

Yishun Primary School Homework Policy

Definition

Homework refers to any learning activity that schools require students to complete outside of curriculum time, regardless of the mode of delivery (i.e. pen-and-paper, virtual/ online).

Objectives of Homework

Homework can reinforce students' learning, provide feedback on their progress and cultivate a healthy disposition towards continual learning. However, excessive homework can have an adverse impact on students' holistic development and well-being and can also negatively affect their motivation for learning. Homework should be properly checked, with timely feedback, interventions and support given.

Effective use of homework can:

- reinforce learning and deepen understanding of lessons taught;
- allow students to regularly practise, and apply skills and concepts taught;
- develop good study skills and habits; and
- encourage greater ownership and responsibility for independent learning.

Homework allows teachers to:

- consolidate learning that has taken place in class;
- check for students' understanding and progress, so as to provide timely feedback, intervention and support; and
- review effectiveness of lesson.

Homework provides parents with:

- timely information on the learning progress of their child; and
- opportunities to be involved in their child's learning.
- seek help from classmates or teachers if they face any difficulty.

General Guidelines on Daily Homework

The amount of homework given should consider students' overall workload and the competing demands on their time (e.g. CCA, competitions, preparation for upcoming Weighted Assessments, tests and examinations)

	P1 & P2	P3 & P4	P5 & P6
Average time spent on homework <u>weekly</u>	Less than 5 hours	Less than 8 hours	Less than 11 hours
Average <u>daily</u> screen use limit for homework (included in daily homework guidelines)	No online homework (revised)	Less than 1 hour	Less than 1.5 hours

Students who are unable to finish the work set in class will need to complete it at home.

English and Mother Tongue Language Spelling 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.

General Guidelines on Holiday Homework

School holidays are meant for students to take a break from formal learning. The daily homework load should not be more than 50% of the daily load given during the school week.

The following table describes the estimated amount of time that students may spend on each subject during the duration of the holiday:

Period	Estimated Time Spent on Homework for Each Subject
March Holidays	P1 - P5: No homework to be assigned P6: Less than 5 hours across all subjects for the entire period.
June Holidays	P1 - P5: No homework to be assigned P6: Less than 5 hours across all subjects for the entire period.
September Holidays	P1 - P5: No homework to be assigned P6: Less than 5 hours across all subjects for the entire period.
PSLE Marking Exercise	P1 – P2: Less than 3 hours across all subjects for the entire period P3 – P4: Less than 4 hours across all subjects for the entire period P5: Less than 5.5 hours across all subjects for the entire period
Year-End Holidays	No homework to be assigned for all levels.

Homework should not be assigned to be completed on Public Holidays as students could be involved in the celebration of festivals, spending time with their loved ones or taking a break from formal learning. Deadlines for homework submission should also not be set to be due on the day immediately after a Public Holiday.