

# Homework Policy



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Mission Statement

In Thornfield House School we work to create a happy, caring, safe and supportive school environment, offering high quality educational provision which places our pupils at the heart of school life.

We seek to promote the intellectual, moral, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of our pupils while developing their communication skills and maximising their full potential.

We believe that homework is very beneficial in supporting a child's academic progress and speech development.

### **Homework is set to:**

- Carry on the learning process at home
- Provide opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's progress
- Allow pupils to consolidate their class work
- Help pupils to develop the ability to work independently
- Provide a means of communication between school and home

### **A guide to homework progression**

Homework is to be completed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in primary school. In post-primary, homework is to be completed during the week but may also be given to be completed over the weekend.

#### ***Foundation Stage (p1 and p2)***

Ten minutes practical or written homework and 5 or 10 minutes of homework from the speech and language therapist.

Together, this should take no longer than 20 minutes per day, Monday to Thursday.

At times homework may be set jointly by your child's class teacher and the speech and language therapist.

#### ***Key Stage One (p3 and p4)***

15 minutes practical or written homework and 10 minutes of homework from the speech and language therapist.

Together, this should take no longer than 25 minutes per day, Monday to Thursday.

At times homework may be set jointly by your child's class teacher and the speech and language therapist.

### ***Key Stage Two (p5 – p7)***

20 minutes practical or written homework and 10 - 15 minutes of homework from the speech and language therapist.

Together, this should take no longer than 35 minutes per day, Monday to Thursday.

### ***Key Stage Three (yr 8 – 10)***

30 minutes of practical or written homework as well as homework as indicated by the speech and language therapist.

Homework should take no longer than 45 minutes per day.

### ***Key Stage Four (yr 11 and yr 12)***

45 minutes of practical or written homework as well as homework as indicated by the speech and language therapist.

Homework should take no longer than 45 minutes per day.

## **Home support**

- Please check your child's schoolbag each night so that you are aware of homework that has been set.
- Homework may also be listed via platforms such as Seesaw or Google Classroom.
- Please provide a quiet setting for your child to complete their homework that is as free of distractions as possible. Many children complete their homework better if they are allowed a short break when they return home before starting their homework. Some children may also benefit from a very short break between their speech homework and their class homework.
- Please ensure that a supportive adult is on hand to answer any questions your child might have and support them in completing their homework. Children mature at different rates and it is not uncommon for a child in the first years of Post Primary School to still need an adult to sit with them (or at least be in the room with them) while completing their homework.

- Please sign any written homework completed by your child and sign the homework sheet for any practical homework such as reading. ( if a signature has been requested)
- If there are any issues or concerns about homework please let your child's teacher know the next day.