



## HENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 2.10 Homework Policy

*At Hendon we believe that homework can be a worthwhile supplement to classroom learning.*

#### RATIONALE

Homework is part of the learning experience that occurs outside the school and contributes to the development of responsible learning. Homework can assist in creating partnerships between the school and home, and in involving parents in the learning programme of the student.

#### PRINCIPLES

We believe that homework can help:

- Develop responsible study habits and time management skills.
- Help students understand that learning is a continuing life process that is not confined to the school environment.
- Reinforce learning taking place in the classroom by allowing students to revise and consolidate concepts.
- Show parents what is happening at school.
- Reinforce previous learning (it is not for learning new concepts).

#### POLICY STATEMENT

By working together teachers, students and parents will ensure that all learning opportunities are supported in both the school and home environment.

#### TEACHER ROLES

Teachers will explain their beliefs on the role of homework at the beginning of the school year at the Acquaintance Meetings and in the Class Newsletter.

The recommended time for homework tasks is as follows:

In Reception to year 3 homework tasks set should be completed within 15 minutes and will generally include reading.

***Year 4 maximum of 20 mins.***

***Year 5 maximum of 30 mins.***

***Year 6 and 7 maximum of 45 mins.***

Homework will be set Monday to Thursday only. (\*Teachers of older classes may choose to set their students tasks which can be completed over a week rather each individual night. This helps to further develop their time management skills.)

Teachers will monitor the homework and provide feedback to students and parents.

\*We understand that many families have differing commitments after school and teachers will be willing to negotiate exemptions around these commitments.

#### STUDENT ROLES

Students are encouraged to complete all homework by the specified time, or by negotiation with the teacher.

#### PARENT ROLES

Parents should encourage students to complete set homework. They should regularly confirm that the student has attempted to complete the work to the best of his/her ability.

Parents can communicate with the teacher about homework. This may be achieved through a range of communication strategies including a communication book or diary, telephone, written contact or in person. Parents should communicate with the teacher if there are circumstances e.g. illness, that prevent their child from completing homework .