

Homework Policy

The purpose of Homework is to:

- Encourage and develop the habit of independent study.
- Consolidate revisit and revise daily schoolwork.
- Provide an important link between home and school.

Pupils are assigned homework appropriate to their age and class level.

Usually, homework contains a balance between reading tasks, learning tasks and written tasks.

However, homework time devoted to reading and learning is as important as written work. Children are encouraged to read for pleasure every day and parents are asked to read often to younger children.

Sometimes children are given 'homework off' as a treat or as acknowledgement of some special occasion.

Homework is usually assigned Monday to Thursday, leaving the weekend free for family activities.

However, pupils may be asked to complete homework at weekends if it has been neglected during the week

In senior classes some project work may be undertaken at weekends and the return of some homework may be over a period of days

Sample time guidelines for homework:

Junior and Senior Infants	10 - 15minutes
First Class.	15 – 20 minutes.
Second Class.	20 – 30 minutes.
Third and Fourth Class.	30 – 40 minutes.
Fifth and Sixth Class.	40 – 60 minutes.

These times are guidelines. Some children may complete the work in less time. However, if your child is regularly taking more than the guideline time, please confer with the teacher

Parents are asked to:

- Encourage your child/ children to work independently as far as possible. Resist over-helping.
- Establish a set routine and time for homework. A quiet place, free of distractions is preferable.
- Regularly check memory work (tables and spellings).
- Encourage good presentation of written homework
- Check your child's homework each night and sign the journal when you are satisfied that the work is completed to the best of his/her ability.
- Record the time taken in the journal
- Write a note in the journal when /if homework is unfinished.
- Inform teachers of problems when they arise.

Pupils are asked to:

- Enter homework accurately in homework journal.
- Ensure they take home relevant books and copies.
- Complete homework assignments to the best of their ability.
- Present written work neatly