



Coleham Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, we do not send out formal homework here at Coleham. We believe that our children work hard enough whilst they are here at school and that home time is precious time to be spent with family and friends. Research also shows that the impact of homework in primary schools is minimal, though we know that the stress and strain that it can cause in some households is great.

This links to our school ethos in developing the 'whole child,' as children need space to learn and grow, free time to master things by themselves, to build resilience by making and solving problems and create genuine self-esteem and inner drive to be in charge of their own challenges and development.

Despite this, we do have **daily expectations** for parents/carers to support. We insist that all children read **every** night at home with an adult, please. We also insist that spellings are learnt for the weekly spelling test and that times tables are practised at home. We would only expect a child to spend between 10-20 minutes an evening on some or all of these activities. A short burst of focused, quality support with an adult will be valuable to a child's progress. It is important that children have time to unwind after the school day, spend with their family and to get a good night's rest.

We have a booklet available to provide you with information about how to support your child's reading development at home. The leaflet will be handed out at our curriculum evening on 15th October and hard copies will be available on the carousel in the main office.

This year, a whole school focus is also to improve the handwriting of our children across school. If your child's class teacher feels that your child could further develop their handwriting, they may send home a handwriting booklet for you to work on together at home. We hope that you will be able to support us in this area at home.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support. We were delighted to see so many of you at our recent open classroom event and we hope to see you again at our Curriculum Evening on 15th October (more details to follow in a separate letter).

Yours sincerely,

Claire Jones
Head teacher