



OBAIR BHAILE / HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is part of our overall policy, and it is designed to reinforce concepts covered in class. Homework is given most weeknights and depending on class, at weekends, however children may not have homework on different nights for various reasons, preparations for confessions, concerts, special occasions etc.

The following are general guidelines on Homework:

Each child must have a homework Diary – An Dialann Obair Bhaile from Rang 1 onwards in which all homework is taken down. The parent should sign this Dialann after homework is completed.

The Dialann Obair Bhaile may also be used by the teacher to send notes/messages to the parent regarding the child and vica versa. If for any reason the homework cannot be done please note this in the child's Dialann. Children will not be reprimanded once it is shown that a genuine attempt was made at the homework.

Parents should check all aspects of homework before signing the homework. This both ensures that the child has the correct work done and enables the parent to monitor their child's progress

It is important to establish a homework routine, and the following is advised:

- Set aside a quiet regular time, without interruptions from television, siblings, radio, computers, pets, Gameboys, comics etc.
- The child should be sitting comfortably at a table.
- If your child is working independently – be available to help and show an interest in what is being done. Praise your child's efforts at every opportunity.
- If working with your child you feel yourself becoming impatient – stop – to continue will only have a negative effect.
- As well as completing the work, children should be encouraged to keep their copies clean, tidy and neat. Presentation is important.

The following are general guidelines on the length of time appropriate for homework at different class levels and with different teachers. These should be looked on as average





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recommended times rather than strict guidelines as the time spent on homework will vary from child to child due to their concentration, interruptions and surroundings. These times will vary slightly from year to year with changes of teachers and you will be informed of this.

- Naíonáin Bheaga - 10 - 15 mins.
- Naíonáin Mhora - 10 - 30 mins.
- Rang 1 - 30 mins
- Rang 2 - 30 mins.
- Rang 3 - 30 – 45 mins.
- Rang 4 - 45 minutes - 1 hour.
- Rang 5 - 1 hour.
- Rang 6 - 1 1/2 hours.

Each child should be encouraged to complete their homework fully each night, if your child is persistently having problems with homework, contact the class teacher and discuss the difficulties

Differentiation can be allowed for children where needed. This involves the child who has a learning difficulty not having to do the same amount of homework as other children. This however must be allowed by the class teacher and learning support teacher and is usually recommended following recommendations from a psychologist or occupational therapist etc.

Oral work (Spellings, Poetry etc.) are equally as important as written work.

Aside from school set homework, children can be enhanced through various home-based activities. Children in junior classes should be encouraged to read or be read to, children in senior classes should be encouraged to take an interest in current affairs through newspapers, television etc. Watching and talking about news items can be very educational.



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