



LOCK AREA SCHOOL

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Department for Education

Homework Policy

Rationale

Homework is an important part of a student's education. It is set to:

- Consolidate or extend material taught in class at school.
- Allow students the chance to think and work by themselves.
- Assist in the development of positive study habits.
- Complete any unfinished work from lessons.

Procedures

Student's Responsibility:

- Accurately record specific tasks in their diary.
- Ensure they understand the tasks to be undertaken.
- Complete the tasks set to the best of their ability.
- Have necessary equipment to complete set tasks (eg books, pens, etc)
- Show their diary to parents for information and signing.
- Return the diary to school daily.

Teacher's Responsibility:

- Inform parents of the school's Homework Policy
- Ensure that homework set is:
 - Useful and worth doing.
 - Reasonable in length and difficulty.
 - Well explained so that students know exactly what they have to do.
 - Relevant to their current learning.
 - Checked on the following day or on a regular basis.
- Check that homework is recorded in the diary before the student leaves school.
- Set work on specific nights as per homework timetable.
- Inform the student and family, via a diary note of any incomplete work.
- Ensure that due dates for assignments or projects are entered into diaries by students.

Parent's Responsibility:

- Provide the opportunity and an appropriate environment for their child to complete homework successfully.
- Check daily to see if homework has been set.
- Sign their child's diary weekly.
- Inform the teacher if the child is having difficulty, via a note in the diary.
- Inform the teacher if the homework isn't completed, via a note in the diary.

ORGANISATIONAL RULES

Junior Primary

- Levelled reading books and sight words will be sent home every night for practice.
- Spelling practice is optional.

Primary

- Homework will be set on a regular basis (no more than 4 nights of 20 minutes per week).
- 10 minutes of reading for a minimum of 3 nights per week.

Secondary

- No more than 4 subjects per night will be set.
- Students will be expected to do no more than:
 - Year 7 - 20 minutes per subject
 - Year 8 - 25 minutes per subject
 - Year 9 - 25 minutes per subject
 - Year 10 - 30 minutes per subject
- Special needs students will be given individual homework expectations.