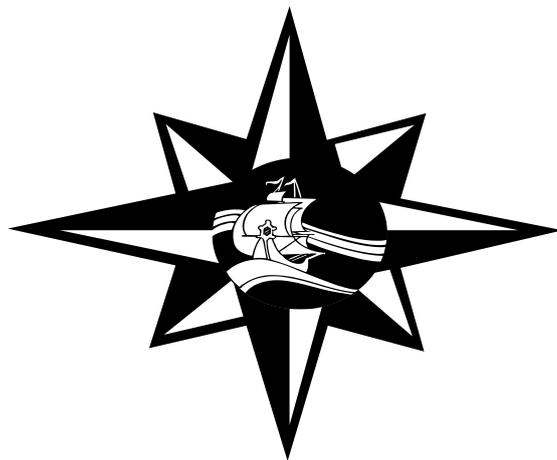


**St. Brendan's**  
**Primary School &**  
**Nursery Unit**



Homework Policy

## **St Brendan's Mission Statement**

*“As a Christian community founded on the belief that the Catholic school has an important function in the community, we in St Brendan's Primary School, strive to create a caring, happy and secure environment, where every individual is treated with dignity and respect, whilst being given the opportunity to develop their gifts and talents.”*

**In St Brendan's we consider Homework as having two important purposes:**

- It provides an opportunity to reinforce work learnt in school.
- It is an integral part of the partnership of working between home and school.

### **Aims of Homework:**

- To reinforce and consolidate work that is taught and learnt in school.
- To encourage responsibility and independence.
- To provide children with the opportunity to discover things for themselves.
- To provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to be a part of their child's schoolwork and allow them to encourage and support them in their efforts.
- To encourage pupils, as they get older, to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own.
- To revise or prepare for tests and examinations.
- To "research" projects being done in school.
- To help children develop a positive work ethic for transition and the future.

### **How Parents/Guardians Can Support Their Child:**

- Help develop independence within your child by encouraging them to discuss tasks and complete work to the best of their ability.
- Try to establish a quiet area for your child to do their homework.
- Recognise that oral/practical homework is as important as the written and reading tasks.
- All work is pitched at your child's level. Encourage and support your child, but please do not feel you should complete your child's work as this can be misleading both for the teacher and more importantly, your child.

- Attend the Curriculum Meeting as well as familiarising yourselves with the Information Sheet that is sent home in the First Term with guidance on the expectations of each year group.
- Check and sign homework.
- Sign test books.
- Please ensure that homework does not cause upset within the home. If it takes longer than the recommended time on a few occasions, speak with the class teacher. They will appreciate you informing them and will work with you to make arrangements to ease the situation.

### **How Much Homework?**

It is important that we all recognise that homework is setting the standard for later life and will help enable your child to achieve their true potential.

Teachers carefully select the amount and type of homework and care is taken to ensure that it has a useful educational purpose.

Teachers spend a considerable time and care in setting homework but it is the responsibility of you, the parent/guardian, to see that your child does their homework.

If homework is not completed and no reasonable explanation has been given, pupils will be asked to do it.

If there is a reoccurring concern with homework, parents will be contacted and asked to meet with the class teacher. Further strategies outlined in the Positive Behaviour Policy may be followed at the discretion of the class teacher.

The quantity and type of homework may be amended if being complete online (Google Classroom etc.)

### **Duration of Homework:**

This is for guidance purposes only.

We would consider 10 to 15 minutes maximum spent at activities at home to be sufficient for Primaries One and Two. This period will gradually increase as the child progresses through school.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Activities</b>
P1	10- 15 minutes	Reading & Practical Activities
P2	15 minutes	Reading & Practical Activities
P3	20- 30 minutes	Spellings & Tasks Literacy/Numeracy Tasks- alternate Reading
P4	30 – 45 minutes	Spellings & Tasks M Maths Literacy/Numeracy Tasks- alternate Reading Learning Tasks
P5	45 minutes	Spellings & Tasks Mental Maths Literacy/Numeracy Tasks - alternate Accelerated Reading Learning Tasks
P6	45 mins-1 hour	Spellings & Tasks Mental Maths Literacy/Numeracy Tasks Accelerated Reading Learning Tasks <i>Research may be asked to be carried out at weekends to assist with project work and revision.</i>
P7	1 hour	Spellings & Tasks Mental Maths Literacy/Numeracy Tasks Accelerated Reading Learning Tasks <i>Research may be asked to be carried out at weekends to assist with project work and revision.</i> <i>On occasions – weekend homework will occur in preparation for secondary schools.</i>

The tasks outlined are generally what occur in each year group on a weekly basis, this may vary at times, but teachers will keep parents/guardians informed of any changes.

Each half term there will be one week of less structured homework. This may take the form of reading, leisure activities, creative tasks etc. Teachers will agree this within year groups.