

# Homework for Holidays Policy



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Whilst recognising the parental desire to take family holidays at off-peak times or to be tied to taking holidays when instructed to do so by employers, Crawfordsburn Primary School has developed this policy based on the following criteria;

- A holiday is a holiday and should be a break from the usual routine. When someone goes on holiday they mentally 'switch off.'
- Work completed at home during the term is normally reinforcement of the work taught in class. It is a follow-up to what has been taught in class. If this teaching has been missed, then the follow-up could be misinterpreted.
- Preparing work for even a few days ahead can be difficult as it is not always easy to gauge the speed that the children will work at.
- Due to changes in the methods of teaching, reading, spelling and maths, it is essential that the children receive the correct input.

### **Action**

Please try to avoid taking pupils out of school during term time- it disrupts their learning and often they take time to settle back into a normal routine.

If taking a holiday during normal term times please inform the school as with other absences, detailing the length of absence and reason for absence.

No work prepared by the teacher will be given during the holiday. However, we would encourage children to continue reading during their holiday.

Reading, spelling and number facts may, where appropriate, be completed when your child returns to school.

Every effort will be made by the teacher to ensure that the child 'catches up' on essential work which has been missed. This could be a considerable amount.