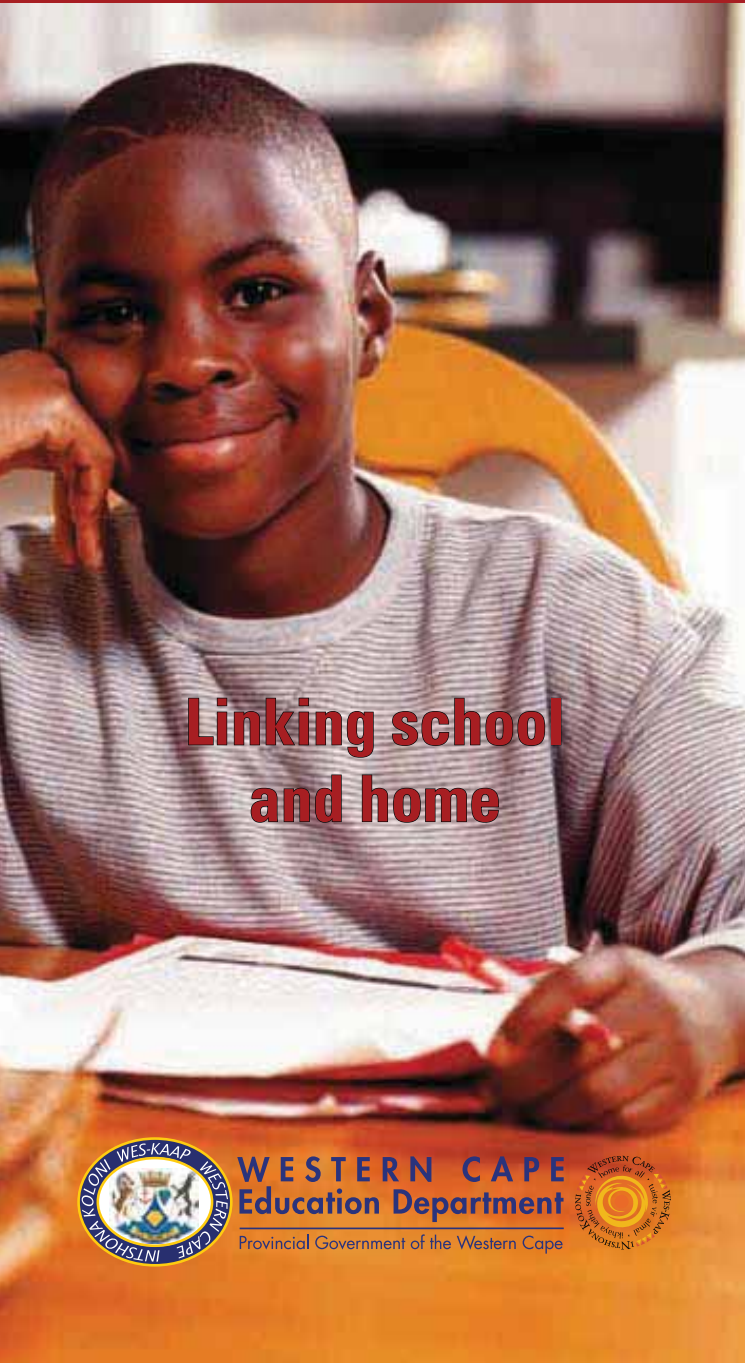


HOMEWORK

How you can help with homework:



**Linking school
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- Go to the first parent-teacher evening of the year. Find out what homework for the new grade entails. Find out how you can help your child with homework.
- Ask the teacher what the homework policy of the school is.
- Praise your child for doing homework and finishing tasks.
- Help your Grade 1 & 2 child with homework. Also help your older child with homework, if asked.
- Homework must be done at a specific time each day. Decide with your child when that time will be – then stick to it.
- Ensure that your child always does homework in the same place.
- Keep all the homework equipment in a box so you do not have to look for it every day. Homework equipment includes scissors, coloured pencils, glue, old magazines, a dictionary and extra paper.
- Homework time must include rules for the whole family:
 - Switch off the TV. It will distract your child.
 - No visitors.
 - No loud telephone conversations by other members of the family.
 - Use the time to read a book or plan the budget.
- Know how to contact your child's teacher.
- Talk to the teacher if your child struggles with homework.
- Remember, both you and the teacher want your child to do well.

HOW MUCH TIME SHOULD BE SPENT ON HOMEWORK?

Phase	Grade	Suggested maximum
Foundation Phase	1	10 minutes
	2	20 minutes
	3	30 minutes
Intermediate Phase	4	40 minutes
	5	50 minutes
	6	1 hour
Senior Phase	7	1 hour 10 minutes
	8	1 hour 20 minutes
	9	1½ hours
FET Phase	10	1 hour 40 minutes
	11	2 – 2½ hours
	12	3 hours

Homework helps your child develop the following:

Responsibility: If your child does homework every day at the same time in the same place it will help your child to become a responsible adult.

A sense of accomplishment: Your child will start to feel proud if he or she works hard and completes homework tasks each day. If your child works hard for a whole term, he or she will learn that it is worth making an effort.

Self-esteem: Your child will feel confident if he or she can complete tasks and projects.

Independence: If your child can begin to do homework tasks on his or her own from an early age, he or she will soon become an independent worker.

Homework also teaches your child how to manage time well.

Learning does not stop when the bell rings at the end of the school day.

