



## WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 5365. HOMEWORK POLICY.

### **PURPOSE:**

Westgrove Primary School considers that life-long learning is a partnership between students, parents/carers and the school. Homework which is meaningful, relevant and appropriate to the student's level of development is an important part of this partnership.

### **AIMS:**

Homework helps students by:

- complementing and reinforcing classroom learning.
- fostering good lifelong learning and independent study habits.
- assisting the Year 5/6 students for transition to secondary school by understanding expectations and developing the ability to manage their homework.
- providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning.
- supporting partnerships with parents by connecting families with the learning of their children.

### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- Parents are expected to support the homework policy.
- Parents should be informed about homework expectations through means such as diaries and communication books. Parents are also expected to communicate with the teacher if it is deemed necessary.
- Clear guidelines should be given to parents and students in relation to set homework tasks.
- It is envisaged that homework tasks should be completed during the week.
- Content and amount of homework should vary according to grade level and individual needs.
- A suggested outline is given below; they are maximum time allocations per week night.
- The Homework Policy is publicly available on the school website.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- Flexibility is given so families can arrange the completion of homework around the family's routines.

Homework may consist of daily:

Foundation:

- Reading with parents for 10 minutes
- Optional activities may include: Mathletics and Reading Eggs and other Online Learning

Year 1-2

- Reading with parents for 15 minutes
- Optional activities may include: Mathletics and Reading Eggs and other Online Learning

Year 3-4

- Reading with parents for 20 minutes
- Optional activities may include: Mathletics and Reading Eggs and other Online Learning

Year 5-6

- Independent reading on a daily basis 30 minutes
- Optional activities may include: Mathletics and Reading Eggs and other Online Learning

It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities, research projects and individualised tasks as additional homework tasks.

- Research tasks should take into account the availability of resources.
- Homework may include unfinished class work.
- Individualised tasks will be decided at the departmental level.
- Positive recognition and rewards for the completion of homework tasks will be decided at the departmental level.

(developed using DET homework guidelines)

**EVALUATION:**

Ratified by School Council on 9/08/2016  
To be reviewed in 2019