

Homework Policy

Homework, or “Extended Learning”, can take many forms and include support for therapy programmes, work towards topics or Individual Education Programme targets. Work relating to behaviour programmes may also be introduced if appropriate.

Homework is an important aspect of our home-school partnership. The purpose of ‘homework’ should be clear and the school really does need the assistance of carers / parents to support the process. If a carer feels that the work set is not appropriate, they should please contact school staff to discuss.

Ideally, homework should motivate students in their desire to achieve and become more skilful, knowledgeable, independent and better prepared for the world beyond school. All of our homework tasks are personalised to the students to match their ability and their study programmes. They are not intended to be overly challenging.

Students will all be set a specific homework night which will help them to plan and avoid unexpected demands. (The specific night will be discussed with carers to make sure it fits in with home plans.) However, if in any given week it is not possible to complete the homework on that night it can of course be done on another evening that week.

Homework tasks at Broadlands Hall School fall into four main categories:

Life Skills Tasks: students will complete one different skill each week. Their carer will please sign off the activity, adding any notes that they feel acknowledge the skill and independence the student has shown.

Reading Log: students will be set a ‘number of pages minimum’ to read each week (based on their ability) from a personal choice reading book. They will complete their Reading Log books, which detail personalised activities.

Specific Activities: Some students will be set a specific and detailed activity that relates to their in-school learning directly each week.

Research Tasks: weekly activities that require students to research, on the internet, a particular topic and print off a small section of evidence and stick it in their books.

More able students may be set-up with an Edmodo account that details broader and more complex tasks that may be completed on-line or on paper. Carers will be provided with access to these accounts as well.

How much time?

This is a matter of student ability and their personal programme. For example, students studying for GCSE style qualifications may expect to be asked to complete two or more hours of homework each week. Each student homework book will detail the amount of time that a student is expected to need to complete the tasks set.

Teachers will check Homework books weekly and comment upon the work.