

For Parents:

- * Please **supervise** your child's homework on a regular basis and ensure that it is done **neatly** and in keeping with the standard of his work in school.
- * **Encourage** your child from an early age to do his homework in a quiet place far removed from the distraction of television.
- * Encourage your child to do his homework soon after he comes in from school, and not postpone it until late in the evening when he is tired. Homework for the weekend should be done on a Friday evening.
- * **Please listen to your child's reading regularly.**
- * If your child is experiencing difficulty with homework **PLEASE CALL** and arrange to see your child's teacher at the earliest opportunity.
- * **Literacy Lift Off** is now being done in all classes. Please check your child's reading **every night and return books on time.**

RESOURCES

- Each child is required to have a **Homework Notebook/ Copy**. This applies to children in Classes Senior Infants to 6th.
- Each child is required to have a ruler, pencil, rubber, pens (blue and red). This applies to children in Classes 1st to 6th.
- Area/Blackboard in classroom where homework will be recorded.

MONITORING/EVALUATION/REVIEW

- Teachers are responsible for reviewing the homework assignment for the child.
- Homework will be monitored by the parents.
- Discussion at parent/teacher meetings.
- A regular review of this policy will be carried out to assess its effectiveness.

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AIMS / PURPOSES

- a) To consolidate and reinforce school work.
- b) To give the child an opportunity to work independently and therefore develop his own initiative.
- c) To foster good study habits.
- d) To keep parents in touch with and involved in their child's school work.

PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

- Homework is an integral part of the subject being taught and it is part of the learning process.
- **Homework is not just written work.** It can involve many activities which are just as valuable e.g. reading, learning spellings or tables, using an encyclopaedia, watching an educational television programme, preparing materials for use in class the following day, cutting out a picture, colouring etc, etc.
- **Each child is assigned homework on a regular basis;** class, age, ability and needs of the child are taken into account.
- Homework should be done **neatly** and to the **best of the child's ability.**
- Each child will have a **Homework Notebook/Copy/Journal** and will take down his homework daily. (Classes Senior Infants - 6th)

- **Junior and Senior Infants** will get Homework but not every night. At this level homework will often consist of reading [the pages will be marked and dated by the teacher] or a piece from a workbook/workcards [which will be put into the child's bag]. *No Homework at the weekend.*
- Homework for children in **1st class** should not normally take longer than **45 minutes.** *No Homework at the weekend.*
- Homework for children in **2nd class** should not normally take longer than between **45 minutes to an hour.** *No Homework at the weekend.*
- Homework for children in **3rd class** should not normally take longer than **1 hour.** *No Homework at the weekend.*
- Homework for children in **4th and 5th classes** should not normally take longer than **1 hour.**
- Homework for children in **6th class** should normally take between an hour and **1 hour and 30 minutes.**

- **The Learning Support / Resource / Language Support Teachers** set homework (when appropriate) for the children in his/her own group and this is also recorded in the child's notebook.

- **All Homework is to be completed by each child.** A record will be kept of times when homework is not completed and parents will be informed if necessary. (Often a parent may be asked to sign the notebook or exercise to ensure that work is done.)

- **Reading at home is vital for all children and should be actively encouraged by parents.**