

BELMAY PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

“The effective education of children and young people is almost always the result of an alliance between home and school.”

Each teacher will formulate THEIR OWN POLICY consistent with guidelines below. This will normally be done at the beginning of the year.

One general statement holds true for all years - homework should be given according to the needs of the individual student. It should never be given just for the sake of homework and should always have a purpose, for example, revision of work covered that still needs practice, or the completion of unfinished assignments.

One of the hidden aims of homework should be to build up responsible habits. This may be simply the collecting of empty containers or the selection of the news item, etc. The child should be responsible for his or her OWN homework, as this is part of the task. Hopefully this will establish good study habits. In this regard, good habits can best be established in senior grades by regular homework WHERE NEEDED and for most individuals this is 2 or 3 times per week.

We suggest:

Years 1 and 2	Reading 10 – 15 minutes per night.
Years 3 and 4	Reading, tables and spelling up to 60 minutes per week.
Years 5 to 7	Reading, tables, spelling and assignment work from between 20 – 30 minutes per night; 80 – 120 minutes per week.