

Homework Guidelines

This Policy applies to the whole school and is published to staff, pupils and parents

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Longridge Towers School is a 3 - 19 school. Whilst understanding that in legal terms, in Scotland a young person is deemed an adult at 16, and in England an adult at 18, the following policy aides the School in the managing of appropriate behaviour and its duties in safeguarding all members of the School community. Therefore, for the purpose of clarity, the term pupil in this context encompasses those who are registered to attend classes regardless of age and legal status as an adult. We expect all pupils to abide by our school rules and policies, irrespective of their age.

Senior School

The following table details the amount of time to be spent by each year group each evening PER SUBJECT; so a Form 1 pupil with 2 subjects would be expected to spend 40 minutes on homework and revision each evening. Where no homework is set, pupils should spend the time revising, or pursuing a personal study interest.

Sixth Form students are given weekly guidelines, requiring that a minimum of 3 hours per week should be given to the study of each subject – so a student with 4 subjects would be expected to home study for 12 hours per week.

Form	Length of each homework session per subject
1	20 mins
2	20 mins
3	30 mins
4	30 mins
5	40 mins

Pupils will be informed which days apply to which subject, but a sample homework timetable is provided below

	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Form 1	Science Geography (P) History (Q)	Maths English	MFL Geography (Q)	English History (P)	Science MFL
Form 2	Science Geography (P) History (Q)	MFL	Maths English	MFL History (P) Geography (Q)	Science English
Form 3	Science MFL (P6)	English History (P) Geography (Q)	Maths Geography (P) History (Q)	Science MFL (P3)	English Science
<i>NB. Pupils in Forms 1/2/3 may also receive occasional homework for ICT, Music and Technology</i>					
Form 4	English Option C	Option A Science (P5)	Option D Maths	English Science (P4)	Option B Science (P4)
Form 5	Maths Option C	English Science (P2)	Option A Option D	Option B Science (P4)	English Science (P6)

Junior School Homework guidelines

The following table details when homework is set for pupils in J1 – J6. Pupils are expected to spend 15 – 20 minutes on a homework activity in J1 and J2 and 20 – 30 minutes on a homework activity in J3 to J6. Children are also encouraged to read regularly at home every evening keeping notes of their reading in their Reading Record books.

HOMEWORK TIMETABLE J1-J6 FOR 2026 - 2027

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 and Year 2	Homework handed in		Homework sent out for following Monday		
Year 3 to Year 6					English and Maths set for the following Wednesday

Homework in the Junior Department primarily focuses on reinforcing learning in English and Mathematics. Occasionally, children may also be set tasks in other curriculum areas, such as a research activity to introduce a new History or Geography topic.

Children in Year 5 and 6 will also complete a Learning Log approximately twice each half term; Learning Logs are cross curricula, creative and reflective projects that encourage pupils to explore and present their understanding of a topic in a way that best suits their interests and learning style. They provide opportunities for children to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in greater depth while developing independence, creativity and pride in their learning.

Tutor Group time on Wednesday mornings is used as quality time to set and review Learning Logs as appropriate. Objectives for Learning Logs are stuck in books and ideas discussed. Time is given to share work from each Learning Log with the class. Themes aim to give a balance of different curriculum areas over the year.

Extended Reading: Children are set reading targets – how much to read, dictionary work, book reviews, comprehension activities etc. Wednesday morning form tutor periods are sometimes used for children to report back to the class about their current book/reading.