

**HOMEWORK POLICY- CLASS 1 TO CLASS 12**

**Year 2019-2020**

**Objective:**

- To define the frequency and duration of weekly homework for each of the core subjects in each class.
- To define the weekly homework submission pattern/schedule.

**Details of the Policy:**

**1. HOMEWORK AT REDBRICKS SCHOOL**

*As per the directives of CISCE board,*

- “NO homework should be set for Class I to Class V”
- “No Holiday Homework should be set until middle school age. During middle school stage also, formal homework should not be set, but pupils may be required to keep diaries, take up one or two projects or work on a hobby suitable not only to their tastes and abilities, but also the financial position of the parents.”

At Redbricks, we have developed our homework policy considering the board’s recommendations, our realistic assessment of children’s age and their needs and other practical considerations related to curriculum objectives, engaging children productively at home, parent expectations, etc.

*At Redbricks, we believe that -*

***Homework & Assignments should be:***

- Balanced in a way that students can have unstructured time as well as pursue other interests and activities beyond school
- Achievable within the time period planned according to the age of students
- Achievable without the aid of a parent or tutor
- Build on skills developed in the classroom
- Have a defined focus and purpose

***Homework & Assignments could:***

- Allow students to explore different learning techniques and support their in-class learning
- Allow advanced students to expand their interests
- Allow struggling learners to practice basic skills and/or to complete required work

***Homework & Assignments will not:***

- Be self-study assignments of new content
- Exceed the time periods and frequency set by the school (except for struggling learners)
- Overburden students beyond the appropriateness of their age

## 2. HOMEWORK FREQUENCY AND DURATION

- After thorough consideration, Redbricks School has defined the below homework frequency and schedule for students well-being and development.
- The subject teachers will maintain the frequency and amount of homework as per the school's policy outlined below.

### (A) REGULAR HOMEWORK -

#### CLASS 1 TO CLASS 6

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	EVS	HINDI	THIRD LANGUAGE
<b>Class 1 and Class 2</b>  <i>Expected Duration:</i> 20 to 30 minutes a day  (20-30 mins per subject/day)	Once/week	Once/week	Once/week + Once in every alternate week	Once/week	-
<b>Class 3 and Class 4</b>  <i>Expected Duration:</i> 30 to 40 minutes a day (20-30 mins per subject/day)	Twice/week	Twice/week	Once/week + Once in every alternate week	Once/week	-
<b>Class 5 and Class 6</b>  <i>Expected Duration:</i> 40 to 50 minutes a day (20-30 mins per subject/day)	Twice/week	Twice/week  + Once in every alternate week (grammar rigour)	Once/week + Once in every alternate week	Twice/week	Once in every alternate week

### CLASS 7 AND CLASS 8

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	SOCIAL STUDIES	SCIENCE	HINDI	THIRD LANGUAGE
<b>Class 7 and Class 8 - ICSE</b>  <i>Expected Duration:</i> 60 to 90 minutes a day (20-30 mins per subject/day)	Three times a week	Twice/week + Once in every alternate week (grammar rigour)	Twice/week  (H&C- 1, G- 1)	Thrice a week  (P- 1, C-1, B- 1)	Twice/week	Once every alternate weeks

### CLASS 9 AND CLASS 10

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	SOCIAL STUDIES	SCIENCE	HINDI	ART/CA
<b>Class 9 and Class 10 - ICSE</b>  <i>Expected Duration:</i> 90 to 120 minutes a day (30-40 mins/subject/day)	Three times a week	Twice/week + Once in every alternate week	Twice/week  (H&C- 1, G- 1)	Thrice a week  (P- 1, C-1, B- 1)	Twice/week	Once every alternate weeks

### CLASS 11 AND CLASS 12

CLASS	ENGLISH	ELECTIVE 1 - ACCOUNTS	ELECTIVE 2 - BUSINESS STUDIES	ELECTIVE 3 - ECONOMICS	ELECTIVE 4 - COMMERCE
<b>Class 11 and Class 12 - ISC</b>  <i>Expected Duration:</i> 90 to 120 minutes a day (30-40 mins/subject/day)	Three times a week	Four times a week  + Once in every alternate week	Twice a week	Four times a week + Once in every alternate week	Twice a week

