

HOMEWORK POLICY

It is school policy to give some homework each night. Homework plays an important role in the child's daily education. It consolidates what the child has learned during the day and gives further time for practical application of work done during school time.

Homework should be of benefit, not a burden, to your child. It is important, therefore to regulate the amount of time spent each evening doing various exercises.

The benefits of homework will quickly be eroded away if the work is taking too long; therefore the following time scale for homework is recommended:

<i>Junior/Senior Infants:</i>	<i>15 -30 minutes</i>
<i>1st/2nd class:</i>	<i>30 - 45 minutes</i>
<i>3rd/4th class:</i>	<i>45 minutes –1 hr.</i>
<i>5th/6th class:</i>	<i>1 hour – 1hr 20 min.</i>

The suggested times are based on concentrated homework time, without the distraction Of television etc...

Please note:

- 1. These times are guidelines to be followed at parent's discretion.*
- 2. Time allowance should be made for pupils with specific learning difficulties.*
- 3. Unfinished homework should be noted in pupil's homework diary by parent/guardian.*
- 4. Persisting homework problems should be discussed by parents with the class teacher.*
- 5. Please check homework, when completed. Sign only when you are happy your child has made his / her best effort.*

This Policy has been ratified by the Board of Management and will be reviewed as necessary.