



De La Salle School

HOMEWORK POLICY

Status	Recommended
Responsible Governors' Committee	Curriculum Committee
Responsible Person	Paul Ross
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Review Date	

Aim

The purpose of homework is to reinforce, develop and establish concepts and skills taught in lessons. Homework will be set using Show My Homework (SMHW). This is a web-based service and we recommend using the SMHW app as it will push notifications to students' phones to remind them of deadlines. There are a large number of tutorials available on how to use Show My Homework. Go to Youtube and search for Show My Homework. You will usually find help with any issues there.

Quantity of Homework

In years 7 and 8:

- **Each subject will aim to provide 30 minutes of homework per week**

In years 9, 10 and 11:

- **Each subject will aim to provide 60 minutes of homework per week**

Quality of Homework

Teachers will:

1. Set, collect, mark and record progress in accordance with school policy
2. Use SMHW to set homework
3. Allow children time to complete homework by allowing them a week to complete it
4. Ensure homework tasks have been considered and planned in advance of the lesson, in line with schemes of work
5. Clearly explain homework tasks to the pupils
6. Grade homework as E, G, S or U (excellent, good, satisfactory or unsatisfactory). In the case of exam-based homework, mark schemes provided by the exam boards will also be used. Work should be clearly identified as homework
7. Ensure students who require additional learning support have homework written in their planner in accordance with their IEPs
8. Encourage pupils who have restricted ICT access to use school facilities such as the library
9. Contact parents where there are concerns around homework (see below)

Pupils will:

1. Ask staff if homework is not clear
2. Attend homework support sessions if offered by departments
3. Log into Show My Homework on a daily basis to check their personal homework planner
4. Undertake all homework tasks/projects to the best of their ability
5. Submit homework at the specified times
6. Use their time in a useful and sensible way if no homework is set, e.g. revision, reading, re-drafting work

Parents will:

1. Log onto Show My Homework weekly and ensure that pupils undertake all tasks logged onto the calendar
2. Inform the form tutor and/or class teacher when pupils have had difficulty completing homework e.g. owing to family circumstances
3. Monitor and ensure that pupils complete homework

Procedures to be Followed if a Pupil Fails to Submit Homework

Pupils should be given one chance to re-submit homework the next day or lesson, at the discretion of the teacher. See below:

Trigger	Sanction
Failure to hand in on time	Warning
Failure to re-submit next day/lesson	Loss of 1 star point
More than one late homework	Teacher contacts home via letter, phone call or ParentMail