



Homework Policy

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Our Lady of Lourdes N.S.

Homework Policy

This policy was formulated by the staff of the above school. The matter was first discussed and policy drawn up at a staff meeting which took place on May 6th, 2005. It has been revised regularly since then. This policy was devised because the existing policy was due for renewal.

Our Lady of Lourdes N.S. seeks to enable each child to develop her potential. Homework encourages pupils to work independently and to take responsibility for their assignments.

Aims

By adopting this policy, the school hopes to:

- Benefit pupil learning
- Reinforce work done in class
- Develop study skills, concentration and independent learning
- Promote a similar approach to homework in all classes
- Strengthen links between home and school

Content of Policy

All classes will get homework.

Homework will consist of reading, written and learning tasks.

It is stressed that homework time devoted to learning is as important as written work.

All classes, ~~except Junior Infants~~, will have a homework journal which is to be signed by a parent each day.

Time Spent on Homework

The following are guidelines for time spent on homework. Different children will complete the same homework in different lengths of time. Time spent on homework will vary from day to day. It is important to remember that it is the quality and not the quantity of homework that matters.

Junior Infants	up to 15 minutes
Senior Infants	Up to 20 minutes
Rang 1	Up to 30 minutes
Rang 2	Up to 35 minutes
Rang 3	Up to 40 minutes
Rang 4	Up to 50 minutes
Rang 5	Up to 1 hour
Rang 6	Up to 1 hour 30 minutes

These are guidelines only. If your child is taking considerably longer, please chat with the class teacher.

Parents Involvement in Homework

Parents should try and help their children with homework by:

- Providing them with a suitable time and place to do homework. Establishing a routine is very important.
- Preventing distractions like T.V. etc.

Children should do written homework themselves and parents should only help when the child has a problem.

Depending on the age of the child, parents should listen to reading.

Work to be learned should be examined.

Homework journal is to be checked and signed every day.

Shared reading is not homework in the regular sense and is meant to be an enjoyable exercise for parent and child.

Homework on Seesaw will be assigned once a week.

Monitoring Homework

Parents should check and sign homework journal every day. Teachers like to check homework every day. However with class numbers, it is not always possible to check each homework journal every day. Some items of homework may be checked by children themselves under the direction of the teacher.

Communication between Parents and Teachers

Parents should inform the teacher if:

- the child cannot do homework due to family circumstances.
- the child cannot do homework because she does not understand some aspect.

Teachers should contact parents if there is a persistent problem e.g. homework not done or presented unfinished or untidily.

Each family is different and taking family circumstances into consideration, parents should decide on the best time to do homework. Ideally, homework should be done soon after school while the child is still fresh.

Important

If homework is a stressful experience between parent and child, something is wrong. This leads to poor learning and defeats the purpose. If this happens on a regular basis, the parent should talk to the class teacher.

Implementation, review and communication

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on _____

It is monitored and reviewed once every two years. It is available to view on the school website and through the office in the school.

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Date:

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