

HOMEWORK POLICY

Most parents are eager to help and co-operate with the school in encouraging their children to do homework. Homework is set on a regular basis in Nazareth House PS. As a staff, we value homework as an opportunity for parents to interact with their children in the learning process.

The purpose of homework in the Primary School is to:

- 1) Consolidate/complete work done in the classroom.
- 2) Practice of skills learned in the classroom.
- 3) Give children the opportunity to interact with parents investigating and exploring the environment.

Homework may include any of these forms:

ORAL WORK

READING

WRITING

Written homework will usually be brief. It is most important that children know that parents will read what they write.

Written work must always be of the same standard in presentation as their best work in class.

- 1) Layout
- 2) Neatness
- 3) Correct pencil hold, letter formation and joining of letters.

PRACTICAL

Collecting information, investigating, model making, art/craft activities.

Parents are asked to use homework diaries or give reasons why homework has not been done or completed. Any problems or clarification relating to homework can be discussed with the class teachers at a mutually agreed time.

It is school policy that:

- A. Homework not done
- B. Untidy homework
- C. Homework forgotten

is unacceptable and parents will be contacted for repeated instances (2 or more) or any of the above A, B and C. For children in Primary School, homework generally should not take more than 30 minutes (depending on child's ability and stage of development). Parents should talk to class teachers if they find children spending longer.