



Homework Policy

Pupils from 1st to 6th Class have a school journal in which homework assignments are entered.

Children are given homework:

- To re-enforce what the child learns during the day.
- To form a habit of working on their own, and to make a reasonable effort according to their ability.

Type of homework:

- Homework will be revision of work covered in class, but in Senior classes, research of new material for projects may be given.
- At all times individual needs of children will be catered for when giving homework.

How often is homework given?

- Homework is given on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pupils may sometimes be told to complete work not finished in school.

How much time should be spent on homework?

The following are guidelines for time spent on homework. Different children will complete the same homework in different lengths of time.

Infants: Revision of words/reading	10-15 mins
First and Second Class	30 mins.
Third and Fourth Class	45 mins
Fifth and Sixth Class	1 – 1 ¼ hours

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Parents should help in the following ways:

- Provide a suitable quiet place for homework, away from the television
- “Learning by heart” is important as is reading and Parents should ensure this work is done.
- If a child has difficulty with homework, Parents should help the child with further explanation or examples, but should not actually do the homework.
- When homework is not completed a note of explanation signed by Parent/Guardian should be sent to the teacher in the pupils journal.
- Reading with children.

How should Parents monitor homework?

- Parents should check the journal every evening, ensuring the child ticks each item of homework when completed.
- Information and letters to Parents will be placed in the journal. Please check for notes on a regular basis.

When should Parents communicate with teachers about homework?

- If the child has a problem with homework, please put a note in the journal.
- If difficulties persist, always contact the teacher.