Burton on the Wolds Primary School
Homework Policy

1. Aims and Objectives

The staff and governors of Burton on the Wolds Primary School believe homework, or rather **work at home**, is an intrinsic part of the working partnership between home and school. We believe that primary aged children should enjoy a variety of learning experiences in school time and that evenings are well spent with family activities, attendance at clubs etc. We also recognise that well planned and acknowledged homework can reinforce the learning taking place in school.

2. We acknowledge that many everyday tasks provide learning opportunities for your child. Examples of work at home are:

- sharing reading activities
- sharing spelling activities
- sharing the learning of number bonds and multiplication tables
- playing board games and card games
- reinforcing ICT skills, possibly through research of topic areas
- following up school based work
- talking and explaining
- playing and listening to a variety of sounds and musical instruments
- learning to tell the time
- visiting museums, historical buildings, theatre etc.
- watching and discussing television programmes where appropriate
- developing household 'chores' as responsibility activities
- travelling to and taking part in sporting activities
- developing useful life skills such as shopping, gardening and cooking
- going on nature walks.

The time spent on work at home activities will vary for each individual child and on the type of activity (20 minutes per evening as a broad guide for reading for example). The **quality** of the time spent together is much more valuable than the quantity.

3. In addition to the activities in point 2, homework will be set on a weekly basis according to the age and ability of the child. The amount of time we expect your child to spend on homework is as follows:

- Years 1 and 2: 30 minutes through the week
- Years 3 and 4: 45 minutes through the week
- Years 5 and 6: One hour through the week

Work at home should be a positive experience so if for any reason your child has difficulty completing homework set then please come and speak with your child's teacher.

Signed __Pamela Parkin_____ Chair of Governors

Date _____ Date for review November 2020