HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale
Homework can:

- consolidate work done at school
- help parents to monitor and be involved in learning of their children
- develop study skills and personal discipline
- provide additional support for those with learning difficulties
- promote interaction between parents and children

Implementation
In setting homework, teachers should:

- ensure that students understand the task and that parents have clear guidelines as to their role, especially in regard to the amount of assistance they give
- set a time limit
- vary expectations according to the ability of students
- make sure that activities are worthwhile and assessed

Suggested homework time allocations

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Time Allocations</th>
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<td>Reception/Year 2:</td>
<td>Reading, phonics work</td>
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<td>Year 3:</td>
<td>4 nights, maximum of 15 mins. per night</td>
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<td>Year 4:</td>
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<td>Year 5/6:</td>
<td>4 nights, maximum of 30 mins. per night</td>
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<td>Year 7:</td>
<td>4 nights, maximum of 30–45 mins. per night</td>
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Whenever homework has not been completed, parents should advise the teacher the following day - preferably in writing.

While homework has many positive outcomes, it can create pressures and challenges within the home situation.

- Many students/families have multiple commitments or work schedules which limit the time available for homework.
- Especially in the case of younger students, parents need to allocate time to work with their children.
- Parents may feel that they do not understand some tasks which are set for homework.
- Parents may need to be a task master when children are reluctant to do homework.

There will always be genuine reasons when it is not possible for students to complete homework.
Parents are encouraged to help children learn to plan an alternate time to do homework if another activity takes priority over the normal homework timeslot.

**Review**

This policy will be reviewed at least every 3 years.