

Dazhong Primary School Homework Policy

Rationale

Homework is an important part of a pupil's education. Pupils benefit from the support of parents and teachers in encouraging them to learn both at home and at school. We believe that homework is one of the ways in which pupils can acquire the skill of independent learning.

Homework enables pupils to practise the skills taught and process the information learnt, resulting in better understanding and retention of learning. Through homework, pupils have the opportunity to learn outside the classroom and nurture greater self-discipline, time management and a sense of independence. In the process, pupils cultivate good study habits and positive work ethics. While homework is important, it should not prevent pupils from taking part in the wide range of co-curricular activities and follow their own interests.

Role of Parents

Parents play an important part in their children's education. Parents can consider doing the following to support their children in their learning:

- a) Check their child's "Pupil's Handbook" daily to view the homework for the day.
- b) Supervise their child in doing the homework
- c) Remind their child to complete the school homework before doing the tuition work (if any).
- d) Do not do the work for their child if they want their child to learn.
- e) Guide their child to set aside a regular study time and help reinforce good study habits and attitudes.
- f) Ensure their child's timely completion and punctual submission of homework all the time so that there will not be a backlog.
- g) Work in partnership with their child's teachers to support their child's learning and development.

Role of Pupils

In order to benefit optimally from the homework, pupils should:

- a) Refer to the whiteboard in the classroom for the homework.
- b) Record the homework in the "Pupil's Handbook".
- c) Make sure that they understand what needs to be done for all the given homework.
- d) Seek help from classmates, friends or teachers if they face any difficulty.
- e) Organize their textbooks, workbooks, worksheets and files systematically.
- f) Ensure that the homework is taken home to be completed and not left in school.
- g) Have a home study timetable.
- h) Have a neat study area at home, which is away from distractions such as the television set and the computer.
- i) Submit completed homework punctually to their teachers.

General Guidelines on Homework

The school seeks to ensure the pupils' wellness by not overloading pupils with homework. It adopts the following guidelines to manage the workload of pupils and to give pupils enough rest.

a) The school has worked out an estimated amount of time that pupils would spend to complete their homework weekly.

Level	Estimated Time Spent Weekly on Homework	
	Monday – Friday	Saturday & Sunday
P1 – P3	4 hours	1 hour
P4 – P6	5.5 hours	1.5 hours

b) In addition, pupils who are not able to finish the work set in class will also need to complete it at home. Pupils may also be tasked to read some materials or write a journal at home. This should not be more than twice a week.

c) Spelling for English Language and Mother Tongue Languages will not be conducted on the same day. If there is a public or school holiday, Spelling will be postponed to the next school day.

Other Guidelines on Homework

During the school holidays and the PSLE Marking Exercise, homework will be issued. The school has worked out an estimated amount of time that pupils would spend on each subject as follows:

Period	Estimated Time Spent on Homework
March Holidays	30 minutes per subject
June Holidays	2 hours per subject
September Holidays	30 minutes per subject
PSLE Marking Exercise	1 hour 30 minutes per subject
Year-End Holidays	2 hours per subject

Homework will not be given over festive periods during term time, e.g. Chinese New Year, Deepavali and Hari Raya Puasa. A spelling activity or a test will also not be conducted on the school day after the festive period.

Partnership with Parents

The school believes in the value of homework to help pupils consolidate their knowledge and skills and cultivate lifelong habits of independent and self-directed learning. We seek the understanding, support and collaboration of parents as our partners in education to ensure that their children complete their homework.