

Scoil Lios Teilic

Homework Policy



Introduction

Homework shall be looked on as a reinforcement or continuation of work done during the school day. Consideration will be given to the different abilities of children. Homework is normally prepared by the teacher in class. However, sometimes in the senior classes, homework will be designed to challenge and provide opportunities for creativity. Parents will be encouraged at all times to play an active part in their children's homework.

Aims

- To reinforce or consolidate work done during the school day
- To keep parents in touch and involved in their children's work.
- To develop a child's concentration skills and develop a work ethic
- To develop and encourage the habit of independent study

Benefits of Homework

- Acts as a form of communication between school and home
- It allows parents to see how their child is progressing in different areas
- It helps to develop a child's self-discipline
- It helps a child become an independent learner
- It provides a link between teacher, parent and child

Guidelines for Parents

- Establish a set routine and time for your child to do his/her homework in a quiet place free from distractions
- Supervise your child, check and sign on completion (excluding infant classes)
- Help and encourage your child but do not do the homework for him/her
- Write a note in the Homework Journal if homework has not been completed for any reason or due to unforeseen circumstances

Suggested Time Allocation

This is a general guideline and it must be noted that homework can take a longer or shorter time depending on the individual.

- Junior/Senior Infants: 20 minutes
- First/Second: 30 minutes
- Third/Fourth: 40 minutes to 1 hour
- Fifth/Sixth: 1 to 1½ hours

Homework is allocated Monday to Thursday. There is no homework at weekends. However, children in the middle and senior classes may be required to work independently on projects etc. at weekends.

Sometimes, at the discretion of the class teacher or principal, children are given “homework off” as a treat or as acknowledgement of some special occasion.

In the event of homework not being completed in the middle and senior classes, sanctions may be put in place which may involve homework for the weekend.

A teacher is not obliged to set homework for a child that goes on holiday during the school term.

Ratification and Review

This Homework Policy was reviewed by principal and staff and ratified by the Board of Management in March 2017. It will be reviewed should the need arise in the future.