



HOMework POLICY

GRADE 4

1. Written homework will be given for revision of certain concepts only. No new concepts will be assigned as part of homework tasks. The learner who has not applied him/herself in class, been out at music lessons, been absent or late, **will have to complete work at home.**
2. From Mondays to Thursdays the learners should spend half an hour on **tables, spelling and reading aloud.** For First Additional Language, a **maximum** of 10 minutes work should be assigned on some days, but not every day. **4 - 5 minutes of reading aloud** should be done with a parent daily, in both Home and First Additional Languages.
3. At least **10 days' notice** should be given for Oral or Modeling.
4. **Rubrics** for various assessments should be given when the task / project is introduced.
5. Research materials for projects should be sourced at the school library or at home. Learners must be **encouraged to belong to their nearest municipal Library.** **No projects** will be done at home. If the internet is used, ensure that no plagiarism occurs.
6. Studying for standardised assessments will require more time to be spent on homework. Learners must be notified of tests on the **CASS planner** during the first week of each term.
7. **Teachers of practical / specialist subjects** should ensure that the learners are well informed regarding requirements of the subject. This will enable the parents and learners to organize themselves accordingly. These teachers are to **assign test dates on the CASS planner** each term in order to prevent 'bottle-necking' of assessments.
8. Homework is **not usually** given on a Friday. Occasionally this is required, though.
9. **Homework diaries must be signed by the parents daily.** The parent must indicate with a short note why tasks have not been done, or if books were forgotten at school etc.
10. **Confidential correspondence** between the teacher and parent should be e-mailed / placed in a sealed envelope addressed to the relevant teacher. Notice of this correspondence must be written in the homework book.
11. The maximum time for homework in Grade 4 should be **45 minutes to 1 hour.** **If formal tests/exams are looming, this time could be slightly longer.** Parents to please assist the child to set up a study timetable in order to work on time management skills.

12. **Expectations from the teacher:**

Parents may assist with most of the homework.

A designated study / homework area is recommended, away from the hustle and bustle of the family life.

Parents should teach and assist their child to become organised and conscientious while completing tasks at home.