



Kinross Primary School



Homework Policy



Rationale:

Homework provides students with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and follow a particular interest. It may assist in involving parents more closely with their children's schooling. Student homework will relate directly to the learning and teaching programs appropriate to the needs of students

Indicators

The extent to which homework enables students to:

1. Read widely and on a regular basis
2. Practise a skill or reinforce knowledge already learnt at school
3. Practise the skills of home study prior to their attending secondary school
4. Value the concept of learning

Policy:

- **Junior Years 2 - 3** Children should share with their parents the pleasure of their school learning experiences, e.g. reading at home should be a pleasurable and rewarding experience. Children may practise things they have learnt at school but it should be on the basis of enjoyment.
- **Middle Years 4 - 5** Children should continue to appreciate the sharing of their school learning experiences with their parents. Extended practise of skills and reinforcement of knowledge may be planned at this level but only with parental co-operation (10 - 20 minutes daily).
- Homework may also include the following:
 - Consolidating skills and knowledge learnt during class time
 - Completing set work not finished at school
 - Undertaking research projects over an extended period of time.
 - Preparing for new learning experiences
 - Revising previously learnt material for a test or other in-class activity
- Parents should be informed early in the year as to the class teacher's homework policy and to the rationale of the school. This will allow homework to be an area where parents, teachers and students work together.
- Teachers will monitor children's progress in relation to homework and parents will be informed if homework is not being completed.
- Parents are asked to support the school policy by ensuring children complete and hand in their homework by the due date.

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