



LUCKNOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact
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Purpose

To outline to our school community the Department's and Lucknow Primary School's policy requirements relating to homework.

Scope

This policy applies to students in all year levels and staff responsible for setting and monitoring homework at Lucknow Primary School.

Rational

Lucknow Primary School has developed this Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- providing opportunities for students to prepare for future lessons
- encouraging students to enrich or extend knowledge individually, collectively and imaginatively
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

DEFINITIONS

Homework is a suggested task provided by the classroom teacher that can be carried out at home.

Policy

At Lucknow Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

The types of homework that teachers at Lucknow Primary School might include are:

- completing consolidation exercises for mathematics
- practising spelling words
- reading for pleasure
- writing tasks
- Practising physical education skills
- Preparing for assignments/projects.
- engaging with parents in learning activities such as:
 - rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback
 - interviewing a family member as part of a research project.

Shared Expectations and Responsibilities

Homework is a shared responsibility between the school, teachers, students and their parents/carers.

Responsibilities and expectations for **leaders at Lucknow Primary School** are to:

- advise teachers, students and parents/carers of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with access to the homework policy.

Responsibilities and expectations for **teachers at Lucknow Primary School** are to:

- offer opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning.
- provide suggestions for homework that is curriculum-aligned and appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- ensure homework tasks that are suggested are purposeful – this means they are deliberately designed and planned to support student learning (so, they are not 'busy work' or where students 'finish off' work they did/could not complete in class)
- Provide timely and practical feedback on any homework given.
- ensure the suggested homework supports a student to engage with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities outside of school hours

Responsibilities and expectations for **students** are:

- sharing the suggested homework with their parents/carers
- seeking assistance when difficulties arise
- organising their time to manage home obligations, participation in physical activity and sports, recreational and cultural activities.

Responsibilities and expectations for **parents/carers** are:

- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational, family and cultural activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home,
- in dialogue, linking homework to:
 - previous experiences the child and/or parent/carer may have had
 - family culture(s), history(ies) and language(s)
 - relevant services, clubs, associations and community.
- ensuring there is a quiet study area for their child to complete homework.

Support for Students and Parents/Carers

Lucknow Primary School understands that students have different learning strengths, preferences and interests and may approach learning activities and homework differently. If parents/carers are concerned their child may not understand the homework tasks that have been set or is spending a long period of time completing their homework, we encourage parents/carers to speak to their child's teacher.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Related Policies and Resources

- [Homework – Department Policy](#)

Policy Review and Approval

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