

Princess Elizabeth Primary School

Homework Policy: Information for Parents

Value of Homework

Homework reinforces pupils' learning, contribute to their progress and cultivate a healthy disposition towards learning. It enables them to practise the skills taught and process the information learnt, resulting in better understanding and retention of learning.

Role of Parents

Parents play an important part in your children's education. Parents could consider doing the following to support your children in their learning:

- (a) create a home environment conducive for studying and completion of homework;
- (b) check your child's Pupils' Handbook daily to view the homework assignments for the day;
- (c) supervise and provide support for your child's learning;
- (d) reinforce good study habits and attitudes;
- (e) provide the appropriate resources for your child to complete the homework;
- (f) encourage and praise your child when he/she have completed his/her homework;
- (g) ensure your child completes homework to a high standard and hands it in on time;
- (h) be mindful of the relative stress arising from school homework and out-of-school activities, and help your child prioritise his/her time among these activities;
- (i) work in partnership with teachers to support your child's learning and development; and
- (j) do not do the work for your child, if you want your child to learn.

Role of Pupils

In order to benefit maximally from the value of homework, pupils should do the following on a daily basis:

- (a) understand the purpose of homework and what is expected of them;
- (b) keep track of homework instructions and deadlines;
- (c) manage time well to ensure that homework is completed and submitted on time;
- (d) give his/her best effort in completing homework;
- (e) review feedback from teachers on homework submitted;
- (f) do not be afraid to seek help from classmates, friends or teachers if they face any difficulty;
- (g) organise their textbooks, workbooks, worksheets and files systematically; and
- (h) have a neat study area at home, which is away from distractions such as the television and the computer.

General Guidelines on Daily Homework

The School seeks to ensure pupils' wellness by not overloading pupils with homework assignments. It adopts the following guidelines to manage the workload of pupils.

	P1 & P2	P3 & P4	P5 & P6
Average daily time spent on homework	30 minutes to 1 hour	1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes	1 hour 30 minutes to 2 hours

Pupils who are not able to finish the work set in class will also need to complete it at home.

English and Mother Tongue Spelling will not be conducted on the same day. If there is a public or school holiday, spelling will be postponed to the next school day.

General Guidelines on Holiday Homework

During the school holidays, homework assignments will be given. The estimated amount of time that pupils would spend on each subject during the duration:

Period	Estimated Time Spent on Homework for per subject
March Holidays	1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes
June Holidays	1 hour 30 minutes to 2 hours
September Holidays	1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes
PSLE Marking Exercise	1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes
Year-End Holidays	2 hours to 3 hours

Homework will not be given over festive periods during term time, for example: Chinese New Year, Deepavali and Hari Raya Puasa. A spelling activity or a test will not be conducted on the school day after the festive period.

Partnership with Parents

We seek the understanding, support and collaboration of parents as our partners in education to ensure that homework works for your children and our pupils.

Tips for Parents: 10 things you can do to help your child learn

1. Give your child confidence through lots of praise and encouragement.
 - *You have tremendous power to strengthen your child's confidence - and confidence is vital to learning.*
 - *Provide specific praise that focuses on a particular aspect of their work. Comments such as "I like the way you have..." is more effective than "you're clever".*

2. Read to, and with, your child as much as possible.
 - *Read to your child, hear him/her read, or encourage him/her to read to himself/herself, for at least 30 minutes a day.*

3. Encourage your child to observe and talk about what he/she sees, feels, thinks etc.
 - *Even young children can be helped to read notices and signs, for example, and understand what they mean.*

4. Make use of the public library.
 - *Look out for special events for children.*

5. If your child likes watching television, watch it together sometimes and talk about what has been watched. Children enjoy sharing their experiences and will gain a lot from the discussion.

6. Try to provide a reasonably quiet and suitable place where your child can work and show that you and all members of the family value and respect the homework activity.

7. Try to set time aside to support your child's homework activities whilst also allowing some independence where appropriate.

8. Encourage your child to discuss homework with you, including feedback from teachers.

9. Help your child to see the importance of homework and teach him/her to become more independent and take more responsibility for himself/herself as he/she gets older.

10. Remind your children to complete and hand in homework on time.

Let's work together for your child to succeed 😊