



# Dartford Primary Academy Homework Policy

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Enjoy sharing your children's learning with them.  
Every little helps.

**Parents** are encouraged to:

- Provide a peaceful place for doing homework
- Offer help and support
- Make it clear that homework helps children to make progress
- Encourage your child to take pride in their work.
- Expect deadlines to be met
- Give praise for completion of homework

## What is homework?

Through homework, children have opportunities to practise skills they have learnt in school and to deepen their knowledge and understanding. There may be occasions when some tasks are more challenging or difficult than usual as homework plays a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment. Encourage children to be independent with their homework as far as possible, but show an interest and find out what they have to do. Children who complete homework regularly make better progress. We also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development.

## Regular reading

Regular opportunities to read are vital throughout the Primary years. Homework for KS1 children should largely consist of regular reading with parents and carers; looking at books together. Reading practice and listening to others read continues to be essential throughout primary school.

All primary school children should either read to their parents or carers or be read to.



## Types and amount of homework

We increase the amount of homework that we give the children as they move through the school.

### Foundation stage: (approx. 1 hour per week)

- Reading daily
- Weekly homework / games pack

### Key Stage 1: (approx. 1 hour per week)

- Reading daily
- Weekly homework
- Mathematics (online)

### Key Stage 2: (approx. 1 1/2-2 hours per week)

- Spellings
- Times tables
- Reading daily
- Weekly homework
- Mathematics (online)

## WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**