

Homework Policy **January 2015**

As homework plays a vital part in your child's progress in school, a policy has been formulated in Scoil Mhuire.

1. All pupils from 1st Class upwards will take down their homework in a journal each day except Friday. Adequate time is given by teachers for taking it down.
2. Homework is based on work that has been done in the classroom. It is based on concepts or ideas that have already been covered. It is essential for children to commit certain facts to memory e.g. tables, spellings, poetry, prayers etc. and it is important that these should be revised regularly at home as directed by the teacher.
3. All homework is corrected and checked by the teacher.
4. If a child neglects homework or does not do it properly, a note to the parents in the journal would be appropriate.
5. If homework is not done on a particular night it is re-assigned for the following night accompanied with a note to the parents in the child's journal.
6. If it is not done on the second night the child stays in the Waiting Room/Room A at lunchtime and completes the homework.
7. No Homework is assigned at weekends.
8. If a child consistently neglects to complete homework a meeting may need to be arranged between the class teacher and the parents (see letter in policy)

How the parents can help:

1. Reminding the child to do his/her homework at a suitable time – not at bedtime.
2. Providing a suitable place where the child can work – away from the distraction of television etc.
3. Ensure that each item listed in the homework journal is carefully done. It is most important that any oral work given is memorised as children often feel that it is enough to do written work. Emphasis on learning and research.
4. Listen to oral work – spellings, tables, reading, prayers etc. Spend time with your child.
5. Homework journals should be signed by a parent every night and any comment or message written by a teacher noted. We would ask you to comply with such a request and to be consistent.
6. The following is a rough estimate of the maximum time which your child should spend on his/her assigned homework:

Junior and Senior Infants	20 minutes
1 st Class	30 minutes
2 nd Class	45 minutes
3 rd , 4 th and 5 th Class	1 hour
6 th Class	1 hour 15 minutes

Your child's success in school depends greatly on your co-operation with the school, particularly in the area of homework.

Revised by staff: October 2012

Reviewed by Parents Association: January 2013

Ratification: This revised policy was ratified by _____ Chairperson of the Board of Management on _____.

Dear Parents,

_____ has failed to complete homework on the following evening(s)_____

____. As a result, I wish to schedule a meeting with you on_____ to discuss the matter. Please contact the school if this time does not suit and another time will be arranged.

Yours sincerely,

F.Doheny
(Principal)

(Class Teacher)

