



STAR OF THE SEA B.N.S.

Homework Policy

AIMS:

- To consolidate and revise work which is covered in class.
- To cultivate the habit of private study.
- To keep parents informed and involved in their children's school work.

PROCEDURES + GUIDELINES:

1. Home work is assigned Monday to Thursday with the children being excused homework on weekends provided that their work has been conscientiously and satisfactorily done on the other nights.
However project work may involve work at weekends.
2. Homework must be consistent and assigned in order to consolidate work done in class. Homework in Gaelge, English and Maths is given every night and Religion is included on Wednesday. In 1st- 6th classes we use the Homework Copy A&B system.
Homework is never given on unfamiliar subjects.
3. **Suggested average time-frame for homework:**

a)	Infants	10 – 15 mins.
b)	1 st / 2 nd	20 – 30 mins
c)	3 rd /4 th	30 – 45 mins
d)	5 th /6 th	1 hour

It is important that your child has somewhere quiet to study away from noise and distraction – a busy kitchen or a room near a television is not recommended!

4. In order that parents be acquainted with the homework which their children have been assigned, homework journals are used in each class from 1st – 6th. The children write down the homework each day before dismissal.
5. Parental involvement in homework is essential. In the Junior classes, parents are encouraged to assist their child with his homework. As the child progresses to the Senior classes, it is envisaged that he develops more independence and the parents' role becomes increasingly supervisory and supportive.
6. Parents should ensure that all homework is completed, is neatly presented and in keeping with the required standard. If necessary parents should encourage their child to correct mistakes. The homework copy and /or journal should **only** be signed when the work is satisfactorily completed. It is not intended that homework be a burden for parents but some children may need parental help right through their time in primary school.
7. Parental interest and positive affirmation is to be encouraged as it motivates the child to work to the best of his ability.

Mol an Óige agus tíochfaidh sí!

8. The Learning Support/ Resource teacher may assign homework for the pupils in his/her group in consultation with the class teacher.
9. Should you find that the amount of time being spent by your child at homework falls far short of, or greatly exceeds, the suggested guidelines please contact the class teacher.

Implementation of Policy

- Correction on a daily basis.
- Discussion at parent/teacher meetings.

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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