



OSBORNES FLAT PS

Homework Policy

Rationale:

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To assist in a smooth transition into Secondary School.

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy may be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- All homework tasks set by teachers are compulsory and it is an expectation that parents will support homework activities at home.
- Teachers may request students to complete unfinished homework tasks during school time if homework is consistently not completed. This decision will be endorsed by the Principal and communicated to parents.

Early Years (Prep – Year 3) Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents
 - Big Write Talking homework..
 - Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
 - Gathering of additional information or materials
 - Spelling activities
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day and will not be set on weekends or during vacation periods.

Middle Years (Years 4 – 6) Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis.
- Big Write Talking Homework.
- Spelling lists and extension vocabulary
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day, must be coordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.
- The Principal is responsible for execution of the homework policy.
- The Principal may provide exemptions to homework to students on a short-term basis in exceptional circumstances. The Principal has the sole discretion for all exemptions. Exemptions may be given to families experiencing significant family issues.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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