



## **PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL YSGOL GYNRADD GATHOLIG PADRE PIO**

### **Homework Policy**

Homework at Padre Pio Catholic Primary School contributes to our Mission Statement:

‘A Catholic family where we pray and learn in peace with each other. Together, we take the message of Jesus to the world.’

Our aim is to provide a high-quality Christian Education based on the teachings of Christ in the Gospels, where each individual is a valued member of our community and is able to develop his or her talent to the full. We aim to promote in all members of our community, faith and religious commitment, in accordance with the rites, practices and teachings of the Catholic Church.

#### **UNCRC**

**Every child has a right to an education.**

#### **Introduction**

We believe that education is a life-long process. A child's education does not cease when he /she leaves our school premises, learning at home is an essential part of good education.

“Homework” is any work or activity completed outside lesson time, either alone, with parents, or others and homework makes an important contribution to progress at school.

We see the purpose of homework as being to:

- Develop an effective partnership between school and parents for each child's education, as children achieve more when teachers and parents work together,
- Consolidate/reinforce skills and understanding, particularly in literacy and numeracy,
- Enable resources used in school to be available at home,
- Extend school learning
- Develop confidence, independence and the self-discipline needed for personal study in preparation for secondary school and beyond,
- Provide opportunities for parents and children to work together to enjoy learning experiences

From Reception, home tasks, and of course, reading with parents provides valuable opportunities for the practice/reinforcement of key skills in a supportive environment. As children get older, they need to develop the habit of regularly devoting short periods of time to personal study. All children are expected to take part in a variety of homework tasks to enhance and support their work in class.

This homework policy is designed to:

- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school;
- Ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility;
- Ensure parents/carers have a clear understanding about expectations for themselves and the pupils;
- Support and extend learning;
- Provide opportunities for parents and pupils to work in partnership and enjoy learning experiences.

The emphasis of homework activities is on the development of skills of literacy and numeracy. From time-to-time children may bring home a piece of work they have missed through absence, or for further reinforcement. Other activities are added as children move up the school. Regular reading is vital. It is our policy to set homework as follows:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Reception children</b>	Reading books sent home each day Weekly home task
<b>Year 1 and Year 2</b>	Reading books sent home each day Spellings weekly Maths linked to classroom learning Topic research as appropriate
<b>Years 3 and 4</b>	Daily reading to parents and/or Independent reading Spellings – to be practised at home each week Tables / Number facts practice Maths linked to classroom learning Topic research as appropriate
<b>Years 5 and 6</b>	Regular reading Regular curriculum homework tasks each week Maths linked to classroom learning Spellings – to be practised at home each week

Please note: Homework tasks will vary as to the needs of the individual class and the individual child.

In addition to the homework outlined above, all children have access to other online resources. The school pays a subscription to Purple Mash and Education City websites and children also have access to resources on Hwb. See Appendix 1 for information on how to access these resources: Homework / Online Resources Guide for Parents.

**How staff at Padre Pio support this policy:**

- By providing a range of homework tasks and activities.
- By ensuring that the children have a clear understanding of the tasks involved.

**How parents /carers can help to support their children:**

- Provide a suitable place equipped with a clear table space, chair and good light
- Provide encouragement and support to children when they require it
- Encourage pupils and praise them when homework is completed
- Be actively involved in the homework (particularly of younger children)

**Children are expected to:**

- Make full use of any opportunities they are given
- Complete homework by the deadline
- Take pride in their presentation and content, acknowledging the high personal standard expected
- Be organised to look after and return books and completed tasks on the agreed dates.

## Appendix 1

### **Guide for Parents in using online resources**

Your children have access to a range of online resources in school and most of these are also available at home.

Below is a guide for parents to assist their children in accessing these resources.

