



# Homework Policy

## Rationale for a Homework Policy

Homework provides students with opportunities to consolidate their classroom learning, pattern behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom and involve family members in their learning. The setting of homework takes into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation, cultural pursuits and employment where appropriate.

## Purpose of Homework

- To consolidate the work already undertaken in school; allowing for revision and practice.
- To encourage the student to become a more independent learner and to revise, reinforce, finish work that has begun in school;
- To provide opportunities for students to develop organisational skills and responsible learning practices;
- To develop the confidence and self-discipline the student needs to study on their own;
- To strengthen links between home and school;

## Homework Practices

### Junior Primary (Reception – Yr 2)

Homework will include: reading a reader or library book on a daily basis with parents/caregivers or other siblings, practising sight words and phonics, or other short tasks.

*(Homework will generally not exceed 10 minutes per day)*

### Middle Primary (Years 3-5)

Homework will include: reading on a regular basis, sight words, unfinished classwork, and times tables or other work designed to develop fluency and automaticity.

(Up to 20 minutes per day)

### Upper Primary (Years 6-7)

Homework will include: regular reading on an independent daily basis. Other tasks may include a continuation of class work (i.e. unfinished work), for example Maths Spelling/Comprehension, as well as projects, assignments and research.

(Up to 25-30 minutes per day)

*As a general rule homework will not be set on weekends and holidays, however students are encouraged to manage their own time to complete open-ended tasks, projects, assignments etc. and may choose to work at these times.*

## **Responsibilities**

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Set appropriate tasks (differentiated)</li><li>- Make the expectations for homework clear</li><li>- Follow up to ensure homework is completed</li><li>- Mark homework and provide feedback.</li><li>- Be aware of the availability of resources (i.e. computers etc...) at home.</li><li>.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Complete homework</li><li>- Organise materials (i.e. readers, books needed etc...)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Encourage students to complete homework</li><li>- Talk about the importance of learning with your child</li><li>- Support students completing homework (i.e. practise sight words together)</li><li>- Help students be organised with their homework materials (i.e. returning readers, books, work etc...)</li></ul>

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **What will happen if my child does not complete their homework?**

If your child does not complete homework this will followed up by individual teachers. Follow-up may include:

- Phone call to parents to inform them of their child's incomplete homework
- Loss of play time to complete unfinished work
- Further work the following night
- Lowered academic grades (reflected in report)

#### **What if my child cannot do their homework?**

Sometimes children may be unable to complete homework for numerous reasons. For example:

- Illness/ medical reasons
- Family circumstances (i.e. death in family)
- Work too difficult

Individual teachers will take into consideration each case and determine appropriate action for unfinished homework. If something happens at home and your child is unable to complete their homework please let their classroom teacher know.

Teacher's will do everything possible to ensure the work set for homework consolidates students previously learnt knowledge and provide work at their appropriate level.

#### **What if I would like my child to complete more homework?**

Parents may request extra work for students at any time. Simple arrange a time to speak with your child's classroom teacher about this or any other concerns you have about your child's homework.

In addition, if you are going away for an extended period or your child cannot attend school (for whatever reason) you may request work packs arranged by your child's classroom teacher, to help support your child maintain their learning whilst away from school.