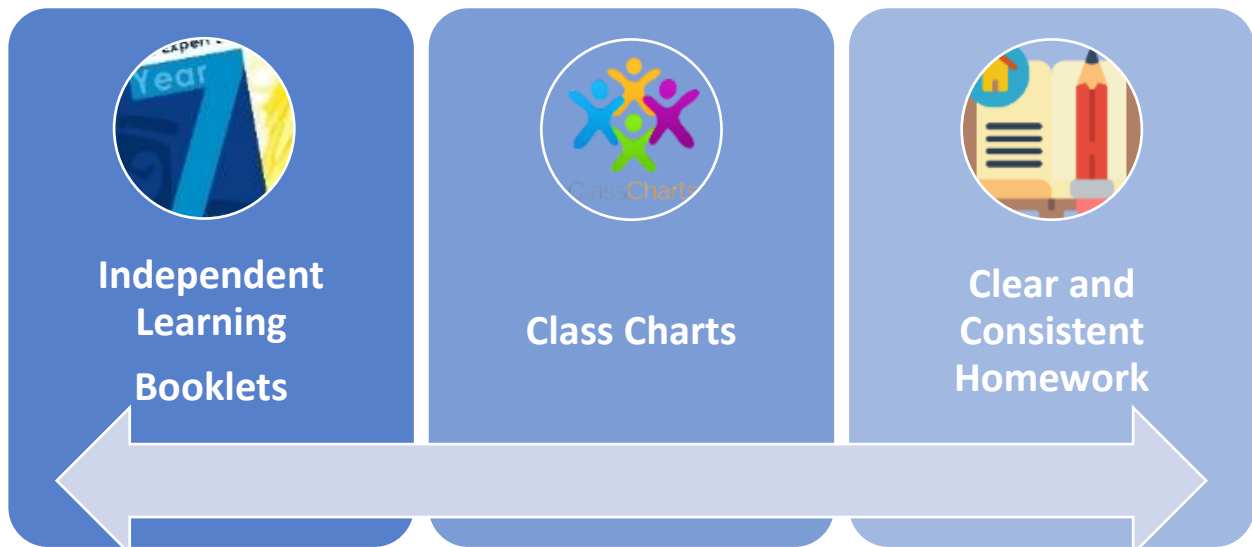




Home Learning Guide for Students

Home Learning: Our Approach



Home Learning at Beckfoot incorporates three elements:

- Independent Learning Booklets (ILBs)
- Class Charts
- Clear and Consistent Homework.

This booklet will outline our expectations for Home Learning, as well as offer useful information to help you be successful.

Why is Home Learning Important?

Like any activity, we only get better if we practice. Home Learning offers an important opportunity for you to practice the knowledge and skills you learn in class. The Education Endowment Foundation research shows that effective Home Learning can improve student's progress by 5-6 months. All of this means that Home Learning is an important part of our overall curriculum, an entitlement, and an expectation of every student.

Independent Learning Booklets

What is the ILB and how is it used?

- The ILB **replaces** your **planner**
- It must be brought to school **every day**
- You must have the ILB out on the desk **at tutor time** so your tutor can check it
- You must put the booklet into your **plastic cover** – the cover will be yours for the whole year
- You will receive a new booklet **every half term** – simply swap the cover over



Inside the ILB there are lots of important sections:

1. Instructions for logging onto Class Charts
2. Instructions for **homework** in every subject
3. Independent Learning Instructions
4. Knowledge Organisers with Independent Learning activities
5. **Learn Like a Beckfooter** Instructions – Reading, Revision, Reflection
6. Space for messages between home and school

Independent Learning at Beckfoot

- We expect you to do approximately **20 minutes** of independent learning, in this booklet, **each evening** after school
- You decide which subjects to work on and when
- You should use the **Quiz It, Link It, Map It, Shrink It** pages to do this
- We will teach you how to do each of these activities and give you time to practice them in tutor time
- Tutors will check ILBs for independent learning – if you are not doing enough, it will count the same as a missed homework
- Families will be notified straight away if you are not doing enough independent learning

Homework at Beckfoot

- Homework assignments will be set on Class Charts
- Students should check Class Charts every evening after school
- Teachers will register the homework students hand in
- Families will be notified straight away if students do not do their homework

Weekly: Missed homework/independent learning sanctions

- 2 = After School Detention
- 4 = 2 x After School Detention
- 6 = Leadership Team Detention

Class Charts

What is Class Charts?

Class Charts is an online system which teachers use to set and track homework, achievement and more. One of the many benefits of using Class Charts is that we can securely share your homework assignments, deadlines, and submissions with you and your family, and keep you up to date in real-time.

How is Class Charts used for Homework?

Teachers will set all homework assignments using the Class Charts system. This means that at any time, you and your family can see exactly what homework has been set, and when the homework is due in. You can also see roughly how long each assignment should take, which will help you to manage your time.

You tutor will also use Class Charts to keep records of how well you are engaging with Independent Learning. They will regularly check your ILBs for evidence of Quiz It Link It Map It Shrink It activities being completed. Successes and concerns around Independent Learning will also be recorded on Class Charts.

You should get into the habit of checking Class Charts every evening, so that you know what deadlines you have coming up and can check off your homework as you go. Simply log into the system via a mobile phone, or other device, and you can see the details of your homework tasks.

You can log into Class Charts here: <https://www.classcharts.com/account/login/share>

You and your family will also receive notifications when homework tasks are set, submitted, or if any deadlines are missed.



Home Learning Expectations

Students:

- Engage fully in all Homework set, and do it to the best of your ability
- Complete approximately 20 minutes' Independent Learning each evening, using '**Quiz It, Link It, Map It, Shrink It**'
- Meet all deadlines
- Catch up on any work missed due to absence
- Check Class Charts every day to stay on track with Homework

Tutors:

- Regularly check that independent learning is being done (At least 20 mins per day is expected)
- Inform teachers/Heads of Year, via Class Charts, where this is not being done
- Inform families, via Class Charts, where this is not being done
- Celebrate successes and share via Class Charts

Teachers:

- Set all Homework assignments in line with faculty policy
- Set Homework as assignments on Class Charts and give out hard copies of resources
- Register submissions using Class Charts
- Inform teachers/Heads of Year, via Class Charts, where Homework is not being done
- Inform families, via Class Charts, where Homework is not being done
- Celebrate successes and share via Class Charts
- Ensure lessons include regular retrieval practice to support students' Home Learning
- Inform students in advance about what they will be quizzed on
- Provide feedback that helps students to improve
- Issue appropriate rewards for effort and achievement in Home Learning
- Issue appropriate sanctions for missed, incomplete, or poor-quality Home Learning

Further Help with Home Learning

More information about Home Learning, is available on the Home Learning page of our school website, including:

- How to use Class Charts
- Homework Instructions
- Electronic copies of our Independent Learning Booklets
- How to use our Independent Learning strategies

The Home Learning page can be accessed via the 'Student Zone' button on the homepage of our school website, or by following this link: <https://www.beckfoot.org/students-learning/teaching-and-learning/home-learning/>

As ever, we love to hear your feedback, and are always happy to answer any questions you may have, so please don't hesitate to let us know if you have anything you would like to discuss.