

## **Daubeney Middle School**

### **Homework**

Homework is an important part of the child's learning process:

- It helps to develop good habits of regular independent work at home;
- It encourages children to take responsibility for the organisation of some of their work;
- It is useful as a follow-up to work initiated in class;
- It enables children to pursue interests initiated in school.

All pupils are expected to do homework on a regular basis. The amount given increases as the pupils progress through the school. A homework timetable is available to parents to help them monitor the work set and pupils are supplied with a Personal Organiser to assist them. Parents are asked to check and sign homework planners weekly; to take an interest in homework and to provide quiet conditions, wherever possible, for the child to study. If there are any problems with homework, please notify your child's form tutor at the earliest opportunity.

### **Daubeney Home/School Agreement**

Parents have a vital role to play in supporting their child's learning. This includes showing a regular interest in their work, helping to get them organised and celebrating their achievements.

In order to help achieve these aims, what we ask of you as a parent/carer is:

- To work in partnership with the school in the promotion of good behaviour by emphasising the importance of your child's responsibilities and supporting the school's disciplinary procedures;
- To praise achievement whenever this may occur – within lessons, regular extra curricular activities or special events;
- To support the school homework policy and sign your child's personal organiser at the end of each week to show their homework has been completed at home;
- To try to ensure that there is a quiet place for your child to work at home;
- To contact your child's form tutor if there are any circumstances or concerns, which may affect your child's work or behaviour;
- To ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform;
- To encourage your child not to drop litter;
- To reinforce the importance of punctuality;
- To telephone the school on the morning of the first day of absence if your child's ill and cannot attend school;
- To write a brief note explaining the absence of your child when they return to school;
- To let the school know of any planned absence well in advance, for example, dental or hospital appointments;
- Not to arrange family holidays during term time (this is particularly important prior to and during SATs week in Year 6) and when this is unavoidable notify the school well in advance as per the holidays during term time policy;
- To provide written permission if your child goes home for lunch;
- To ensure your child understands how to behave safely in school for the benefit of themselves and others.

### **House System**

All pupils are allocated a House when they first start at Daubeney. The houses are: Radcliffe – green; Bunyan – Blue; Howard – Red and Jarman – Yellow. House captains are elected at the beginning of the school year.

The House gaining the most merits over the year wins the House Trophy. There are inter-house competitions throughout the year ending in a House sports day.