



# Rothesay Primary School – Learning at Home Policy



‘Learning at home is the learning which happens in the home, outdoors or in the community. It can take place through everyday activities that families already do and can overlap with aspects of organised or active learning activities’.  
(Scottish Parental Involvement Officers Network, 2018)

Rothesay Primary recognise that learning at home can happen through a range of events including play, leisure activities, fun events, sports, trips, cultural or volunteering experiences. It can also happen through curriculum related activities, homework, reading and sharing books.

Rothesay Primary also recognise that for some families, homework tasks can cause difficulties and stress (Homework Survey April 2023)

Longitudinal studies confirm that children who engage in learning at home and experience stimulation through a rich home learning environment benefit from better cognitive development and achievement, especially during early childhood.

Taking into account parent feedback gained from a survey conducted in April 2023, we have constructed the following policy.

Children will be set learning at home tasks.

Families are encouraged to view these learning tasks and discuss them with their children. This will provide families with information regarding their children’s learning at school. Families will then be empowered to **choose** together which tasks to complete.

Recognition and reward will be given for effort and achievement. There will be no penalisation for those who are unable to complete learning at home tasks.

Regular contact between home and school is encouraged and certain children may be encouraged to engage in learning at home tasks as and when necessary.

### Primary 1 - 3

- Tasks for learning at home will be given out on a **Monday** – allowing families to do this at a time that suits everyone.
- Teachers will provide a literacy and numeracy activities.
- Reading will be heard in school twice per week until children are ready to participate in our Accelerated Reader Programme.
- Any tasks completed, should be returned on a **Thursday** to the class teacher.

### Primary 4 - 7

- Tasks for learning at home will be given out on a **Monday** allowing families to do this at a time that suits everyone.
- Teachers will provide a literacy and numeracy activities as well as a bank of other ideas. Families will be free to choose the activities their child will engage in.
- Any tasks completed, should be returned on a **Thursday** to the class teacher.

- On the first and last week of term and on weeks with parents evening no homework will be set. This applies to shorter school weeks as well.
- Tasks for learning at home will not be set for pupils who are on holiday during term time.
- Parents and carers can use teacher emails or Google Classroom (P4-7) to liaise with class teachers over any difficulties their child may have had with homework or to share achievements both in regard to tasks set and other out of school activities that pupils may not tell us about.

(eg swimming certificate, dancing award, bravery etc)