



Ashtonfield Public School

Implementation procedures of the Department of Education Homework Policy

Rationale

Ashtonfield Public School staff and parents understand that homework is a complex issue for both the school and home. The community recognises that homework is an opportunity for increased communication between the school and home regarding the teaching and learning of students. In addition, the school and community recognises the values in developing a home and study routine in preparation for high school.

Policy Statement

Homework allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class and provides training for students in planning and organising time. It develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources and establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline which will serve students for the rest of their lives. Communication of homework expectations and procedures provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children.

Content of Homework at Ashtonfield Public School

Homework is confined to Monday through to Thursday nights.

In general, activities may include home reading in addition to either mathematics, writing, spelling or active lifestyle activities.

Parents and caregivers can help by:

- ✓ an active interest in homework and ensuring that there is time set aside for homework
- ✓ encouraging and supporting students to complete homework and assisting teachers to monitor homework by signing completed work if requested and being aware of the amount of homework set
- ✓ providing, where possible, a dedicated place and desk for homework and study
- ✓ encouraging their children to read and take an interest in current events
- ✓ communicating with teachers any concerns about the nature of homework and their children's approach to the homework including home considerations

Teachers can help by:

- ✓ explaining to students and their parents or caregivers the purpose and benefits of homework
- ✓ ensuring students and parents or caregivers are aware of the school's homework policy
- ✓ providing quality homework activities related to classwork
- ✓ ensuring that students are aware of what is expected of them, and how their work will be assessed
- ✓ giving students sufficient time to complete their homework, taking into account, as far as possible, competing home obligations and extracurricular activities and homework set by other teachers

- ✓ alerting parents or caregivers of any developing problems concerning their children's homework and suggesting strategies that they can use to assist their children with their homework.

Students can help by:

- ✓ being aware of the importance of homework being aware of their class/year/stage homework procedures
- ✓ completing homework within the given time frame
- ✓ seeking assistance from teachers and parents or caregivers when difficulties arise
- ✓ showing their homework to their parents or caregivers
- ✓ organising their time to ensure that sufficient time is given to quality homework within set deadlines.

This policy will be reviewed, and refined, if necessary, in Term 3 2019 by APS executive and P&C. The school community was consulted throughout Term 2, 2018.

Example Only Year 1 & 2 - Weekly homework grid

Term 3 Week 1

- Each week you are encouraged to complete one to two spelling, maths and general activities.
- Once you complete an activity, show your parents and ask them to initial in the box.
- Return on Friday and ask your teacher to sight and sign off your activities.

Spelling		Mathematics		General	
Look, cover, write check your words each night	Write your words in rainbow writing.	Complete Matific tasks for 15 minutes	Read your home reader for 10 minutes every night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Break your spelling words into syllables	Write your words on a path in chalk	Find items in your home that are 3D objects and name them	Make your bed for the week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a book see how many times you can find each of your spelling words	Make your words with dried pasta, rice or beads	Count forwards and backwards by 2s	Teach your parents/carers something new you have learnt this week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Teacher has sighted homework

Spelling Words

Example Only Stage 3 Homework Grid

Here are your weekly homework activities. Each week you are encouraged to:

- Complete all activities to consolidate the knowledge covered in class.
- Once you are finished, show your parents and ask them to mark off the day below the activity for that week (W1=Week 1)
- Return on Friday and ask your teacher to sight and sign off your activities.

Literacy						Reading					Numeracy					Active Lifestyle/ Responsibility																
Spelling- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise weekly spelling list and/or • Revise the weekly spelling rule and find words using the rule 						Reading- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read for 15 minutes per night. • Record on your reading log. 					Mentals- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the weekly mentals set 					Get active daily- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in 30 minutes of physical activity per day 																
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Challenge words- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise your weekly challenge words 											Practise the weekly focus on matific/studyladder and/or Practise your trickiest times tables					Roles and Responsibilities- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help out around the house by completing 5 household jobs. 																
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