



Mount Sion CBS Secondary School



Homework Policy

Homework is given by teachers to reinforce the learning that has taken place in class.

The purpose of this document is to:

- Clarify the responsibilities of pupils, staff and parents/guardians in relation to homework
- Encourage the pupils to put their best effort into homework
- Encourage you – the parents/guardians – to take an active interest in monitoring homework
- Encourage you to communicate with school staff in relation to homework when necessary

Types of Homework

- Written work
- Preparing for tests
- Reading
- Research
- Rote learning

Responsibilities of the Pupil

- Write your homework into your Journal.
- Ask the teacher for help if you don't understand the homework.
- Do your homework to the best of your ability.

Responsibilities of the Teacher and School Management

- Explain the homework
- Check that pupils understand the homework
- Give adequate time for pupils to write the homework in Journal
- Teachers check homework is written in Journals
- Teachers give feedback on homework – taking into account each pupil's ability
- Teachers acknowledge good effort in homework
- Study Skills are taught to the pupils
- The Principal and Deputy Principal carry out occasional checks on pupils' Journals
- Sanctions may be imposed for repeated poor effort at homework

Responsibilities of the Parent/Guardian

- Write a note in your son's Journal if he is struggling with – or cannot complete – homework
- If your son is in First Year, please read and sign his Journal daily; for other pupils, please read and sign his Journal weekly
- If you have any concerns regarding your son's ability to do homework on an on-going basis, please contact the Home School Community Liaison teacher (085-2426171)

How much time should homework take?

1st and 2nd year: 1 to 1½ hours each night

3rd year: 1½ to 2 hours each night

Senior students: approximately 3 hours – including study time