

St. Joseph's Girls N.S.

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HOMEWORK POLICY

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AIMS:

1. To ensure that what is learned in school is reinforced and extended by the pupils
2. To encourage active participation of parents
3. To foster good study habits
4. To develop the important home/school link

Parents have a very important part to play in homework. They can:

- ✓ Encourage and where necessary support children in getting homework completed
- ✓ Provide a comfortable and suitable 'place of work' without unnecessary interruption
- ✓ Encourage children to develop a routine each evening for doing their work
- ✓ If needed, explain and discuss aspects and areas of subjects
- ✓ Help with accessing information
- ✓ Listen to reading and spelling
- ✓ Examine work which has to be learned by rote
- ✓ Offer advice and direction
- ✓ Most importantly, give praise and encouragement

JUNIOR INFANTS – 4TH CLASS

Junior Infants: Homework is given on a regular basis from Halloween onwards. Approximately 10 minutes max each night on homework is recommended.

Senior Infants: Homework is given from September on. Approximately 20 minutes max each night on homework is recommended.

Junior Infants – 6th Class: Homework is marked and written into the pupil's homework journal each night (Monday – Thursday).

No homework is given at weekends unless children need to catch up or homework is not being properly done during the week. This is at the teacher's discretion.

The following are the approximate times it should take your child to complete their homework;

1st class: 25 minutes

2nd class: 35 minutes

3rd & 4th class: 40 minutes max

5th and 6th class: 45 minutes to 1 hour

No homework will be given at long weekends and occasionally at the discretion of the class teacher or Principal.

Where applicable, Learning Support and Resource teachers may set homework in conjunction with the class teacher, to avoid any unnecessary overlap of work.

Parent please ensure:-

- That your child has a homework notebook (pupils from 1st class to 6th class) which should be checked regularly
- That homework is completed every evening within a reasonable time. If you find that your child is consistently spending an excessive amount of time on homework, please mention this to the class teacher as soon as possible
- If any problem arises in relation to a curricular area/topic, please make an appointment to meet with the class teacher to discuss
- **Oral work such as reading/spelling/phonics, tables and learning by rote is equally as important as written work, therefore it is recommended that this oral work is done before written work.**

EVALUATION

- Homework can be reviewed at parent/teacher meetings
- Tests given and signed
- Regular assessment

If homework is not being completed on a regular basis, parents will be notified. Teachers will keep a written account of those pupils who are inconsistent regarding homework.

REVIEW

This policy was last reviewed on 11th October, 2018

Darina Scally

Principal