



# Woodend Primary School

(Woodend Campus & Carlsruhe Annex)

## Homework Policy

### Rationale:

Woodend Primary School's Homework Policy follows Departmental Guidelines and Evidence based research on the effectiveness of homework at the Primary School Level. Homework helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. The link between home and school is vital for each child's success at school. Teachers working in partnership collaboratively with parents and carers will help a child achieve success at school, build on the successful learning provided by parents, acknowledging that parents and carers are their child's first teachers. Homework provides a link between learning at school and learning at home.

### Aims:

- To support classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To involve parents in their child's education.

### Implementation:

- Parents will be advised of homework expectations at the beginning of each school year and a copy of the school's 'Homework Policy' will be available on the school's website.
- Unit leaders have discretion as to whether homework is set, how much is set, when it is sent home and when it is due to be returned.
- Homework should not be seen as a chore. It should complement learning at school and follow current 'Best Teaching Practice'.

### **Early Years (Prep – Year 4)**

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents.
- Practising spelling words (Years 3 & 4).
- Practising times tables & number facts (Years 3 & 4).
- Online learning activities.
- Gathering of additional information or materials.
- It is recommended that students at this age do not exceed 30 minutes per day of homework.

### **Middle Years (Years 5 – 6)**

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Independent reading on a daily basis.
- Online tasks e.g. Studyladder
- Tasks such as continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research.
- It is recommended that students at this age do not exceed 45 minutes per day of homework.
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy was reviewed and endorsed in March 2017.

This policy is scheduled to be reviewed and updated in March 2020.