

HOMework POLICY



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Homework Policy

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1. Relationship to School Mission/Aims:

Homework forms an essential part of effective pupil learning and, therefore, it should be given serious consideration by pupils, parents and teachers alike. Homework may take many forms of learning, studying/revision as well as written work and associated tasks.

2. Rationale:

It is our policy to give homework. The reasons homework is given:

- a. Homework is a re-enforcement of the work done in class. It provides an assessment for both students and teachers as to whether or not and how well the work has been understood.
- b. It helps students to identify areas of difficulty which may require further clarification.
- c. It affords students the opportunity to work on their own and take responsibility for their learning. It promotes the concept of self-directed learning.
- d. It forms a crucial part of exam preparation and performance.

3. Homework Policy Content:

In School:

Students should record all their homework, oral, written and revision, in their homework diary

Teachers will be vigilant to avoid overloading of homework assignments.

If students miss a class for Extra-Curricular activities, it is their responsibility to get any assigned homework from another student in the relevant class and complete it for the following class in that subject

These guidelines on homework are intended to assist students, teachers and parents. They should not be regarded as absolute but should be used flexibly.

At Home:

Students should treat their homework as an important part of school life. It demands time and attention so therefore, students should do their homework:

- At a definite, fixed time each day
- As soon as is realistically possible after arriving home
- In a warm, well-lit, quiet room with no distractions from TV, MP3 player, mobile phone, computer etc
- As soon as is practically possible, Students should plan ahead to ensure that all homework is submitted on time.
- Students should be encouraged to do such work as early as possible. Homework should be completed by 9/10pm depending on the year group.
- All subjects require full attention – don't avoid subjects you don't like.

4. Time recommended

Research shows that students who fully complete homework perform better in exams. The following average time limits are guidelines for students and parents alike:

Year	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	5 th	6 th
Hours	1-2 *	2-2.5	2.5-3	3	3 +

* Individual homework assignments for 1st years should take on average 15 minutes.

Other points to note:

- Students should seek guidance from subject teacher on best study practice and techniques in relevant subject are

Steps by Teachers

ASSIGNING HOMEWORK

(Not optional. If assigned, Homework must be done.)

- 1.** Teacher's choice when to assign homework or not.
- 2.** Homework is to be written in the Journal.
- 3.** Teachers are to ensure Homework is written in Journal.
- 4.** Homework should be differentiated according to the student's ability / needs.

Correction / Assessment of Homework

- 1.** Homework correction / standard should be differentiated.
- 2.** Differentiation should be taken into account when assessing homework.
- 3.** Homework copies must be regularly reviewed by the class teacher and formative feedback given back to the student

Homework Catch-Up

STEP BY STEP GUIDE

STEP 1: H/W Task 1: 1st time no H/W done; an opportunity should be given to re-do for the NEXT CLASS.

STEP 2: If H/W Task 1 not completed for NEXT CLASS – a Note in the journal. Signed by parent. And a Reflective Piece assigned.

STEP 3: If H/W Task 2 not completed, repeat process for Step 1, & Step 2. *****

Step 4: If H/W Task 3 not completed, teacher should:

- A) Put up a VSWare notification (white form)
- B) Ring home

(C) Afford the student the opportunity for teacher-led / classroom based “Homework Catch-Up” at a time of the teacher’s choosing.

Step 5: If Step 4 not completed (ie, Homework Catch-Up), Refer to the Year Head.

Step 6: Return to Step One and repeat the process.

***** This step is only for Junior Students. Skip this step for Senior Student.