

HIGHGATE SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

1. RATIONALE

Homework is usually considered by the community to be work done at home.

Homework has traditionally been set by school for a number of reasons.

- as an opportunity for parents to share in their child's work
- as an opportunity for parents to gauge their child's progress at school
- as a method of developing good study habits in preparation for secondary school
- as a review procedure for the work done in school.

2. SCOPE

- contracts
- completion of work
- spelling list
- tables
- reading
- researching
- discussing
- viewing a special TV program
- games

Extra curricula activities are also an important part of a child's education

3. PARENT'S ROLE

- Parents could assist children to do their homework with them and use this time to discuss other aspects of school work as necessary. Research has shown that what happens at home is very important in a child's education, especially work done with the parent's help
 - eg. reading with your child
 - talking ,discussing, researching with your child
 - playing or watching TV with your child

4. ORGANISATION

No formal homework will be set in the Junior Primary School We do however expect that a pattern of reading on a regular basis with, and to, parents will develop.

- As a general guide:
 - Year 3 & 4 10 - 20 minutes a night
 - Year 5 & 6 20 -30 minutes a night
 - Year 7 30 - 40 minutes a night
- Teacher will give consideration to any reason from a parent regarding incompleted homework.
- I homework is not specifically set it is always READING.