



# Kingfisher Private School Policy

## INTERSEN PHASE HOMEWORK POLICY

### **1. The Importance of Homework**

- 1.1 To learn effectively, experts maintain that the pupil has to take an active role in the study of the information by writing notes, answering questions or applying the knowledge already learned, to complex problem solving.
- 1.2 Homework helps pupils learn, helps them to develop good study habits, as well as nurtures a love of learning that is a lifelong asset.

### **2. The Parents' Role**

- 2.1 Meaningful homework helps a pupil achieve mastery by practising new skills, and parents should be prepared to participate in it.
- 2.2 Parents should, however, never do the homework for their children. They should rather use homework as a way to monitor progress and interact with and support their children.
- 2.3 Parents should create an atmosphere and scheduled routine at home that is conducive to learning and teach their children to manage their time and stick to a routine.
- 2.4 Parents must encourage their children to have a positive attitude towards homework and keep themselves motivated enough to finish what they start.
- 2.5 Parents must check the homework diary and homework book/s on a daily basis to see what needs to be done, as well as that it is completed well and presented neatly.
- 2.6 Parents are encouraged to listen to their children's reading homework.
- 2.7 Parents should check the homework once it has been completed, as this shows that they are taking an interest in their children and the work they are doing. They must, however, avoid the tendency to become overzealous in changing the work their children have done.

### **3. The Teachers' Role**

- 3.1 Teachers must give homework that is well thought out, designed to meet a specific purpose, at the right level and of an appropriate duration.
- 3.2 The teacher must explain to the pupils in a clear and concise way exactly what is required in the homework. There must be no ambiguity or room for confusion as to what is required.
- 3.3 Teachers must check that the homework is completed on the due date and that it is marked and corrected by the pupils.

#### 4. The Pupils' Role

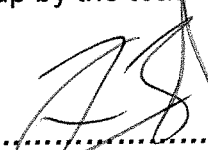
- 4.1 Grade 4 and 5 pupils must be given English, Afrikaans and Mathematics homework every day from Monday to Thursday.
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- 4.3 Grade 6 pupils must be given English, Afrikaans and Mathematics homework every day from Monday to Thursday for the first six months of the year. Thereafter, they continue with this but can also be given homework from any other subject as well.
- 4.4 Grade 7 pupils must be given English, Afrikaans and Mathematics homework every day, and can also be given homework from any subject from the start of the year.
- 4.5 Grade 6 and 7 pupils must read from Monday to Thursday and may also be given reading homework over the weekend.
- 4.6 All pupils will be expected to complete any class work not finished in class, as long as reasonable time was given in class for the work to be finished.
- 4.7 Pupils are expected to learn for tests and do other tasks such as prepare for speeches over the weekend.
- 4.8 Pupils can be asked to bring information or pictures from home for a task or project. The task or project will be completed in class using this information.
- 4.9 It is the responsibility of any pupils who were absent to catch up their homework. This must be done in consultation with the relevant teachers, so that reasonable time frames can be set in which the pupils can catch up missed homework.

#### 5. General

- 5.1 A black dot will be given to pupils who have not completed their homework on the due date. Repeat offenders will be sanctioned and diligent pupils rewarded.
- 5.2 Homework that counts for marks and is not handed in on the due date will be marked out of 50% if handed in on the next day. The marks out of which it is marked will continue to reduce to 25% the following day and then finally 0% on the third day. This matter will be followed up by the teacher with the parents.



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