



Parteen National School

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Homework Policy

Homework is given for the following reasons:

- It reinforces work that has been covered in class.*
- It is intended to build learning confidence and competence in pupils*
- It promotes independent work skills and organisational skills*
- It promotes parents/ guardians involvement in education through the listening of reading, checking homework etc.*
- It is an important home-school link,*
- It allows parents to see how their child is coping with their work,*
- It is meant to be achievable. Pupils are expected to do their homework to the best of their individual ability.*

Homework is given Monday-Thursday. Children may occasionally have homework off if they receive a Principal Prize, a special class reward or a there is a special occasion. If homework is not done due to family reasons parents/ guardians must send in a note to the teacher. If a child forgets to do homework or forgets books the work may carry over to the following night. If missed homework/ inadequate homework are

a persistent problem the teacher and parent should meet to discuss the issue. The Code of Behaviour may be applied.

Content

Throughout the school, homework generally comprises of the following core subject (other subjects will also feature):

Irish reading - starts in second class

English reading

Irish writing - starts in second class

English writing

Maths

English Spellings

Irish Spellings - starts in second class

Words/phonics/verbs etc. depending on the class.

Tables starts in first classes

Homework may be differentiated for children in consultation with parents.

Library Books

Children are encouraged to read their library book each night but this is not considered part of homework.

Project Work

Project/essay work may be given over a period of time e.g. two weeks to create a project on The Vikings. If this is given, the other homework will be adjusted accordingly.

Oral Work

Reading should be listened to each night up to 6th class.

When helping children with spellings it is best to call out the spelling and get the children to write them as opposed to saying the spelling.

Completing Homework

Children should have an area free from distraction to complete their homework. It is advisable children do their homework early in the evening when they are not too tired.

Role of Parents

Parents/ guardians should sign the journal each night to acknowledge the homework has been reviewed and completed. This allows parents to stay in touch with their child's progress. If a child attends a childminder/ after-school club parents should listen to the reading, complete the oral work, check and sign the homework

Corrections

Teachers will correct homework on a regular basis and give appropriate feedback.

Time

Every child is different and takes different periods of time to complete different tasks. However, the average length of homework given at each class level will be as follows:

JI-SI: 15-20 minutes

1st/2nd: 30-40 minutes

3rd/4th: 40-45 minutes

5th/6th: 1 hour

Advice

*In their own interest children are expected to do homework thoroughly and neatly. Children should do written homework themselves. Parents are requested to keep assistance to a minimum in order to encourage the child to work independently. Parents should help only when the child has a difficulty. If a child has a difficulty with homework, the parents should help the child to overcome the difficulty with examples, but not by actually doing the homework for the child. Homework is intended to be a **positive learning opportunity** for each child and not*

an occasion of stress. Should a parent find that their child has consistent difficulty with homework s/he should contact the class teacher explaining the difficulty.

Ratified by the Board of Management on 28/6/'16

Signed:

*Seamus Gallagher
Chairperson*