



# **Tuition, Medical and Behaviour Support Service**

## **Curriculum Policy Homework**

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At TMBSS we strongly believe that Homework is a valuable opportunity to consolidate learning that takes place in the classroom and to share this with parents and carers. It encourages independent learning and for students to take an ownership and responsibility for their own progress.

The Department for Education (DfE) have stated that it's **not** compulsory for schools to set homework. It's for the Headteacher to decide whether to set homework, and how much to set.

OFSTED considers the following as good practice for individual teachers.

*Teachers set challenging homework, in line with the school's policy and as appropriate for the age and stage of pupils, that consolidates learning, deepens understanding and prepares pupils very well for work to come.*

It is also recognised that through parental questionnaires and student representation in the service council meetings, homework for our students within their previous mainstream settings, has sometimes been a negative experience and added undue stresses in the home. Given the nature of our students' needs, this is something we have to be very mindful of at TMBSS as unless the students have a better quality of emotional well-being, effective academic progress is difficult to achieve.

We believe as Students near their GCSEs, we do emphasise the importance of homework as preparation for external examinations. We hope to foster good working habits so our students can take a more positive, independent and responsible attitude to their learning.

Following parental, pupil and staff consultation, the following approach was agreed.

- Homework is optional
- If homework is requested by parents, it is to be set by the class teacher (Primary) or individual subject teachers (Secondary)
- If homework is requested by students, it is to be set by the class teacher (Primary) or individual subject teachers (Secondary)
- Students and Parents to be signposted to online learning opportunities within the home
- In Primary, where students are on a shared placement, it is the host schools responsibility to set and oversee homework tasks