

Park Hall School

Frequently Asked Questions about Homework

Why is homework set?

Homework is a very important part of the learning process. It helps pupils further their knowledge and understanding of the subject area, as well as encouraging them to develop independent study and organisational skills. Homework also helps children to become confident and independent in their learning, which will help throughout their time at school, and in adult life.

How much homework will be set for my child?

The nature, type and length of homework will vary according to the age and ability of the pupil, but as a general guideline the following times are recommended.

Year 7	45 – 90 minutes per day
Year 8	45 – 90 minutes per day
Year 9	1- 2 hours per day
Year 10	1 ½ - 2 ½ hours per day
Year 11	1 ½ - 2 ½ hours per day
Post 16	Several hours per subject with the exception that Private Study time will also be used

When will homework be set for my child?

Homework will be set on a regular basis and follow the published school homework timetable. Some subjects studied once a week will set homework at regular intervals in line with their schemes of work.

How will I know what homework has been set for my child?

All pupils are issued with a study planner at the start of the school year. This is an important booklet which pupils should have with them at all lessons. Teachers will ask them to write down what their homework is, together with details about when and where it is to be handed in. Parents are asked to read the planner on a weekly basis and sign it to indicate that they have seen it. Form tutors will also check the planner on a weekly basis to ensure that pupils are using it to write down what their homework is.

Who should I contact if I have any concerns about my child's homework?

If parents have any concerns at all about homework, (too much, too little, too hard, too easy) they should contact the Head of the relevant Department or the Head of Year. We are only too willing to investigate any problems. Very often it can be a matter of poor communication and it is very important to stress to your son/daughter that it is the pupil's responsibility to write down the details of all homework set.