



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Homework Policy

Version 1

Homework Policy North Huddersfield Trust School

Rationale

At North Huddersfield Trust School we aim to ensure that regular and appropriate homework:

- a. consolidates learning that has taken place in school and is relevant to the curriculum
- b. encourages independent learning by students
- c. is accessible and offers challenge for all students
- d. is enjoyed and valued by staff, students and parents
- e. engages and inspires all students
- f. develops passion, breadth and experience for subjects beyond the classroom
- g. builds skills for learning and life
- h. promotes the enjoyment of being industrious
- i. reinforces literacy and numeracy skills

Homework frequency

Although the frequency and format of homework set by each department will vary a minimum expectation of homework set for each department has been outlined below.

Key Stage 3 -

- 1 hour per fortnight within core subjects (Maths, English and Science).
- 30 minutes per fortnight for foundation subjects (all other subjects).

Key Stage 4 –

- 1 hour per week for each subject.

Homework content

Homework may take many forms however, you can expect to see:

- Independent learning projects completed over a longer period of time. Often, the pace and direction of these projects will be driven by the students, with an end date in mind, or intermediate dates for checking progress.

- Research and knowledge retrieval: this may take the form of students finding certain information prior to beginning a topic, or to consolidate or further class knowledge.
- Completing Self-marking quizzes on Frog and SamLearning to help teacher and student assess their progress.
- Completing paragraphs and essays to demonstrate their learning.
- Acting on feedback from class work.
- Doing exam questions or papers.
- Revision tasks like posters, leaflets, videos and word walls.
- Revision tasks using online learning software such as GCSEPod, SamLearning and Frog.
- Practical projects.

Publication of homework set

Further information and regarding homework is available on the school website.

www.nhtschool.co.uk/parents/homework

For department specific homework information please view the 'Homework commitment booklet' available to download on the webpage above.

Supported self-study facilities within school

The Learning Resource Centre is open every day at break time and lunchtime for students to be able to work under supervision.

Additionally, NHTS provide a number of opportunities for students to use the school IT facilities and gain support from staff to help complete homework. These include:

- Homework Club at in the Learning Resource Centre on a Tuesday and Wednesday between 2.45 - 3.45pm.
- IT Homework Club on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 2.45 - 3.45pm.
- IT Homework Club before school between 8.10am – 8.25am.

Each club is facilitated by NHTS staff who can provide students with support as needed and also provides access to computer facilities.

Many departments also offer regular period 6 facilities for one hour after school for students throughout the year to complement their Key Stage 4 provision.

Guidelines for staff

Staff will ensure:

- Homework will feature as an integral part of observations, marking scrutinies and scheduled Strategic Working Party reviews.
- Homework activities are incorporated in the schemes of work for each subject.
- Activities over a scheme could include writing, reading, numeracy and research, particularly using the internet.
- All homework is clearly recorded on Frog (school VLE) on a daily basis with any additional relevant information including submission dates and useful resources.
- The title of the homework task on Frog will include the location that students are to complete their work. For example a homework to be completed within a student's book will state 'IN BOOK' within the homework task title.
- Where homework is not completed, the response of teachers will be to follow the process outlined within the homework sanction poster (appendix 1).

Guidelines for parents and carers

Parents should:

- Access the homework portal on a regular basis to keep up to date with your child's homework.
- Check that homework details are filled in clearly and regularly on the Homework Portal.
- Check the school website for additional information and guidance.
www.nhtschool.co.uk/parents/homework
- Help your child organise his or her time so that things are not all left to the last minute or even forgotten.

- Try to make sure that there are suitable working conditions at home.
- Take a positive and active interest in your child's work at home.
- Let the school know if there are problems with homework that cannot be resolved. Perhaps your child seems to be doing too much, or not enough or is finding it too easy or too difficult. Help can be gained by contacting the subject teacher or form tutor in the first instance.

If homework is not completed, then appropriate sanctions will be put in place by staff and your child will be supported to complete their homework as outlined within the homework sanction poster (appendix 1).

Guidelines for students

Students should:

- Check what homework has been set by teachers on Frog (school VLE) on a daily basis.

HAND IN ASSIGNMENT

- Inform their teachers when homework has been completed by clicking '**Hand in Assignment**' on Frog. (This will also keep the Homework Portal tidy and up to date for students and parents).
- Plan when they are going to complete their homework.
- Try to do their homework in a quiet place with no distraction.
- Always do their homework as carefully as they can.
- Ask staff for support if they have any difficulty in completing their homework.



What happens if I **don't** complete my homework

North Huddersfield Trust School No Homework Sanctions

Stage 1	Student has not completed homework <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Negative behaviour incident logged on SIMS.- Extended deadline given to student.
Stage 2	Homework not completed within extended time period <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Break time detention given.- Student supported to complete their homework.
Stage 3	Break time detention not attended <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Class teacher after school detention given.- Contact parents to inform them of the stage 3.
Stage 4	Student doesn't attend after school Stage 3 detention <ul style="list-style-type: none">- After school curriculum area detention given.- Direct conversation taken place with parents.
Stage 5	Requires Escalation <p>In exceptional circumstances refer to Form Tutor, Pastoral Manager and Progress Leaders.</p>