

# PARKLEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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## Homework at Parklee

Dear Parents / carers,

We are changing the way we set homework throughout school following an in-depth consultation with pupils in the previous academic year. Homework for pupils from reception to Year 6 will now be as follows:

- Priority will be given to reading. All pupils will be expected to read 3 times a week as a minimum standard. Reading miles, book blasters and treats will still be rewarded and will have an extremely high priority throughout school. Please refer to additional flyer regarding this.
- Project work will be set once per term, totaling 3 projects within the academic year. Projects will always be linked to the topics the children are learning in class and there will be open mornings / afternoons when parents can come in to school and look at all the class projects. Rewards and prizes will be given to the best projects each term.
- Reinforcement work in English and maths at the teacher's discretion.

Homework is an important part of school life and is part of the home-school agreement set out in the school's vision and values. Please encourage your child to complete homework set and hand it in on time as consequences will be put in place if it is not completed.

As a school we acknowledge that sometimes homework can become quite a battle between parents and children. Children often appear to put off homework to the very last minute or don't do it at all, whilst their parents fear that they may fail at school if they don't get on with it. The result can often be conflict and strife. As parents we can sometimes be concerned about not understanding the homework that has been given to the child.

There are ways of taking the heat or confusion out of the situation please refer to the tips and suggestions below.

### **Making homework a part of the routine**

Give children a chance to talk about their school work - make it a natural part of asking how their day was. Even if you know nothing about a particular subject, you can still help just by talking and listening and helping them find their own answers.

If you do not understand the work they have been given, use the internet or ask the teacher or friends and family to take a look. Once you have an understanding for the work, you may be better placed to support your child.



Help your children take responsibility for organising and doing their homework. Never forget to praise your child for their hard work.

## Creating the right environment for homework

Help your child keep to a routine. Some children prefer to do homework straight after school whereas others prefer to 'unwind' first, and then do homework later. Let your child decide what is right for them. Try to create a suitable place where they can do homework, ideally somewhere with a clear work surface, good lighting and no interruptions. You might have to live with some music as many children like to work with music on to keep them company.

Some children prefer to do homework alone, others with friends or family. If there isn't space in your home try a local library or a school morning club (8:30am). Visit the local library with your child and encourage them to use it. They can use computers there to get on the internet if you don't have access at home. The internet can be great for looking up information and finding out more about a topic, but do note that it shouldn't be used as a substitute for doing the work.

## Getting help from school

If your child has specific learning needs and you feel the homework is an issue, make an appointment with the teacher and SENCO as soon as you can. Discuss your concerns with them and ask for some advice on managing this. It may be that they can do some of the work at school to help relieve the pressure at home. They may struggle with mainstream homework and may need an alternative

Hopefully this sets out a clear guidance for you as parents about homework but if you do have any further questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact either your class teacher or myself.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

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