



# Non-Compulsory Homework – Parent Permissions

Please fill out the slip below indicating your children’s names and your preference for the Non-Compulsory Homework option. Please place a tick in the appropriate box, and return this form to the School Office.

## All students will receive daily reading homework

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish my child to receive additional class homework

I wish my child to receive additional class homework

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish my child to receive additional class homework

I wish my child to receive additional class homework

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish my child to receive additional class homework

I wish my child to receive additional class homework

Parent/Carer’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Parents and Carers

Educational research has shown that general homework, as normally given in primary schools, has little impact upon the academic achievements or outcomes of the students. The giving of homework doesn't advantage or disadvantage students.

What homework can do is help students with setting and sticking to routines after school. This may help with transition to high school, if it is well supported at home as a daily routine.

Here at Miles SS, we have traditionally sent home two of our most important school subjects, spelling and maths, to be taught and learnt at home, usually where there are no teachers, and then tested and graded the students accordingly. The explicit teaching of these highly important skills needs to be done at school, not at home; as I am sure most would agree with.

Often families have many other things to do after school and homework can impact negatively on those activities, causing stress and anxiety within the household. This is not healthy for student learning or quality family time.

### ***So What Is Changing?***

Nothing, we are just going to give parents a choice and we want to be able to use our time more wisely.

All students, from Prep to Year 6, will be given reading homework. This homework will involve providing students with reading material graded at their reading comprehension level. (Prep reading homework will begin later in the year). Your child's teacher will monitor the reading comprehension levels of each child in their class and continue to teach reading strategies in class that will need to be practised daily, both at school and at home. A reading folder or reading log will be sent home each day for you to sign indicating that your child has read.

All other aspects of homework, which students would have normally been given, will no longer be sent home for students to complete. These subjects will be taught, revised and tested daily/weekly in class, in much greater depth across a much broader scope of explicit study.

However, as a parent, you may feel that you would like your child to continue to study at home along with the daily reading. If so, teachers will supply those students with additional homework, such as worksheets, handwriting, spelling or maths facts on a Monday and collect them on a Friday. This homework will be marked and feedback given to students. No students will be chased up by teachers for not completing or handing in homework. Students will no longer be 'kept in' to finish homework.

### ***So How Will It Work?***

***Compulsory Homework:*** Graded or Levelled Reading Books. I am expecting all students to practise their reading every day. That is it. If there is one skill that our teachers must help students get better at it is reading, along with the necessary understanding of what it is they have read; Reading Comprehension.

***Non-Compulsory Homework:*** Class worksheets, spelling lists, maths facts. Teachers will determine the range and type of homework to be sent home. However, no student will be given class homework unless the permission form below is filled out by a parent or guardian indicating that they want their child or children to be given homework by the class teacher.



## ***So What Do I Need To Do?***

Discuss homework and the pros and cons of it within your family setting. Consider the amount of after school activities that your child may or may not already be involved in. Talk to your teacher or myself about what is being offered.

The form overleaf needs to be returned to school, indicating your homework option.

If you decide that you would like your child to be given extra homework, just tick the box and sign.

Please also be aware that you may change your mind at any time. If you want to start with homework, but then pull out during the year, you may do so by letting your teacher know. You may also wish to opt out to start with and opt in at a later date. However all changes to the issuing of homework must be done by an adult, not a student.

I would ask that you fill in and return the form overleaf at your earliest convenience

Yours sincerely

Rowie Price  
Principal