

3.5 Homework Policy

PRIMARY

Each individual classroom teacher will send a letter home at the start of the year. Within this letter will be their expectations for homework. Therefore if you have any queries you are always welcome to speak to the classroom teacher.

As a general guide the following is for your information.

Years 1 - 3

All children are expected to spend some time reading each afternoon/evening. Although set-reading pages may not be given, it is important that parents encourage children to read for pleasure. Parents are urged to spend time listening to their children read as well as spending time reading to their children. If your child is having difficulties with the work, please contact the school and discuss the matter with your child's class teacher.

Years 4 - 6

- The aim of homework is to develop sound study habits. The following times are a general guide only:
 - Year 4: 10 - 20 minutes a night.
 - Year 5: 20 - 25 minutes a night.
 - Year 6: 25 - 30 minutes a night.
- It is important that homework does not become a burden therefore weekend homework is by choice only.
- Children need to negotiate the time most suitable for them to do their study.
- Some children may prefer to do more study over fewer nights. Others may wish to do less over more nights. The important thing is to organise time using positive study habits and to ensure homework is completed.
- Some work is set e.g. mathematics and spelling. Other work is in the form of completing activities e.g. stories, Society and Environment and Science. Study revision for tests is also very important.

SECONDARY

Secondary students are expected to have a homework diary which they complete daily. Students who wish to achieve success with their high school course should also study at home. Study is not only set homework but also private study, revision, wider reading or preparing ahead for tests. The following average minimum times are recommended.

Year 7 30 - 35 minutes a night.
Year 8 1 hour for 5 nights per week
Year 9 1½ hours for 5 nights per week
Year 10 2 hours for 5 nights per week

With regard to assignments the following points should be noted:-

- Teachers will allow sufficient time for well-organised students to complete assignments without the need to rush.
- Setting date and due date for submission of assignments will be clearly indicated.
- As a general rule extensions will not be granted unless the student has a written note from their parent/guardian, before due date, outlining a plausible reason for not being able to hand in assignments on time.
- If the assignment is forgotten a note signed by a parent/guardian must be brought in with the assignment by the next day.
- Students will be provided with time, by their teacher, during recess and lunchtime to complete unfinished work.
- A note will be sent home to parents informing them which assignment has not been completed by their child.

At this stage it is essential that responsibility is taken by individual students to complete tasks on time. Progress will be constantly monitored. It may be that there will be considerably more demanding times towards the end of assessment periods where the workload increases significantly.

Students who have developed appropriate study habits during their schooling will find homework manageable.