**Rationale:**

Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering positive lifelong learning and study habits, and providing opportunities for students to be responsible for their own learning.

**Aims:**

* To support and develop concepts learnt in class.
* To develop positive study habits.
* To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
* To increase the communication between parents and the school and encourage parent awareness of student learning.

**Implementation:**

* Copy of the homework policy to be included in the information booklet.
* Homework is to consist of ability matched reading, spelling and numeracy activities to be completed each week night.
* Students receive feedback on homework.

**Teacher Responsibilities:**

Teachers are to ensure that:

* The objective of the lesson and the resultant homework are fully understood.
* The direction, extent and options in homework are clear.
* Resources are made available.
* An unfair burden of homework for a subject is not placed on a pupil.
* Homework is collected promptly, checked and evaluated.
* Parents are informed of their responsibilities.
* Communicate with parents if students are having difficulty regarding getting homework in on time.

**Parent Responsibilities:**

* Sign homework. This may consist of signing a diary on a daily basis.
* Set a routine for homework.
* Support the students by making an effort to provide a suitable environment for homework. One which is quiet and free of diversions.
* Observe closely how well the pupil does his/her homework and send a note or phone the teacher whenever the pupil is observed to be having difficulty with a particular activity.
* Provide time and encouragement; treat homework in a positive manner.
* Coordinate homework efforts with teachers in specialist cases.
* Guide or assist in homework when unusual difficulties arise, this is not to be interpreted as completing the task for the child.
* Provide educational experiences that broaden the child’s interest.

**Student Responsibilities:**

* Make sure they have the necessary material and equipment needed for homework.
* Be sure all assignments are clear; don’t be afraid to ask questions if necessary.
* Set aside a regular time for studying.
* Complete and hand in homework on time.

**Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle or earlier as required.