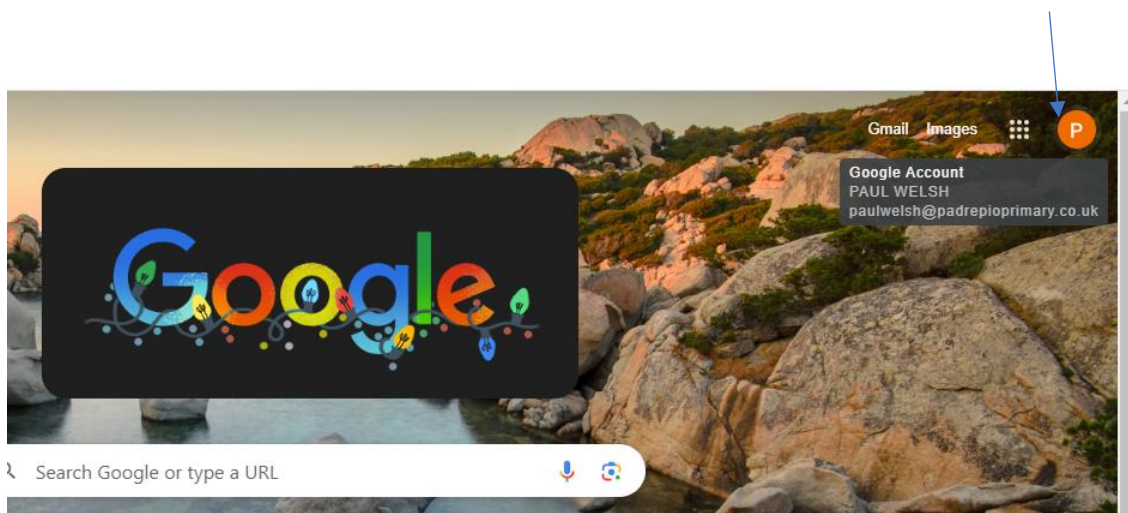
### **Google Classroom**

For the older pupils links to the resources can be found via their google classroom.

### **IMPORTANT**

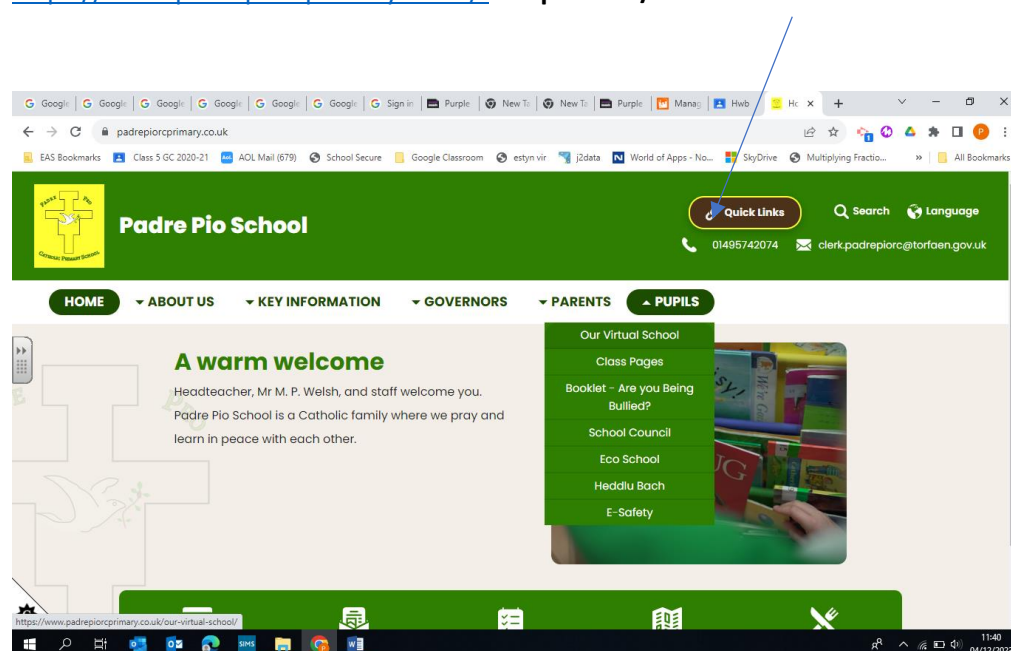
**To access Google Classroom, pupils need to be logged in to their google account (name@padrepiopriamary.co.uk)**

Make sure you have logged in to your child's google account






**Alternatively all the links can be found on the school website:**

<https://www.padrepiorprimary.co.uk/> : Pupils Tab / Our Virtual School



## Online resources available

School Website	<a href="https://www.padrepiorcprimary.co.uk">https://www.padrepiorcprimary.co.uk</a>  <a href="#">Click on the Pupils Tab and then Our Virtual School to find links to the resources below.</a>	
Hwb	<a href="https://hwb.gov.wales/">https://hwb.gov.wales/</a>  <b>A digital platform provided by Welsh Government. All resources are free to access</b>  <b>eg Britannica Education</b> - the information in Britannica School is aligned to the curriculum, updated daily and hosts thousands of educational articles as well as images, videos, eBooks. The information is safe and reliable for primary aged children <b>Just 2 Easy:</b> A range of tools, apps and games, for Maths, English, Computing and cross curricular activities.	
Purple Mash	<a href="https://www.purplemash.com/#tab/home">https://www.purplemash.com/#tab/home</a>  A cross curricular website, enabling children to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way. Hosted online and compatible with all tablets and computers, it delivers an exciting mash-up of curriculum focused activities, creative tools, programs and games.	
Education City	<a href="https://go.educationcity.com/">https://go.educationcity.com/</a>  Education City is an online learning resource used in over 15,500 schools in the UK and worldwide.  All children have access to curriculum-based, interactive, fun activities that they can work through by themselves or with adult support.	