Maldon Primary School

Homework Policy

Rationale:
- Members of a child’s family are very influential in developing skills and understanding.
- Home learning is a valuable source of learning throughout a child’s school life.
- Homework supports the school curriculum, provides challenges and develops study habits for independent learning.

Purposes:
1. To cater for the learning needs of individual students.
2. To foster and develop an effective partnership between home and school.
3. To develop in students’ independence and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning.
4. To provide opportunities for extension and revision in all Key Learning Areas.

Guidelines:
- Homework should be an integral part of the teaching and learning programs.
- Homework should include a range of stimulating and challenging activities that enable students to practise skills that reinforce classroom learning.
- The Ultranet should become integral in communicating homework needs to students and parents.
- Staff of Year 6 students should prepare students for Secondary School.
- Homework should not be given as a disciplinary action.
- Teachers should communicate regularly with students and parents about their homework.
- Tasks set should be appropriate for the individual child, and be consistent across year Levels.
- The school’s homework policy should be included in the information booklet, and available to every family in hard copy or on the school’s website.

Implementation:
1. Homework will be required at all Levels.
2. Students and parents will be clearly informed of homework expectations at the beginning of the year.
3. Homework will consist of work that is familiar to the student and at a level, which promotes success.
4. There will be communication between teachers and parents regarding homework via the Ultranet.
5. Homework instructions will be clear and easy to understand.
6. Homework tasks will be both formal and informal activities.
7. Students will be responsible for the care of materials and the gathering of information and equipment.
8. Recommended average weekly time for homework will be as follows:
   a. Prep/1/2: 1 hour
   b. Grades 3 & 4: 1½ hours
   c. Grades 5 & 6: 2 hours
9. Homework will include regular reading from a variety of texts at all year Levels.
10. Teachers will respond to all homework as soon as possible after the time of completion, keeping records of each student’s work.

Resources:
School resources:
- activity sheets, tasks, books, diaries, etc.
- Individual netbooks for Year 6 students
- photocopying costs included in class/learning area budgets.
- costs of information materials/sessions included in other budget areas.

Home resources:
- suitable study area.
- appropriate materials to undertake the homework tasks.

The Homework policy was endorsed by School Council on 12th December 2012