

6:9 POLICY ON HOMEWORK

RATIONALE:

- St. Michael's Church School is a Christian School in the Anglican tradition reflecting the intentions of the St. Michael's Church School Statute.
- Homework is considered to be a valuable part of teaching and learning at St Michael's Church School with the potential to reinforce the class programme and to encourage pupils to take increasing responsibility for their learning.

PURPOSES:

- To foster a partnership between home and school
- To provide an opportunity for pupils to develop independent work habits and the skills of personal organisation and time management
- To provide an opportunity to reinforce learning activities covered in the classroom
- To provide an opportunity to extend aspects of the class programme
- To provide an opportunity for pupils to pursue individual interests and inquiry learning.

GUIDELINES:

- · Homework will be appropriate for pupils' learning needs and abilities
- Homework will be explained clearly by the class teacher when given to pupils
- Homework will be recorded in pupils' diaries which parents are requested to sign daily
- Homework will be relevant to the class programme. Appropriate tasks include reading, mathematics examples, learning basic facts, spelling words and vocabulary, grammar and punctuation exercises, revising for a test, carrying out an inquiry, preparing a report, completing work begun in class, current events
- Pupils should be able to complete most Homework tasks independently
- Teachers need to be aware that Homework may be given to some classes by more than one teacher and take this into account before setting tasks and deadlines
- The average time spent on homework from Monday to Thursday is expected to be

Y ear O/1	10-15 minutes
Year 2	15-20 minutes
Year 3	20-25 minutes
Year 4	30 minutes
Year 5	35 minutes
Year 6	40 minutes
Year 7/8	45-60 minutes

- From time to time pupils may be required to complete a piece of work over a longer period e.g. Science Fair project, Research assignment, Technology project
- Homework must be marked promptly and feedback shared with pupils.

CONCLUSION:

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