



GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

PROCEDURE: HOMEWORK



Good Shepherd School acknowledges that parents are the first teachers of their children. Links between the home and school are, therefore, very important and homework provides an opportunity to strengthen these links. Homework also serves to support and reinforce learning that takes place during school hours and helps to develop the key competencies, especially *Managing Self, Thinking and Using Language, Symbols and Texts*.

Guidelines

- Religious Education is an integral part of the school programme and will form part of homework for children in all areas of the school.
- Daily reading is important at all levels. In Year 1, homework will mainly consist of reading to and by the child.
- As children progress through the school, spelling words and activities, basic facts and times tables, and activities from other curriculum areas will form part of homework.
- All children will be assigned homework each week.
- It is the teacher's responsibility to set and monitor homework, and provide children with feedback.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to:

- Supervise children's homework.
- Establish homework routines by setting aside quiet, regular times for homework.
- Communicate with teachers regularly by signing homework books or sheets.
- Communicate with teachers about any homework issues.
- Discuss children's learning with them, praising their efforts at every opportunity.