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*Westgarth Primary School is a community of students, staff, friends and family working together to create a diverse, engaging and respectful learning environment.*

## **Rationale**

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning and organisation. It is also an opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education and to support their child's independent completion of home work tasks.

## **Aims**

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits, including organisational & time management skills.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

## **Actions**

- The school's homework policy and guidelines will be distributed to parents at the commencement of each school year so students and parents have an understanding of school expectations.
- Classroom teachers will set homework tasks appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- All homework activities will be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- Home reading journals / diaries will be provided for regular communication between parents & the school.
- Failure by students to complete homework on a regular basis will be followed up with parents.

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### **Early Years [Prep - Year 2]**

Homework will consist of:

- reading practise to, with and by parents
- practice exercises, preparatory homework or extension assignments [ as detailed in the guidelines].
- gathering of additional information or materials

### **Years 3 - 4**

Homework will consist of:

- reading to with, and by parents and independent reading
- practice exercises, preparatory homework or extension assignments [ as detailed in the guidelines]
- gathering of additional information or materials
- homework will be set as appropriate for the age group. While there is no minimum requirement students should not be working at a task for more than 30 minutes per day.

### **Middle Years (Years 5 - 6)**

Homework will consist mainly of:

- independent reading on a daily basis
- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- it is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.
- homework will be set as appropriate for the age group. While there is no minimum requirement students should not be working at a task for more than 45 minutes per day.

### **Evaluation**

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

\*Attachment to this policy: Homework guidelines

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