

Homework Primary School

Homework is given on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but not on Fridays.

Occasionally, at the discretion of the class teacher or the principal, children are given 'homework off' as a treat or as acknowledgement of some special occasion.

- Parents / guardians of children from class are required to oversee homework each night
- Parents / guardians are requested to inform the teacher if for any reason a child cannot complete homework.

Homework fosters independence, self-reliance, self-esteem, co-operation and responsibility and life long learning. It is a valuable part of primary education as it re-enforces what children learn in school. It provides a link between teacher and parent and encourages parental involvement in their child's education.

In general, homework is meant to be achievable by a child working on their own to the best of their ability. It is normally prepared by the teacher in class. It can be used to practice what is done in school or can be designed to challenge children's ability and provide opportunities for creativity.

Homework Content

Usually, homework contains a balance of reading tasks, oral comprehension tasks, vocabulary development, learning tasks and conversational tasks. It can vary considerably from day to day and takes into account current topics and time of year. Written homework is not assigned in the Primary School.

Parents play a vital role in listening to reading and developing oral language and comprehension skills through homework tasks.

Organisation of homework

The teacher tries to make sure that instructions concerning homework are clear to each individual child. The school aim is that teachers respond to homework daily and in a way that is helpful to students. The work assigned is clear and well within the child's abilities.

Students should:

- ensure they take homework resources and assignments.
- complete homework assignments to the best of their ability.

Parents/Guardians should:

- Encourage a positive attitude towards homework from an early age.
- Be available to help the child to interact for homework tasks.
- Encourage children to organize themselves for homework. Have assignments and resources to hand.
- Arrange 88a suitable time for doing homework, taking into account of age, the need for playtime, relaxation and family time.
- Provide a quiet place, suitable work surface, free from distractions, interruptions and T.V.
- Check that the child has all necessary books copies, equipment, P.E. clothes, if needed for the next school day.
- Communicate difficulties or issues to the teacher.

Teachers should

- Set homework, review assignments and provide feedback to students.
- Communicate with parents/guardians regarding homework issues.

How often do teachers monitor homework?

Teachers check homework on a daily basis. Students are encouraged to give feedback on homework set.

What happens when Homework is not done?

Homework should never cause distress to a student or to a home environment.

When homework is not done regularly the teacher contacts parents with a view to resolving the situation.

Due to the challenges experienced by some of our students, homework may be an added pressure. In certain circumstances homework is not a main priority and through discussion with parents /guardians, teachers may either reduce or eliminate homework for a period of time.

This decision will be noted in the student file in class.