Introduction: At The Elite English School, we view homework as an integral part of the learning process, extending education beyond the classroom. Homework not only reinforces classroom learning but also cultivates essential skills and attitudes for lifelong learning. It nurtures independent learning abilities, fosters inquiry, and recognizes the vital role of parents as co-educators in their children's development.

## Homework Responsibilities:

## Head of Department:

- Ensures that homework is an integral component of the curriculum, planned alongside other learning programs.
- Tailors homework to the students' age, abilities, and individual circumstances, considering special educational needs.
- Coordinates to ensure homework is manageable for students on a daily basis.


## Teachers:

- Set and mark homework in alignment with the curriculum.
- Differentiate tasks and ensure they are well-structured.
- Communicate the purpose of homework clearly to students.
- Clarify how homework complements and extends classroom learning.


## Students:

- Record homework tasks in diaries/planners/online postings, demonstrate understanding, and allocate sufficient time for completion.
- Submit completed work by the specified deadline.


## Parents:

- Encourage and monitor homework, promptly informing the child's teacher if issues arise.
- Foster a conducive environment for homework completion.
- Express the importance of homework to their child, offering praise and encouragement.


## Homework Plan by Grade:

## Grades 1 and 2:

- Homework should take approximately thirty minutes.
- Focus on reading program (10 minutes), with parents encouraged to assist.
- May include spelling practice and short written activities.
- Regular assignments in Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies to reinforce classroom learning.
- Daily reading/recitation of Qur'an (5-10 minutes).
- Daily reading of Arabic text (5-10 minutes).


## Grades 3 and 4:

- Homework should take between thirty to forty-five minutes.
- Daily reading and spelling assignments.
- Additional literacy activities like preparing a written plan, class presentation, or book review.
- Memory tasks such as poetry or multiplication tables.
- Worksheets in various subjects to consolidate learning.
- Daily reading/recitation of Qur'an (5-10 minutes).
- Daily reading of Arabic text (5-10 minutes).


## Grades 5 to 7:

- Homework should take between forty-five to ninety minutes.
- Subjects covered include Mathematics, Languages, Science, Arabic, Islamic Education, Life Skills, and ICT.
- Occasional extended assignments with guidelines and suggested completion times.
- Weekly research tasks to promote independent study.


## Parental Involvement:

## Interest and Support:

- Parents play a crucial role by showing interest in their child's homework.
- Checking homework diaries daily helps track assignments and due dates.
- Encourage prompt completion and engage in discussions about homework.
- Ensure assigned tasks are completed, and sign when required.


## Setting Aside Time:

- Help your child allocate dedicated homework time.
- Provide a quiet, suitable environment for concentration.


## Quality over Quantity:

- Emphasize that a minimum amount of time spent on homework results in better quality.
- Verify homework for accuracy and completion.


## Express Value:

- Convey the importance of homework to your child.
- Praise and support your child's efforts.


## Use of Reference Materials:

- Direct children to relevant reference materials like dictionaries, encyclopaedias, news articles, or documentaries for research and learning.


## Internet Supervision:

- Supervise and assist children when they use the internet for homework.
- Ensure online searches are focused on relevant information.


## Checking Homework:

- Review your child's work, offering guidance but not answers.
- Ask questions to help them find solutions independently.


## Communication:

- Discussing homework with your child demonstrates its significance.
- Identifying problem areas helps improve learning.


## Recording Homework:

- Regularly check your child's homework diary.
- Sign when necessary to maintain effective communication with the school.


## Problem Resolution:

- If homework consumes excessive time or poses difficulties in planning, encourage your child to discuss this with their facilitator or subject teacher.


## Contacts:

- For further guidance or discussions regarding homework, contact your child's class facilitator (via class email), Supervisor, or the Principal.

By implementing this Homework Policy, we aim to create an environment where homework is seen as an integral part of the learning process and where students, parents, and teachers collaborate to foster students' academic growth and independent learning skills.

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