

HOMWORK

Policy

We at St Paul's School strive to educate the whole child and provide a sound basis for life-long learning. We believe that regular homework should reinforce classroom learning and aid children in forming good study habits. Therefore homework is set at a level appropriate to the age and ability of the children.

Procedure

- Children are encouraged to develop homework routines with parental support. Mindful of the 'busyness' of family life teachers are encouraged to set homework on a weekly basis i.e. Monday to Thursday.
- If homework is incomplete parents are asked to notify the classroom teacher.
- Homework tasks should require little or no supervision or explanation and are designed to reinforce classroom work which is familiar and well practised by the children at school. Homework may include a variety of tasks e.g. reading, homework grids or projects.
- Lower primary children may require more supervision.
- Homework times vary according to the age and ability of the children. Suggested times would be : Year 1-2 - 45 min weekly; Year 3-5 - 1 hour weekly; Year 6 - 1 1/2 hours per week.
- If children have difficulty understanding or completing homework parents are requested to advise teachers so difficulties can be addressed.

