

# Teck Ghee Primary School

## Homework Policy

The school believes in the value of homework to help students consolidate their knowledge and skills and cultivate lifelong habits of independent and self-directed learning.

Homework refers to any learning activity that students are required to complete outside of curriculum time. It could be in the form of an assignment to reinforce learning and deepening understanding of concepts and skills, a project that shows application of learning, or an interactive online platform for self-directed learning. Homework does not refer to revision of school work or studying for spelling and examinations.

We seek the understanding, support and collaboration of parents as our partners in education.

### Role of Teachers

To understand the learning needs of students and close learning gaps, teachers:

- design appropriate and meaningful homework
- set realistic deadlines for submission of homework
- establish and communicate clear expectations to students on the purpose and procedure of homework
- coordinate with other teachers of the class on the frequency and quantity of homework to be given
- update the whiteboard for homework daily
- provide timely feedback to students
- engage parents on homework matters and provide them with information on their child's learning progress if necessary

### Role of Students

To benefit maximally from homework, students should:

- refer to the whiteboard in the classroom for homework
- record homework in their Student Handbook
- ensure that homework is not left in school and brought home to be completed
- manage time well to ensure that homework is completed and submitted on time

### Role of Parents/Guardians

To support your child/ward in their learning, parents/guardians can consider the following:

- Check your child/ward's Student Handbook daily for the homework assigned
- Provide a home environment conducive for studying and completion of homework
- Supervise and provide support for your child/ward's learning
- Reinforce good study habits and attitudes
- Work in partnership with teachers to support your child/ward's learning and development
- Prioritise completion of school homework to enrichment/tuition work (if any)
- Allow your child to do his/her work independently

## Guidelines on Homework during School Term

1. On a daily basis, the school endeavours to balance the value of homework with the time students may need to spend on completing homework outside curriculum hours.

<b>P1 and P2</b> (Not more than 3 hours per week)	<b>P3 and P4</b> (Not more than 6 hours per week)	<b>P5 and P6</b> (Not more than 9 hours per week)
20 minutes for EL/MA/MT per day	20 minutes for EL/MA/MT per day 20 minutes for SC twice a week	30 minutes for EL/MA/MT per day 30 minutes for SC thrice a week

EL – English Language; MA – Mathematics; MT – Mother Tongue; SC – Science

2. No homework will be given a day before the End-of-Year Examination (EYE).
3. Homework will not be given before a public holiday during term time.
4. No homework will be given on Mondays to free up time for other dimensions of the child's learning and growth, such as taking part in Co-curricular Activities (CCAs).

## Guidelines on Homework for School Holidays and Other Special Days

5. During the school holidays and other special days when students are not required to report to school, homework may be issued.

<b>Period</b>	<b>Estimated Time Spent on Homework (for the entire period)</b>
March School Holidays	● 1 hour per subject, if any
Mid-Year School Holidays	● 3 hours per subject, if any
PSLE Oral (2 days)	● 2 hours per subject, if any
September School Holidays	● 1 hour per subject, if any
PSLE LC (1 day)	● 1 hour per subject, if any
PSLE Marking Exercise (3 days)	● 2 hours 30 minutes per subject, if any

6. During the school holidays (including the Year-End School Holidays), students are strongly encouraged to engage in reading and revision.