

## **The Purpose of this Policy is to:**

- Give guidelines for teachers, substitutes, parents and all those involved in the education of the pupils.
- Co-ordinate whole schools approach to homework.
- Teach self-discipline and organisation.
- Reinforce work taught in class.
- Create links between work done at school and home.
- All homework given will be of sound educational value and no homework will be given simply for the sake of giving homework.
- All homework will consist of practice in or expansion of work already done in the classroom and will not contain any new or unfamiliar material.

The maximum time a child of average ability, working constantly, should take to complete homework assignments should, as a rule, not exceed the following:

Junior/Senior Infants – not more than 15 mins.

First/Second Classes – not more than 30 mins.

Third/Fourth Classes – not more than 45 mins.

Fifth/Sixth Classes – not more than 60 mins.

- As a rule, no homework will be given at weekends on which pupils are making their First Holy Communion, Confirmation or at Halloween, St. Patrick's Day or during school holidays.
- All homework given will be examined and corrected by the teacher, or by the pupils under the guidance of the teacher.
- Each pupil is expected to have a special notebook in which they record the homework given each day.
- Pupils who have failed to complete homework assignments will provide the class teacher with a note of explanation, signed by a parent.
- Should a pupil experience continued difficulty with the completion of homework assignments, parents are advised to bring that fact to the attention of the class teacher.

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