



O'Growney National School

Homework

Aims:

- *To develop study skills and self-discipline in order to enhance learning.*
- *To encourage each child to become an independent learner.*
- *To promote consistency and a similar approach to homework across all classes*
- *To strengthen links and communication between home and school*
- *To challenge the child's ability and provide opportunities for creativity*

Homework:

- ❖ *Homework generally consolidates work which has already been done in class.*
- ❖ *The amount of time spent doing homework varies. The following are general guidelines only:*

Junior / Senior Infants *Up to 30 minutes*

1st / 2nd Classes *Up to 40 minutes*

3rd / 4th Classes *Up to 60 minutes*

5th / 6th Classes *Up to 90 minutes*

- ❖ *The time spent on homework will vary from day to day and also from the beginning to the end of the school year.*
- ❖ *All assigned homework should be written in the child's journal. This may be required to be signed by a parent/guardian each night.*
- ❖ ***It is the child's responsibility to have his/her homework taken down each day.***
- ❖ *Parents are requested to check that it is neatly executed and fully completed.*
- ❖ *If for some reason homework cannot be completed, a signed note in the child's journal must be sent to the class teacher*
- ❖ *Normally, no homework is given at weekends.*
- ❖ *On occasions no homework is given, at the discretion of the class teacher.*
- ❖ *Children with learning difficulties will be given differentiated homework.*
- ❖ *Homework given will be corrected by the class teacher, self-corrected or in certain circumstances "peer" corrected.*
- ❖ *Continuous failure to do homework will lead to a "caution" or more serious "Continuous Misbehaviour sheet" being sent home.*
- ❖ *Written homework will not be given in the month of June.*

Tables:

- ✓ *All Classes from 1st - 6th will do tables as part of mental/oral maths.*

Spellings:

- ✓ *Spellings are part of nightly homework from First to Sixth classes.*
- ✓ *Irish spellings are generally given each night as part of homework from 2nd to 6th classes.*
- ✓ *Weekly tests are given in Irish and English spellings.*

Guidelines for Parents/ Guardians:

- *Set aside a quiet regular time and proper conditions for doing homework. Make sure that electronic devices such as televisions, laptops, mobile phones, radios etc. are not part of the homework routine.*
- *Where possible, make sure that homework is completed as soon after school as possible.*
- *Encourage your child to keep copies neat and tidy and to complete work to the best of their ability.*
- *As your child gets older, he / she will work more independently. However, it is important that you are available for assistance with problems.*
- *If your child has persistent problems or is unable to complete work for any reason, parents are asked to send a note in the homework journal to the class teacher.*
- *The pupil's journal is an important record of the child's homework. It is also a valuable means of communication between parents and teachers.*

Programme of Wellbeing and Health Promotion

As part of our new initiative of promoting a healthy lifestyle and our wellbeing programme, physical exercise homework may be given to promote student health and wellbeing.

Review and Monitoring:

This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parents' Association and is readily accessible to parents on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the Patron, if requested. This policy will be monitored and reviewed every three years by the Board of Management. (2019 – 2022)

Policy ratified by the Board of Management on Tuesday 1st October 2019