

# Blakeview Primary School- Homework guidelines

## Purpose:

The purpose of homework is to reinforce classroom learning, develop independent study skills, and foster a sense of responsibility and self-discipline. It serves as a bridge between school and home, allowing students to practice and apply what they have learned in the classroom environment. This outlines the expectations, guidelines, and benefits of homework for our primary school students.

## Guidelines:

1. Frequency and Duration: a. Homework tasks may be given on a regular basis, with consideration given to age-appropriate workload and developmental needs. b. The duration of homework will vary depending on the grade level, ranging from 10 to 30 minutes maximum per day, gradually increasing as students' progress.
2. Purpose and Relevance: a. Homework tasks will be purposeful and directly related to the curriculum. b. Tasks may include practice exercises, reading, reviewing notes, researching, or preparing for upcoming lessons. c. Homework will help students consolidate their learning, develop problem-solving skills, and encourage critical thinking.
3. Support and Collaboration: a. Students are encouraged to seek help from their teachers, parents, or guardians when needed. b. Parents/guardians are encouraged to support their child's homework routine, provide a quiet and conducive study environment, and engage in conversations about the assigned tasks.
4. Homework Completion and Submission: a. Students are expected to complete their homework tasks to the best of their abilities and submit them on time. b. Late submissions may be accepted with valid reasons, but it is encouraged to submit promptly to reinforce responsibility and time management skills.
5. Independence and Responsibility: a. Homework provides an opportunity for students to take ownership of their learning and develop independent study skills. b. Students are expected to organise their homework materials, manage their time effectively, and meet the given deadlines.
6. Differentiation and Individual Needs: a. Homework tasks will be differentiated to accommodate individual learning needs, including students with special educational requirements or those requiring additional challenges. b. Teachers will provide necessary support, accommodations, or modifications as needed.

7. Assessment and Feedback: a. Homework may be assessed and used as a tool for feedback and monitoring student progress. b. Constructive feedback will be provided to help students identify areas for improvement and reinforce their learning.

## Benefits of Homework:

1. Reinforces and extends classroom learning.
2. Develops independent study skills, time management, and responsibility.
3. Encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and research skills.
4. Fosters a partnership between students, parents, and teachers to support learning.
5. Provides opportunities for self-reflection and self-assessment.
6. Prepares students for future academic challenges and builds a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

These homework guidelines will be consistently reviewed and evaluated to ensure its alignment with the evolving needs of our students. We believe that by adhering to these guidelines, our primary school students will develop valuable skills and habits that contribute to their academic success and personal growth.