

TALBOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale:

- Homework benefits students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their learning and to establish good homework patterns.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning
- To develop positive study habits
- To develop a responsibility for self learning

Implementation:

- The school's homework policy will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year
- All students will be allocated diaries in which homework tasks are recorded
- Classrooms teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open ended
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers
- Failure of students to complete set homework on a regular basis will be the subject of discussion between parents and the class teacher

Early Years (Prep – Year 4)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Daily reading activities to, with and by parents
- Practise of basic number facts
- Simple reinforcement tasks associated with classroom activities
- Gathering of additional information or materials
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished activities as homework tasks
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day.

Middle Years (Year 5 - 6)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis
- Practise of number facts
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- Reinforcement and extension tasks related to classroom activities
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks
- Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day.

Responsibility:

It is the responsibility of the principal to ensure the staff are aware of this policy and to provide each of them with a copy. It is the responsibility of individuals to abide by this policy.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... 2016

Principal's signature: _____

School Council President's signature: _____

Date: _____