

Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa 19930D

Homework Policy

Introductory Statement

The Board of Management, staff & parents of Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa acknowledge the position of homework in our school. It sees homework having importance as:

- A link in the chain of communication between school and home.
- Parents can monitor the progress of their children through continual reference to homework and liaison with teachers.
- A forum for communication between child and parent.
- Reinforcing the learning experienced by the child during the school day.
- Promoting consistency and a uniform approach to homework across all teachers and class levels.
- Developing and encouraging the habit of independent study.
- Enabling children to develop a sense of responsibility and independence.
- Enhancing self-esteem through the provision of a work menu that is doable.

Guidelines for Teachers

- Homework is given from Mondays to Thursdays and generally is not given at weekends, unless it has been neglected during the week, or unless in special circumstances such as projects or special assignments.
- Mindful Monday is on the first school Monday of every month. On this day children have no written homework & are encouraged to engage in a mindful activity with their family.
- Homework is not linked to behaviour but occasionally children are rewarded with reduced homework if they have worked well or in the lead up to holidays.
- The SET team may give homework as a reinforcement of their work & should liaise with the class teacher.
- If homework cannot be completed on a particular night, parents are asked to forward a written note.
- If homework is not completed on a regular basis, a child may be asked to finish it during little break at school on a Monday or Wednesday, supervised by the principal. (at the discretion of class teacher)
- Allotted time that teachers are to expect the average child in each class to spend at homework;

- Infants 10 – 15 minutes
 - 1st & 2nd Class 20 – 30 minutes
 - 3rd & 4th Class 30 – 40 minutes
 - 5th & 6th Class 40 – 60 minutes
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- Teachers will communicate via Aladdin as necessary, if there is any change to homework.

Role of Parents/Guardians

- Parents can help their child with their homework by providing them with a suitable place and time to do their homework, away from distractions and interruptions.
- The child should be encouraged to do written homework themselves and parents should only help if the child is having difficulty.
- If the child is having difficulty with homework, parents should help the child with further explanation and examples.
- Parents are encouraged to listen to their child reading and to ask spellings/tables etc.
- Informal reading is encouraged. It is an enjoyable exercise between the parent and the child.
- Parents are encouraged to give guidance when it comes to project work.
- Children should be encouraged to work through their homework and tick each item of work when completed.
- Parents should communicate with the child's class teacher when a child cannot understand some aspect of the homework.

- Parents should ensure that all homework is completed, is neatly presented and homework diaries/sheets are signed on a daily basis. If homework is completed in After Schools, it is still the responsibility of parents to check their child's work.
- If homework cannot be completed on a particular night, parents are asked to forward a written note to the class teacher.
- Parental interest and positive affirmation is to be encouraged as it motivates the child to work to the best of his/her ability.

Success Criteria

The success criteria of this policy will be determined by feedback from parents, pupils and teachers. This will be sought at Parent/Teacher Meetings during the first term. In general, where pupils are handing in satisfactory exercises and assignments, reading and memorizing activities are well practiced, this will be interpreted as reflecting positively on this policy.

Promotion of Policy:

Parents and staff will promote the Homework Policy throughout the school and at home. All teachers will be given a copy of our Homework Policy. Parents will be made aware of our Homework Policy at our Infant Introduction Day, Parent/Teacher meetings and through Principal's Friday E-Mail to Parents.

This Policy shall be subject to annual review.

This Policy was ratified at Board of Management Meeting _____

Signed _____ (Chairperson B.O.M.)