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Homework Policy

Rationale:

Homework fosters independence, self-reliance, self-esteem, cooperation and responsibility for life-long learning. It is an essential part of primary education as it reinforces what children learn in school. It links teachers and parents and encourages parental involvement in their child's education. In general, homework is meant to be achievable by a child working independently to the best of their ability. It can be used to practise what is done in school or can be designed to challenge children's skills and provide opportunities for creativity.

- It is the school's policy to give homework from Monday to Thursday.
- During June, teachers will encourage children to engage in 'active' homework. This can include walks, playing outside, gardening, etc. This active homework provides an opportunity for families to engage in fun, energetic activities together. Whilst active homework will be encouraged, pupils will be expected to continue learning spellings, tables and reading during June.
- Junior Infants begin homework after the Halloween break.
- The children will win homework passes as part of our reward system during the year; this pass is for written homework only.
- Teachers will consider their pupil's additional educational needs and living circumstances when setting and assessing homework. Pupils should be given adequate time to take down homework and understand what is required.
- Positive recognition in school and at home is encouraged for children's efforts at homework. Too much homework should be avoided; the following table guides the time given to homework, and homework should not exceed this time. If a child is struggling or taking more time than outlined in the table, the parent should inform the class teacher, and it will be reviewed.

Junior Infants	10 minutes
Senior Infants	15 minutes
1 st Class	20 minutes

2 nd Class	25 minutes
3 rd Class	30 minutes
4 th Class	40 minutes
5 th Class	50 minutes
6 th Class	60 minutes

- Generally, homework will be corrected, marked and dated by the class teacher. Children will also be encouraged to engage in peer review and peer-to-peer correcting.
- Teachers should occasionally check with pupils and parents (when possible) regarding time spent on homework.
- Various formats are used to give homework, including Aladdin, Homework Sheets, See-saw, and Homework Journals. When homework is not completed, a note of explanation should be provided. In the first instance, the class teacher will speak to the child; if it continues, the teacher will contact the parent.
- Children that are absent due to sickness are not expected to complete homework or school work, we will support recovery time they must be provided with the time to recover. Therefore, no school work will be provided for this purpose. However, if a child is out on long term sick leave a plan will be put into place in conjunction with our School Completion Programme to support a pupil to readjust to school life. Our SET team will also support the child academically upon return.
- The school will not provide school work for children who are going on holidays. Children must attend school every day that a school is open unless they are sick.

Children attending SET.

- The SET teacher and class teacher will collaborate and decide on appropriate homework for the child with AED and agree on who will provide the homework for their pupil.
- Differentiation in homework will apply where necessary, and the class teacher may also differentiate for other children where appropriate.
- Children with additional education needs should not get more homework than their classmates.

Implementation and Review

The Board of Management adopted this reviewed policy on October 2023.

Signed: Deirdre Kerr, Chairperson, BOM Date: October 2023.

Signed: Eileen Hart, Principal, Date: October 2023.

Date of next review: October 2026