**NOTE:**

- The expected duration is set considering the time it would take an *average student* of that age to complete the homework. Certain students may take longer or shorter amount of time depending on their focus and abilities.
- In addition to the above homework schedule, all the students are expected to *read at home*, what is being taught in the class in Content based Core Subjects (EVS/Science/Social Studies/Economics, etc.) on a regular basis.
- In Middle school, additional reading at home and periodic ungraded/graded assignments can be expected over and above the above homework schedule.
- In the Senior school, in addition to the above duration mentioned, additional time will be needed for periodic paper solving, graded assignments and projects and self study time.
- The co-curricular and extra-curricular subjects may require some additional home assignments from time to time.
- For struggling learners or during periods of certain academic needs for the whole class, the teachers may assign additional homework in consultation with the Principal.
- The school also has a separate supervised study period planned on working Saturdays in the school timetable (for Class 1 to Class 4). During this time, different subject teachers help students revise concepts/skills already taught, clear their doubts/misconceptions, and give extra practice.
- For struggling students, the respective subject teachers also conduct extra remedial classes in English and Maths in the school, after intimation to the parents.

**(B) VACATION HOMEWORK**

<b>N O.</b>	<b>VACATI ONS</b>	<b>CLASS 1 TO CLASS 4</b>	<b>CLASS 5 TO CLASS 8</b>	<b>CLASS 9 TO CLASS 12</b>
I	Diwali Vacation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal homework in Maths and English can be set <i>(not more than 2 hours in total duration of both the subjects)</i></li> <li>• Practical Activities can be given in EVS or English for expansion of learning (1to 2 total)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal homework in Maths, and English can be set <i>(not more than 4-5 hours in total duration of all the subjects)</i></li> <li>• Practical Activities can be given in Science and/or Social Studies (1to 2 total)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal homework in Maths, Hindi and English can be set for Class 9 &amp; 10 <i>(not more than 4-5 hours in total duration of all the subjects)</i></li> <li>• Formal homework in Accounts,Economics and English can be set for Class 11 &amp; 12 <i>(not more than 4-5 hours in total duration of all the subjects)</i></li> <li>• Practical Activities can be given in Science and/or Social Studies (1to 2 total) for Class 9 &amp; 10</li> </ul>

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II	Christmas Vacation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal homework to be set</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No formal homework to be set</li> <li>• Reflective/Extra Reading activities can be given to Class 7 and Class 8 students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Formal homework</li> <li>• Class 10 &amp; 12 will be revising for the Prelims</li> <li>• Reflective/Extra Reading activities can be given to Class 9 and Class 11 students</li> </ul>
III	Summer Vacation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal homework in Maths and English can be set                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <i>not more than 3-4 hours for Class 1 and Class 2 in total of both subjects</i></li> <li>□ <i>not more than 5-6 hours for Class 3 and Class 4 in total of both subjects</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Practical Activities and Reading assignments with worksheets can be given in EVS for the revision of content (<i>not more than 1-2 hours in total</i>)</li> <li>• Optional Homework in Hindi can be given (<i>not more than 10 minutes for Class 3 and Class 4- Example - Picture Composition</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal homework in Maths, Science, Social Studies and English can be set (<i>not more than 6-8 hours in total duration of all the subjects</i>)  <i>Note- Science and Social studies Homework can be related to critical concepts which are taught in previous years but need a recap before entering the next grade</i></li> <li>• Formal homework in Hindi can be set at the end of Class 6 and above (<i>not more than 1 hour in total</i>)</li> <li>• Practical activities (3-4) can be given in Science/English/Social Studies/Hindi for purposeful application of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal homework in Maths, Science, Hindi, Social Studies and English can be set for Class 9 &amp; 10 (<i>not more than 8-9 hours in total duration of all the subjects</i>)</li> <li>• Formal homework in Accounts, Economics, Business Studies, Commerce and English can be set for Class 11 &amp; 12 (<i>not more than 10 - 12 hours in total duration of all the subjects</i>)</li> <li>• Practical Activities can be given in Science and/or Social Studies (2 to 3 total) for Class 9 &amp; 10</li> <li>• Practical Activities can be given in Accounts/Economics/Commerce</li> </ul>

