



The Halifax Academy

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are probably aware, homework is an important part of school work and helps pupils to learn independently, re-enforce the learning done during school time and helps develop good self-discipline and work ethic, if done regularly and as requested.

We would like to thank the majority of pupils and parents that help to ensure that good routines are in place at home and those that ensure that homework is done regularly and to the best of their ability. Unfortunately, not every pupil completes every piece of homework, and research shows that those pupils that don't complete homework to re-enforce their learning don't perform as well as pupils that do complete homework regularly. It is therefore vital that we work together to develop good routines. Over the coming weeks and months, we will be re-enforcing our school homework policy with pupils and we ask for your support with these issues. **Pupils who do not complete two or more pieces of homework a week will need to attend after school compulsory homework club, you will receive a text message on Monday informing you if your child is required to attend.**

Please encourage your child to develop good homework routines at home, some possible examples could be:

- To spend a set or agreed amount of time working independently each weekday evening in a quiet room.
- No electronic games/TV/social media before their homework is completed or until they have worked for the agreed amount of time.
- Ensure that they do regular work at home. Quite often, pupils will say that they don't have homework, this is sometimes the case, but often an excuse! If they don't have homework – reading and/or revising is a good way of re-enforcing learning and developing good habits/routines. A small amount of work regularly is often better than a large amount at the 'last minute'
- Avoid doing homework late at night.

Thank you for your co-operation with the above, if you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter/policy please get in touch with me via email on gsaddique@thehalifaxacademy.org

Regards,

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