

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is part of a continuous learning process. In St Laurence's NS we regard homework as important for the following reasons:

- It allows pupils the opportunity to revisit, revise and consolidate skills learned in class.
- It can involve parents and family in the pupil's work, to their mutual benefit.
- It gives pupils an opportunity for independent learning and study.
- It forms a link with the methods of study crucial to success at secondary school and in later life
- To provide pupils and parents with clear and relevant feedback.
- Homework, along with schoolwork, teacher observation, projects, diagnostic and standardised tests all lay the foundation for providing an overall picture of a pupil's progress and development as they move through the school.

All pupils are assigned homework appropriate to their age and class level. Some of their tasks may be designed to consolidate the child's classroom learning experiences, while other tasks will encourage the child to work independently and with initiative. Reading practice is a priority for all children.

The time required for homework varies by class as follows:

Junior Infants:	10-15 minutes
Senior Infants:	15-20 minutes
1st and 2nd classes:	20-30 minutes
3rd and 4th classes:	30-45 minutes
5th and 6th classes:	50-60 minutes

These times are guidelines; some children may complete the work in less time. However, if your child is taking more than the guideline time, please confer with the teacher.

Homework is assigned Monday to Thursday.

Children are encouraged to read for pleasure every day and parents are encouraged to read to younger children every day.

The nature of the homework assigned will inevitably change during such times as Book Week, Christmas, Communion or Confirmation time, Parent/Teacher meetings; occasionally pupils may be given a night off (or a Homework Pass) as a reward for a special effort made by the class or by an individual.

We ask parents to support our Homework policy by:

- Providing space and quiet time for your children to do their homework.
- Checking that the homework is completed
- Signing the homework diary every day. In the case of the Infants, signing the reading log every day.
- Using the method suggested by the teacher for the learning of spellings.
- Regularly practising tables and spellings with your children
- Informing teachers of problems when they arise.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on _____

Signed: _____
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: _____
Principal

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date of next review: _____