			<p>knowledge  <i>For Class 7 and above, summer homework assignment will be related to concepts/skills to be revised from either the old grade or new grade that starts prior summer break</i></p>	<p>and/Business Studies (1 per subject)</p>
IV	Graded Assignment	<p><i>English - 1 per semester in the months of September, December</i></p> <p><i>EVS – 1 assignment per year in the month of November</i></p> <p><i>Duration of completion of task- within three weeks</i></p> <p><i>Assignments need to be submitted on or before the date of submission. Any assignment not submitted on time, will not be assessed. Any assignment which has been plagiarized or completed by parents will not be assessed.</i></p>	<p><i>Class 5 &amp; 6: English - 1 per semester in the months of September, December</i></p> <p><i>Class 7 &amp; 8 All the core subjects - English, Hindi, Maths, Social Studies, Third Language and ICT have 1 graded assignment per semester in the month of September and December</i></p> <p><i>Duration of completion of task- within three weeks</i></p> <p><i>Assignments need to be submitted on or before the date of submission. Any assignment not submitted on time, will not be assessed. Any assignment which has been plagiarized or completed by parents will not be assessed.</i></p>	<p><i>Class 9 &amp; 10 All the core subjects - English, Hindi, Maths, Social Studies, and CA / Art have 1 graded assignment per semester in the month of August and October</i></p> <p><i>Class 11 &amp; 12 - All the Core subjects - English, Accountancy, Economics , Commerce and Business studies have 1 graded assignment per semester in the month of August and October</i></p> <p><i>Duration of completion of task- within three weeks</i></p> <p><i>Assignments need to be submitted on or before the date of submission. Any assignment not submitted on time, will not be assessed.</i></p> <p><i>Any assignment which has been plagiarized or completed by parents or any adult help from external sources will not be assessed.</i></p>

**Note:**

- **Formal Homework** means worksheets, activities or tasks, which require students to apply the concepts and skills learnt in the class in a purposeful manner. This should be made as interesting as possible, especially for the younger students.
- **Practical Activities** mean activities or tasks which require complete practical approach from a students – example – interviewing someone, doing an experiment, visiting a site, doing a community service, etc.
- **Reflective activities** mean reflective tasks which require learners to reflect on their learnings, study habits and approaches, life, etc.
- **Extra Reading means** either academic of any kind which serves to either revise content, prepare for upcoming units, or non-academic reading which serves to expose students to wider knowledge and literature.
- **Graded Assignment** means pre decided practical assignments/tasks that are given by the teacher per semester. These tasks may allow for learner choice and are focused on application of concepts/skills which have been learnt in an authentic context. It enables transfer of learning into a different situation thus checking on meaningful understanding and adding purpose to learning. These are reviewed based on authenticity, innovation, reflection and feedback received from self, peers and the teacher .

### 3. HOMEWORK SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

#### Class 1 to Class 6

- There is no fixed weekly homework submission schedule for Class 1 to Class 6.
- It is generally expected that the homework given on a particular day has to be submitted the next day, unless notified otherwise by the teacher. For English, 1 week is to be given to students for submission of homework (except practical activity which requires more time)
- The different subject teachers coordinate internally on a weekly basis to ensure that the daily amount of homework is regulated, and the homework of various subjects is spread through the week.
- This schedule flexibility enables the teachers to connect homework assignments with classroom activities as required by the progressive nature of the program.

#### Class 7 to Class 12

- There is a fixed weekly homework submission schedule for each subject.
- This schedule will be prepared by the subject teachers at the start of the year from the timetable.
- The respective homeroom teacher will share the schedule with the students and parents.
- The teachers may assign homework on any day, but its submission is to be done only on the day/s assigned to that subject, as per the submission schedule.
- The submission schedule may undergo changes in between the year, which will be intimated to the students and parents.

#### **4. GUIDELINES FOR THE PARENTS**

- Parents can help the child organize his/her working space and schedule at home for focused homework completion.
- Parents are expected to provide time and attention (first hand or through another responsible adult) for the child to do his/her homework.
- Parents are expected to ensure that the child completes his/her homework on time and with quality.
- Parents should ensure the child does not practice plagiarism. They should not copy text/language directly from journal, books and online. If need be, students can use extracts with proper reference and due recognition of the source.
- Parents are not expected to do the homework on the child's behalf.
- Parents are expected to help the child catch up on missed homework, in case of longer absence, as per the teacher's guidance. The teacher may assign another child in the class who may be able to help your child to cope up with missed classwork and homework.
- Parents may not get extra work done by the child in the school's textbook and notebook copies.
- If parents feel the need, they may use additional reference books, practice books, activities, etc., to help their child to do extra reference or practice of concepts already taught in the class.