To align with home school agreement document.

## **1 Rationale**

Home learning is recognised as an essential part of a child's education by our school community. When planned carefully, it engages families in the learning process and encourages motivation and independence in young people.

At Nova Primary, we have listened to families and teachers and have devised a system which is purposeful and manageable for all.

Please read in conjunction with calculation and spelling policies.

## **2. Purposes**

- To further children's academic progress in all areas.
- To give children the opportunity to consolidate and practise what they have learned at school with a particular focus on key skills such as reading, spelling and number fluency.
- To engage and involve families in children's learning.
- To prepare children with the learning behaviours and attitudes needed for their future education.

## **3. Practices**

- We believe home learning tasks should focus on helping children consolidate their key skills in reading, spelling and maths fluency practice through regular practise at home.
- We provide a range of reading books for all children to take home to read. Children have the opportunity to chase their reading books at least 2x weekly. Children reading longer chapter books may change their books less frequently.
- For children in EYFS-Year 2 we provide sound/ word wallets for children to practise key sounds and words at home.
- Children in Y2-Y6 all have Spelling Shed accounts where they can practise their spellings online. Children are also provided with printed spelling lists and a spelling book to practise writing their spellings at home.
- For children in Y2-Y6 we provide digital Times Table Rockstar accounts so that they can practise their fluency skills. We also provide resources and teach children how to play number fact games to help them recall key facts.
- Year 6 pupils are provided with booklets with additional focused SPAG/ number home learning work to complete each week.
- We also provide a suggested optional list of practical, creative or research-based termly tasks termly linked to our wider curriculum. There is also an option for children to innovate by engaging in an activity or learning something that is not on the standard menu.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Reading- <i>decoding and discussing a book, recorded in reading record</i></b>	<b>Spelling</b>	<b>Number facts</b>
Reception	5x weekly At least 5 mins	Word wallet words Practise at least 4x weekly Sound wallets	Practise counting and number recognition 5x week
Year 1	5x weekly At least 10 mins	List sent home Practise at least 4x weekly Word wallets	Practise key number facts 5x week for 5 minutes
Year 2	5x weekly At least 10-15 mins	List sent home Practise at least 4x weekly Word wallets as needed	Practise key number facts Practise current table 5x week for 10 minutes
Year 3	5x weekly At least 15 mins	Practise statutory words set by teacher. Practise at least 3x a weekly.	Practise current table 5x week for 10 minutes
Year 4	5x weekly At least 15 mins	Practise statutory words set by teacher. Practise at least 3x a weekly.	Practise current table or all mixed tables as preparation for Y4 Multiplication Check. 5x week for 10 minutes
Year 5	5x weekly At least 20 mins ( <i>can be independent for 2 of these – many children will need some support with more challenging vocabulary</i> )	Practise statutory words set by teacher. Practise at least 3x a weekly.	Practise current table or all mixed tables 5x week for 10 minutes
Year 6	5x weekly At least 20 mins ( <i>can be independent for 2 of these – many children will need some support with more challenging vocabulary</i> )	Practise statutory words set by teacher. Practise at least 3x a weekly.	Practise current table or all mixed tables 5x week for 10 minutes

#### **4. School Holidays**

At Nova Primary, we recognise that school holidays are sacred and not every family wants lots of tasks to complete. However, some parents and children do request activities. During the holidays, we encourage children to continue reading and they also have the option of completing activities from the wider curriculum list. In Year 6 there may be additional tasks to prepare for statutory assessments administered in May (SATS).

We believe children learn from experiences and where possible encourage families to attend day trips, watch documentaries and read books together linked to the curriculum or children's own interests.

## **5. Pupils with Special Educational Needs**

We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child. If a child has special needs we endeavour to adapt any task set so that all children can contribute in a positive way.

## **6. The Role of Parents and Carers**

Parents have been consulted in order for this policy to be written. Some parents value home learning more than others, and we acknowledge that it can be tricky for those who work long hours or in larger families. Homework is not a legal requirement and children will not be penalised if they have not completed it. Nevertheless, we encourage parents and carers to do the following:

- Ensure **reading** is a **non-negotiable**.
- Ensure children regularly practise their **spelling and maths fluency skills** at home.
- Provide a quiet, comfortable space for children to complete tasks.
- Praise and recognise effort in home learning.
- Use your talents and experiences to enhance children's learning at home. Children will benefit greatly from what parents and carers can show them, discuss with them and teach them.
- Contact the teacher as soon as possible if you have a query.

## **7. The Role of Teachers**

Primarily, teachers are responsible for ensuring home learning is appropriate and helps children consolidate their key learning skills. Parents and children appreciate feedback and where deserved praise.

Teachers at Nova Primary:

- Provide resources and tasks for children to consolidate and build upon their key reading, spelling and numeracy skills at home.
- Provide information and helpful training sessions for parents and carers to give them confidence to support their child.
- Check reading logs weekly, acknowledging verbally those who read regularly.
- Monitor home learning tasks being completed by children.
- Encourage and support children with their home learning.
- Celebrate children's successes and development, including academic and personal achievements.

## **8. Monitoring and Review**

The governors' Standards Committee is responsible for monitoring this policy at appropriate intervals. A review of this programme of home learning will be carried out after it has run for two terms, and thereafter as part of the Autumn term parent questionnaire.