

# Homework Policy

## **Rationale:**

Parents, in partnership with the school, should encourage students to establish good homework patterns and responsibility for their own learning.

## **Aims:**

- To complement and reinforce classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.

## **Implementation:**

- The school's homework policy will be available on the Ormond Primary School website.
- Students are allocated and encouraged to use homework diaries from Years 3 – 6.
- Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age.
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended.
- Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
- Tasks can include practice activities.
- All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.
- If a child is experiencing difficulty in completing the assigned task within the required time parents are advised to speak with the teacher.
- Homework must be co-ordinated between teachers to avoid excessive workload and may be set during weekends and school vacations.
- Teachers should work together to ensure consistency of homework requirements.
- Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day.

## **Early Years (Prep – Year 4)**

Homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents.
- Simple extension tasks associated with classroom activities.
- Gathering of additional information or materials

## **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.
- Teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework tasks.

## **Renewal and Approval:**

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