

Homework

The policy on homework is as follows:

Homework is seen as an integral and necessary part of the learning process. It is given to reinforce and consolidate the work being done in class. It should have a purpose and not to be given as an exercise in isolation.

A consistent homework policy should apply throughout the school. In St. Eithne's homework is assigned from Monday to Thursday. No homework is given at the weekend except in special circumstances.

No homework should be given unless the teacher is sure that the child understands what she is asked to do. It should always be suited to the capabilities of the pupil.

Homework both oral and written should be written into the homework journal. Parents are encouraged to take an active interest in their child's work. They should check and sign it each night and ensure that it is neat and in keeping with the standard of work in school. If the homework is taking too long or causing a problem parents should contact the teacher.

The suggested time for homework is as follows :

2nd class 30 mins.

3rd/4th class 30-40mins

5th/6th class 40-60mins.

Both parents and teachers should use the space provided in the journals as a means of communications thus enhancing a sense of educational partnership.

Because teachers do not have any control over the conditions and circumstances in which a child does her homework, the

child's failure to complete her homework should be handled with sensitivity. For some of our pupils conditions at home are not conducive to learning – lack of space, noise, lack of parental encouragement etc. These factors militate against the child's attempt to complete homework. Applying the standard expectations on such a child may create tension and have a damaging effect on both attitude and performance. Thus our homework school policy is flexible and takes into account the circumstances of each individual pupil.