

Ashburton Borough School

ALabor Omnia Vincit

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POLICY - HOMEWORK

RATIONALE

Homework is for the child=s school related activities to be consolidated and extended (enriched) with the support and encouragement of parents/caregivers. Homework is to encourage purposeful communication at home and provide a positive link between home and school that enhances a child=s learning. It is also to develop independent study routines and time organisation skills.

GUIDELINES

1. Homework will be relevant to the child's needs and set only when the teacher is sure the child has the skills, knowledge and access to the necessary materials and information to successfully complete the task.
2. Every effort should be made to ensure that homework is purposeful and non-threatening to all concerned. If homework becomes upsetting the class teacher must be consulted.
3. Teacher direction to children will be clear and, if considered necessary, put in writing.
4. Homework could be -
 - . essential learning tasks like spelling and times tables;
 - . completion of unfinished work;
 - . research;
 - . reading;
 - . the gathering of resources and/or information;
 - . a discussion and preparation of current event items;
 - . It may have compulsory and optional sections giving children/families some control over time management
5. Parents are encouraged to acknowledge their child=s effort.
6. The amount of homework set, its frequency, length of time and nature will vary from class to class and from individual to individual. This information will be communicated to parents at the 'Parent/Teacher/Child' interviews at the beginning of the year and reinforced during the year.
7. Feedback on homework will be given to children.

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