



# 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.
- To re-inforce what the child learns during the day.
- To develop a child's concentration skills and to develop a work ethic.

### **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

**1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes** Up to 40 minutes

**3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Classes** Up to 60 minutes

**5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> 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. In the case of Junior & Senior Infants, the homework will be sent home on Aladdin for the parents to read or download.
- ❖ **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 or notice sent on Aladdin.
- ❖ Normally, no homework is given at weekends.
- ❖ Sometimes, at the discretion of the class teacher or Principal, children are given "homework off" as a treat or as acknowledgement of some special occasion.
- ❖ 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.

- ❖ *Some classes have their homework corrected through Aladdin, where the written homework is uploaded and the teacher will respond with a comment.*
- ❖ *Ideally homework will contain a balance between reading tasks, learning tasks and written tasks. This balance is not always possible and can vary considerably from day to day. However, it should be noted that homework time devoted to reading and learning is as important as written work.*
- ❖ *Continuous failure to do homework will lead to a “caution” or more serious “Continuous Misbehaviour sheet” being sent home.*
- ❖ *Where homework is given on Aladdin by a teacher, a photograph of written homework is expected to be uploaded for the teacher to correct and provide feedback as necessary.*
- ❖ *Homework given by an Additional Educational Needs teacher is as important as class homework as this homework is consolidating a specific area your child has difficulty with.*
- ❖ *Written homework will not be given in the month of June.*

### **Tables:**

*All Classes from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 and for their reading homework.*
- *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 and / or Aladdin 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 will be 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 was ratified by the Board of Management on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

### ***Signed on behalf of the Board of Management:***

Signed: *Fr. Padraig Mc Mahon*  
**Chairperson, Board of Management**

Date: **7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

Signed: *John Brennan*  
**Principal**

Date: **7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**