

HOMEWORK POLICY FOR KINGSLAND NS

This Policy was formulated by the Staff of Kingsland NS in consultation with Parents and is updated and Reviewed on a regular basis.

Aims:

1. To provide pupils with the opportunity to revise and reinforce work undertaken in class
2. To expand on work already undertaken in a particular subject
3. To develop independent study skills
4. To develop good work habits
5. To provide a link between teacher and parent
6. Testing the child's understanding of work covered or competence in skills

GUIDELINES (Content of Policy)

How often is Homework given?

1. Homework is given Monday to Friday.
2. No Homework at weekends unless the teacher deems necessary, (catch up with work, sanctions, children being absent, project work).

Content of Homework:

1. Homework can vary from day to day.
2. It should be noted that homework time devoted to reading and learning is as important as written work, in all classes.
3. Parents can play an important role in listening to reading and items to be learned, ensuring this work is done well, from infants to sixth class.
4. Paired reading is an important part of Homework and should be enjoyed.

Duration of Homework (Guide only):

Different children will complete the same homework in different lengths of time.

Infants	10-20 Min
1 st . -2 nd .	20-30 Min
3 rd .-4 th .	30-40 Min
5 th .-6 th .	40-60 Min

If you feel your child needs extra homework, encourage: extra reading, spelling, tables, revise school work, practice handwriting, letter formation...

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Parents:

1. Parents should help their children by;
 - Providing them with a suitable place and time to do their homework.
 - To prevent interruptions or distractions like TV or other children.
 - Homework should be done early in the evening to ensure that children are not too tired.
 - Parents should check and sign the Homework Journal.

Teachers:

- Ideally teachers like to check homework on a daily basis. However it is not always possible to check each child's work and homework journal every day.
- The Teacher may not deem it necessary to correct every mistake in the child's work.

Children:

- It is vital that children would enter **all** homework in the Journal.
- That it is completed correctly, neatly, clearly, in the given time.
- That the Journal is signed and checked by parent.
- That all necessary textbooks and copies are brought home and returned to school the next day. (Note, if a copy is left in school, written homework can be done in the journal or on a sheet).

REVIEW:

Last reviewed in 2008 through Parent-Teacher meeting.

Next review due in 2011.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR REVIEW:

Teachers/staff in consultation with parents.

RATIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION:

- B.O.M for ratification
- Copy of policy to be sent to parents and sign agreement.