

Whitehall Junior Community School



Guidance for parents concerning: BEHAVIOUR, HOMEWORK and ATTENDANCE

Here are some steps to provide help for parents who wish to achieve the school's key policies.

BEHAVIOUR

Try following our three step behaviour plan:

RULES - that pupils should follow at all times;

PRAISE - for good behaviour

CONSEQUENCES - which will follow if pupils choose not to follow the rules.

School rules.

You could try using these at home too:

- Follow all adult instructions
- Be polite and respectful in all that you say and do
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Accept all adult decisions
- Be responsible for all your actions

Praise and rewards.

These are for you to decide at home but in school we use:

- Verbal approval
- House points
- Written comments in books
- Class certificates
- Letters to parents
- Responsibilities / jobs
- Fun activities / treat time
- Table points
- Marble jar etc.
- Headteacher's reward

Consequences.

Again you can decide these at home. At school we follow this process before a sanction, punishment or pay back consequence is given:

- Ignore- reward.....the teacher ignores the inappropriate behaviour & praises the children who are close to the target child & who are showing the desired behaviour.
- Positive reprimand.....the teacher describes the child's mistake, describes what s/he should do; echoes the appropriate rule & backs up with praise - the reminder
- Warning.....as above but the teacher describes the consequence if the child does not show the desired behaviour.
- Consequence.

HOMEWORK

Homework should support and enhance children's learning by giving opportunities to practice skills covered in the classroom and develop skills for independent learning.

Children are given a yellow homework book for Literacy homework and a green book for numeracy homework. Please look at the website for links to letters that say when homework is given for each of the year groups. The links look like this: [LPPA Y4 Summer.pdf](#)

The websites that school recommend the most are Bug Club and Education City. Your child should have log in and password details each year. Please ask their teacher if you have problems.

Children will be given at least one project per year.

Homework can be completed alone but your help and support is very important. Please make sure your child has the time and the space to be able to complete their homework. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance policy is the same as many of the schools in the local area. The group is called The Broadway Cluster. The policy is clear that attendance is very important to your child's education. It states:

Parents must contact the school on the first day of any absence to explain the reason for the absence.

Parents should understand that in law, it is the school who decides whether the absence is going to be authorised or not. Schools will base this judgement on the reason provided for the absence and/or the level of absence.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their child attends school regularly and any emerging issues should be advised to the school at the earliest opportunity.

Parents must NOT expect any leave of absence to be granted for the purpose of a holiday.

Parents must write a note to the school offering a reason for any absence

Parents must make sure their child/ren arrive at school on time.

The times of our school day are as follows:

Morning Session : 08.45am to 12.30pm

Afternoon Session 1.30pm to 3.15pm