

Homework Policy

Parents often ask about homework. Some parents think that too much is given, while others would like to see more. We consider it a very important part of the child's education because it helps children to:

- (a) develop a habit of study and work
- (b) discipline themselves to make choices
- (c) learn how to manage and use free time
- (d) consolidate work being done in school
- (e) learn to work independently, thus serving as a preparation for the future.

It is a matter of school policy that teachers decide on the amount of homework which they consider appropriate. It is difficult to give exactly the same amount every night. Children's speed of work varies depending on their concentration levels, ability, capacity to write quickly etc.

Differentiation

In recognition of the varying abilities and needs that present among the pupils at all levels, tasks and assignments may be differentiated. Extension worksheets may be given to some pupils or other modifications made to homework assignments.

Journal

Pupils from Rang 1 to Rang 6 are required to write their homework in their journals, each day. This in turn is signed by parents/guardians. If for any reason homework is not completed, pupils are expected to present a signed note from home. The journal may be used for this purpose. It may also be used by the teacher to communicate with home.

Junior Infants:

October: Fine motor activities go home.

Ideas for Parents to practise at home.

Cutting activity homework on one night.

Be Active homework during Be Active Week and from time to time.

November: Book bags and homework begins.

One reading book and one piece of written homework

Three nights only – Mon/Tue/Wed

Alternative homework on Thursday e.g. practice rhymes (Music),

Helping at home (SPHE), Be Active homework
Be Active homework during Be Active Week and from time to time.

January – June: Same as above.

Introduce word lists to practice tricky words at home.

Second reading book in book bag.

Be Active homework during Be Active Week and from time to time.

Senior Infants:

Reading and identifying words. (Mon - Thurs)

One piece of written work per night (English, Maths, SESE, RE)

Project work assigned at various times during the year

Be Active Homework during Be Active week or from time to time

First Class:

Reading, Spellings, Tables and Sentences every night

Written work in any curricular area

Project work assigned at various times during the year

Active homework assigned during Be Active week or from time to time

Spellings and Tables test on Friday

Second Class:

Reading, Spellings, Tables and Sentences every night

A page from a workbook (eg. Maths, English, Grow in Love)

Prayers to be revised in preparation for First Penance and Eucharist

Project work/ research assigned at various times during the year

Tin Whistle revision

Active homework assigned during Be Active week or from time to time

Spellings and Tables test on Friday

Third Class:

Reading, English and Irish Spellings, Tables every night

A page from a workbook (eg. Maths, English) each night

Project work/ research assigned at various times during the year

Active homework assigned during Be Active week or from time to time

Tin Whistle revision

Spellings and Tables test on Friday

Fourth Class:

Reading, English and Irish Spellings, Tables every night

Written work in any curricular area

Project work/ research assigned at various times during the year

Tin Whistle revision
Active homework assigned during Be Active week or from time to time
Spellings and Tables test on Friday

Fifth Class:

Reading, English and Irish Spellings, Tables and some learning every night
Written work in any curricular area(s)
Project work/ research assigned at various times during the year
Tin Whistle revision
Active homework assigned during Be Active week or from time to time
Spellings and Tables test on Friday

Sixth Class:

Reading, English and Irish Spellings, Tables and some learning every night
Written work in some curricular area(s)
Project work/ research assigned at various times during the year
Tin Whistle revision
Active homework assigned during Be Active week or from time to time
Spellings and Tables test on Friday

Below is a rough Time Guide for homework:

Jun & Sen Infants: 20 – 25 mins

1st & 2nd Class: 20 – 30 mins

3rd & 4th Class: 45 – 60 mins

5th & 6th Class: 60 – 90 mins

General Comments

- Parents are encouraged to monitor their children's homework and to sign journals each night and include the time taken to complete
- More physical homework is encouraged
- Contact teacher if homework is exceeding the time guidelines
- Notes in Journal (e.g. incomplete homework or sickness) also to be signed
- Homework is not given on Fridays except occasionally for project work which may be completed at the weekend

- Teachers will use their professional judgment to decide how and when homework is corrected.