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HOMework POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Homework can help students become better learners when;

- It helps them consolidate what they have learnt in school.
- It extends their thinking and problem solving skills.
- It allows for the fact that children learn at different rates and have different needs.
- Assist students in the development of good study habits
- It gives parents opportunities to encourage, express approval and, in general, relate positively to their children about their abilities.

Purpose:

- To foster and consolidate students' learning (e.g. reading and phonics).
- To develop and practice independent learning skills (e.g. researching).
- To introduce and foster good study habits.

Guidelines:

- Parents are encouraged to become involved and assist as needed (e.g. in the case of younger readers).
- Examples of set Class Homework could include:
 - Junior Primary
 - reading readers
 - practising heart / tricky words
 - learning spelling list words
 - simple Maths tasks
 - unfinished classroom work
 - parents to check and sign communication book on a weekly basis

Middle & Upper Primary

- reading novels
- research tasks – using books, computers
- unfinished classroom work eg. Spelling tasks, projects, research
- revision (e.g. number facts)
- student diary to be signed by parents on a weekly basis

- Time taken per day to complete set class homework should not take longer than:
 - R/2 - 10-15 minutes
 - 3/4 - 15-25 minutes
 - 5/6 – Up to 30 minutes

- Set class homework is to be handed in and incomplete homework is followed up by the class teacher.

- If set class homework cannot be completed at home a written note from a parent to the teacher is required explaining the circumstances.

- Homework can also include discussing topics and issues with the family, as well as engaging in sporting & creative activities (outside the school) that further extend their wellbeing.

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