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Homework Policy

Rationale

- To promote positive home / school communication.
- To maximise the benefit of homework to the child's learning.
- To have consistency throughout the school with regards to the amount of homework given.

Aims

- To develop skills and self-discipline that will be of benefit to children in order to enhance learning.
- To reinforce work done in class - it allows for revision and practise.
- To develop study skills and to assist in establishing an appropriate routine for children in doing their homework.
- To promote consistency and a similar approach to homework across all classes.
- To encourage children to become independent learners and to revise / reinforce / finish work that has begun in school.
- To strengthen links and communication between home and school-Homework- "A bridge not a battle".

Guidelines

- Regular homework will be given in all classes Monday to Thursday, with no homework on Friday. 6th Class may be given homework on Fridays.
- Infant classes may be given reading homework. All other classes will have a balance between oral, reading and written work over the course of the school week.
- From time to time throughout the year children will be requested to carry out research for project work at home in their own time.

Time spent on homework each evening-

- Senior Infants (10-15 minutes).
- First Class (20 minutes).
- Second Class (20-30 minutes).
- Third Class (30-40 minutes).
- Fourth Class (45 minutes).
- Fifth Class (1 hour).
- Sixth Class (1 hour-1 hour 15 minutes).

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Children with Special Education Needs - Homework will be tailored to suit their needs.
Parents will be invited to discuss homework with their child's class teacher.

Homework Journal

Classes will use the homework journal from First Class onwards.

Checking Homework

- Homework will be checked by the class teacher.
- Homework should be of an acceptable standard for that child's ability.
- Credit is given for effort as well as achievement.

Parents / Guardians

- Parents have an opportunity to liaise with teachers daily through the homework journal and also at the parent - teacher meeting.
- Parents can help establish a routine for doing homework by having a set place, time and preventing interruptions and distractions.
- Parents should check and sign the journal each day and ensure work is done to an acceptable standard.
- Parents should notify in writing if their child is having difficulties with any element of their homework.
- Pupils must take responsibility for ensuring they have the necessary books and requisites for full completion of homework.

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