

Homework

Homework is assigned to provide practice and reinforcement of concepts already taught in class. Independence and self-esteem are also fostered in the children as they work independently of the class teacher. It gives children an opportunity to develop their study skills. It also provides an opportunity and a role for the parents to actively participate in the education of their children, which is recognised as being of the utmost importance.

Homework is assigned to every child from Monday to Thursday. It is left at the discretion of the class teacher to assign homework at the weekend. Homework is assigned to 5th and 6th classes at the weekend at the discretion of the class teacher.

Below are the recommended times spent on homework for the various classes:

Naíonáin Bheaga - 10 minutes in the 2nd term
Naíonáin Mhóra - 20 minutes

It is recommended that parents spend an extra 10 mins going over phonics, reading and other similar activities with infants.

Rang 1 - 30 minutes
Rang 2 - 30 minutes
Rang 3 - 30-40 minutes
Rang 4 - 40-50 minutes
Rang 5 - 40-50 minutes
Rang 6 - 50-60 minutes

Each child has a homework diary from Rang 1 to Rang 6 in which the homework is written. Parents should sign the homework diary after checking the homework. This is very important as it displays to the child the interest taken by the parent in their work.

The homework diary is a very useful communication resource.

In the event that homework is not done, a note will be sent home in the diary. The note must be signed.

Some recommendations for parents regarding homework:

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1. Set aside a special time early in the afternoon if possible for homework. The room/area should be quiet and uninterrupted.
2. Start with the homework to be learned by rote, then mathematics, writing and reading and finish off by going back over the homework to be learned by rote at the end (e.g. spellings, tables and poetry etc.).
3. The homework is a reinforcement of the work done in school. Your child should have an understanding of the homework. If your child does not understand the homework it is recommended that the parent contact the class teacher.
4. A high standard of presentation and handwriting is expected taking into account each child's ability. Neatness is promoted from the outset.
5. It is strongly recommended that children are supervised whilst completing their homework and that every aspect is checked before signing the Homework Diary.