

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is considered by the School to be an essential component in the provision of a high quality education. Homework is always expected to be set and completed with care and attention, to meet our established high standards.

In particular, we wish to ensure that homework should complement the teaching and learning of our pupils by:

- ◆ Being appropriate to the subject
- ◆ Being appropriate to the level of ability of the pupils
- ◆ Being appropriate to the language level of the pupils
- ◆ Being as varied as possible
- ◆ Giving opportunity for research using IT, books etc.
- ◆ Giving opportunity for applying study skills
- ◆ Giving opportunity for working independently
- ◆ Recognising the need for memorising facts
- ◆ Consolidating work covered in lessons

To achieve these aims, the following principles should be applied:

- Homework is set according to the recommended times for each year group as given in the School Homework Timetable
- Homework is marked according to the School's Marking and Assessment Policy and returned to the pupils as soon as possible
- Pupils record all of their set homework in the homework diaries provided by the School (Key Stage 2, 3 and 4)
- Homework diaries are checked by Form Tutors weekly
- Parents or Housemistresses read homework diaries and sign them to confirm their awareness of work set and its satisfactory completion

The Government has published guidelines on how much homework pupils should reasonably do:

Primary

Years 1 and 2	1 hour per week
3 and 4	1.5 hours per week
5 and 6	30 minutes per day

Secondary

7 and 8	45-90 minutes per day
9	1 to 2 hours per day
10 and 11	1.5 to 2.5 hours per day