



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

Homework Policy



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1. Purpose

At DBS, homework is an integral part of the teaching process from Year 1 onwards. Homework is given in order to reinforce and consolidate skills and content taught in the lesson. Teachers are able to assess the student's knowledge and understanding of the current lessons and the student's ability to carry out tasks in an independent manner. Parents should ensure that children work, uninterrupted, the given time, in a quiet, suitable area.

2. Scope

This procedure applies to academic staff & students

3. Definitions

Homework is any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Doha British School we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

4. Policy Statement

Doha British school is not a school at which homework dominates home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture children and parents' imagination and that weekends can sometimes be busy. We believe that homework should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that if it becomes a chore/burden/source of conflict it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning. We do not specify amounts of time that must be spent on a task, preferring individual children and families to set their own routines. Individual teachers are happy to give advice. We hope the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves; children are not punished if they fail to complete the work.

We aim to provide opportunities for parents to work alongside their child or children to support their learning in school. This is because we want to work as a partnership in your child's learning – school, the child and their parents working together to help your child to reach their potential.

PRIMARY

Key Stage 1

Recommended homework hours are as follows:

- Year 1 20 minutes
- Year 2 20 minutes



In addition to these students are expected to do 10 minutes reading in English per night.

Key Stage 2

Recommended homework hours are as follows:

- Year 6 40 minutes
- Year 5 30 minutes
- Year 4 20 minutes
- Year 3 20 minutes

In addition, students are expected to do 20 minutes reading in English per night, including at weekends.

Arabic:

Pupils are expected to complete 15 minutes of homework each evening.

SECONDARY

Key Stage 3

All students will receive a homework timetable for each year level. The subjects English, Maths and Science may give extra homework where appropriate.

- Year 7 50 minutes
- Year 8 60 minutes
- Year 9 70 minutes

This will be in addition to:

- Arabic 15 minutes
- Reading in English: 30 minutes

Key Stage 4

Students are expected to complete all homework that has been set by their teachers.

Minimum time per evening: 90 minutes. Reading in English and Arabic as appropriate are also required daily.

Key Stage 5 (IB Diploma)

Students are expected to complete all coursework by the required deadlines. Failure to do so will mean loss of marks for their final grade.

Students at this level are expected to monitor their own time and organise their homework schedule. This will be done in conjunction with parents and teachers.



School Diary and Homework:

- The homework diary is an important tool for students.
- All homework and course deadlines must be written in the diary.
- There will be a schedule for homework given at the start of the year.
- It is very important that all students understand the importance of reading in English. This is part of their homework and even if no formal work is given daily reading is expected.



Thank you