

School Policy On Homework

An appropriate amount of homework is allotted to your child during the week. This homework is to be done consistently and with care.

Homework consists of written and oral work. Oral work (i.e. reading, tables etc) is as important as written work.

If a child fails to do homework his/her teacher can require him/her to do it a date and time to be decided.

Constant failure to do homework will mean that parents/guardians of the child will be contacted.

Guidelines for Parents

Pick a suitable time for your child to do homework.

If possible, have the place quiet and free from distraction of radio, television and other noise.

Parents, you are requested to show an interest in your child's work. It is not necessary that you have to be able to help her/him. Check every night that you know what homework the child has.

Keep a check that books and copies are kept clean and tidy.

School books not required for homework may be kept in a suitable bag and left in a designated place in the classroom. If you wish to avail of this facility, you are welcome but books are left at pupil's own risk.

We believe that an important characteristic of homework is that the pupils work independently and without the immediate direction or supervision of the teacher. This is just as important as the social learning process involved in classroom discussion and co-operation with other pupils.

Homework is given in order to foster independent learning.

Suggested minimum weekly time framework

Curriculum areas	Full day		Short day (infant Mss6]	
	One week		One week	
	Hours	Minutes	Hours	Minutes
Secular instruction				
Language				
L1	4	00	3	00
L2	3	50	2	30
Mathematics	5	00	2	15
SESE	3	00	2	15
SPHE	0	30	0	30
PE	1	00	1	00
Arts education	5	00	2	30
Discretionary	2	00	1	00
Total Secular Instruction	20	00	15	00
Religious education(typically)	2	30	2	30
Assembly time	1	40	1	40
Roll call	0	50	0	50
Breaks	0	50	0	50
Recreation (typically)	2	30	2	30
Total	28	20	23	20

Note: Some modification of this framework may be necessary.

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Why give homework?

- ✚ To reinforce what has been taught/learned during the day
- ✚ To enable children to study independently
- ✚ To give an opportunity for further learning
- ✚ To give the parents an opportunity to interact with their child's learning
- ✚ To prepare for second level education

What type of homework is given?

Reading
Learning by heart
Spellings
Research
Project work

Special Needs

Special needs children do not get the same amount of homework as the other children, the class teacher makes suitable provision according to the child's ability.

Children attending the Learning Support teacher also get homework from that teacher.

Suggested timeframe for homework

The teacher endeavours to give a suitable amount of homework. He/she will liaise with the children and their parents to determine how long it takes for their child to complete their homework, through Parent/Teacher meetings or through written communications.

Procedure for non-completion of homework

If a child is unable to complete his/her homework for any reason, a parent/guardian is required to send in a signed note excusing the child.

Incentives for Good Practice Reward System

No homework is given every last weekend of the month, or on special occasions such as visits, tours football matches. Children in the junior room receive stickers or stars in their copies for good work.