



## Scoil Náisiúnta Tobair Eoin Baisde

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### Homework Policy

#### Introduction

This policy is the result of whole staff collaboration together with the Board of Management to ensure that Homework is a positive experience which enhances the child's learning.

#### Rationale

Our objectives in setting Homework include:

- Reinforcement and consolidation of work carried out in school.
- Promotion of a partnership between home and school in supporting children's learning.
- Development of study skills and independent learning.

#### Guidelines re. Homework Times

- Junior Infants: 5-10 mins.
- Senior Infants: 10- 15 mins.
- First Class: 15 -20 mins.
- Second Class: 20- 25 mins.
- Third/Fourth Class: 30 mins.
- Fifth Class: 45 mins.
- Sixth Class: 60 mins.

Homework is assigned Monday to Thursdays only

\*Note: These are approximate times only. Different children will complete the same Homework in different lengths of time. Many factors influence the length of time Homework takes, including:

- (a) the ability of the child
- (b) the conditions the child is working in
- (c) the child's focus and concentration.

#### Types of Homework

- Shared Reading / Library Reading
- Writing Spellings
- Learning Tables
- Learning Songs/ Poems / Prayers
- Written Assignments / Maths Questions
- Project Work
- Bringing in items connected with particular subject e.g. historical artifacts
- Interviewing Parents / Grandparents etc. on a particular topic.

### **Children with Special Needs**

Homework is differentiated where necessary, to ensure children with special needs are accommodated. Where children attend the Special Education Teacher they may get additional or alternative Homework after consultation with Parents and Class Teacher.

### **Responsibilities of Children**

- To write down Homework assignments carefully in Homework Journal.
- To do Homework to the best of their ability.
- To present work carefully and neatly.

### **Responsibilities of Teachers**

- To ensure that set Homework is prepared well and that it is within the capability of the child.
- To ensure all set Homework is corrected.
- To liaise with Parents where a child is experiencing difficulties.
- To reassign Homework not completed without written explanation from Parents, or not done to the best of a child's ability either: (a) at lunch break (b) the following night (c) at the weekend.

### **Responsibilities of Parents**

- To provide suitable conditions for children to study i.e. a comfortable space free from noise and distractions.
- To encourage children to do their best in Homework assignments.
- To help children with further explanation where necessary but ultimately ensure children complete Homework tasks themselves.
- To sign Homework Journal each evening only when all homework has been completed.
- To inform the Class Teacher through the use of the Homework Journal if there is a reason why homework has not been completed.
- To sign tests and so keep informed of their children's progress.
- To liaise with the Class Teacher where a child is experiencing difficulties or where Homework is taking an excessive amount of time.

### **Communication of the Homework Policy to the school community**

- A copy of the Homework Policy is made available to school personnel and to the Parents' Association.
- The policy is readily accessible to parents on request.

### **Policy review**

This policy was initially drafted and introduced in 2018. It will be reviewed by the school management team periodically and amended as required.