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Homework

Homework is an important part of every child's school experience. It is an opportunity to engage in learning at home and to support what is learned during the school day. Homework encourages good study habits at an early age that will help students to be successful. School staff, teachers, students and the family all play a key role in supporting homework.

Homework refers to any work or activities that students are asked to do outside of lesson time, either on their own or with their parents. Homework assigned is not new work, but reinforces information that has been previously taught in class. Students and parents should plan after school activities to allow time to complete homework.

Aims and objectives of Homework

- To develop an effective partnership between the school and parents in pursuing the teaching aims of the school.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, particularly in literacy and numeracy.
- To serve as a vehicle to assess student understanding of classroom learning.
- To explore resources for learning, of all kinds, at home.
- To extend school learning and encourage pupils as they get older to develop the confidence, responsibility and self-discipline needed to study on their own.
- To offer opportunities to develop key skills for independent learning, such as information retrieval, planning, analysis and time management.

At DPS we recommend the following time range for HW on a daily basis :

- Grades 6, 7, 8 –Home work and assignments will be subject wise which can range from 30 minutes to 90 minutes.
- Grade 9 to 12 – Homework & assignments will be subject wise given by the subject teachers which may range from 1. 30 to 2.30 hours

Note : The time devoted to homework increases as the student progresses through the school.

Types of homework

Homework might include :

1. Writing assignments.
2. Learning assignments.
3. Preparing an oral presentation
4. Reading in preparation for a lesson.
5. Finding out information/researching a project.

Organisation of Homework

All students should have the school almanac/organizer which they should carry with them at all times to record their homework.

Parents are requested to check this on a weekly basis.

Assignments are also posted in the CLP and students can access it through their personal CLP ID

School's responsibilities

- The subject teacher is responsible for setting appropriate homework and marking it regularly.
- Teachers have to correct and hand back homework within a reasonable time. (This can be set for a particular day in a week or bi-weekly)

- Substantial homework tasks is set ensuring that there is more than one night in which to do it. This allows students to plan their time, participate in out of school activities if they wish, and still be able to do their homework.
- No homework is set in the week before exams so as to allow students to organize their revision time effectively.

Students' responsibilities

- Students should always carry their diaries with them and record all homework in it.
- Students need to accept and strictly adhere to deadlines.
- If students are absent, they need to find out what work has been missed and catch up on it as soon as possible on their return. Being away on the day that homework is set is not an excuse for not doing it.
- Problems with homework should be resolved before the deadline. If necessary students should see the member of staff concerned for help.
- Students should take pride in doing their best.

Parents' Role

- Parents should support students with their homework but accept that their role will become less and less important as students become more responsible and independent.
- Parents should encourage students to meet homework deadlines.
- If parents feel that insufficient or too much homework is being set, they should contact the subject teacher first. They may also contact the Class teacher or supervisor who will investigate the situation.
- Parents should make it clear to their ward that they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help them to progress.
- Parents and students must check for homework given on CLP .

Homework Tips and Resources

Some tips on what you can do to support your child include:

- ▶ Set a time for homework and provide a quiet space away from distractions
- ▶ Practice math, reading and writing daily and encourage your child.
- ▶ Show interest and talk about what happened at school
- ▶ Praise and encourage your child to ask for help when needed
- ▶ Keep in touch with teachers and ask about completed /incomplete homework
- ▶ Use the TO DO planner in the school almanac well
- ▶ Use the Eisenhower matrix for completing tasks