



## ***Homework Policy***

- *It is the Policy of the school to give homework each school day. Written homework is given Monday to Thursday.*
- *Homework is a vital link between school and home.*
- *Through homework, the parent is an active participant in their child's educational progress and is aware of learning in the class.*
- *The child, through practise and learning tasks in homework reinforces and improves their educational achievement.*
- *Through homework the teacher can monitor the child's independent progress.*
- *Homework provides daily contact between teacher and parent.*
- *Pupil's ability and home circumstances should be taken into account when assessing homework. Pupils should be given adequate time to take down homework and understand what is required.*
- *Too much homework should be avoided.*

### ***As a guide, time given to homework should not exceed:***

- *10 minutes - Junior Infants*
- *15 " - Senior Infants*
- *20 " - 1<sup>st</sup>*
- *25 " - 2<sup>nd</sup>*
- *30 " - 3<sup>rd</sup>*
- *40 " - 4<sup>th</sup>*
- *50 " - 5<sup>th</sup>*
- *60 " - 6<sup>th</sup>*



- *All homework should be corrected each day and marked by class teacher.*
- *Teachers should occasionally check with pupils and parents (when possible) regarding time spent on homework.*
- *Tables and spellings are an integral part of homework.*
- *Homework journals are used not only for taking down homework but as a means of communication with parents. Homework journals should be signed nightly, and if homework is not completed a note of explanation should be put in the journal.*

*Children attending Learning Support, Resource or Language Support Teachers:*

- *Support teacher and class teacher co-operate and decide on appropriate homework and who will give it.*
- *Differentiations in homework for above pupils should apply, and others that teacher deems appropriate.*
- *Learning support children should not get more homework than their fellow class students.*
- *Junior Infants begin homework after the Halloween break.*
- *Positive recognition in school and at home is encouraged for children's efforts at homework.*

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