



SCOIL NAOMH BRID HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework represents a regular link between home and school and as such provides a good opportunity for the development of a practical partnership between parents and teachers. Homework provides the children with the opportunity to revisit learning experiences encountered during the school day and of practising the skills and concepts associated with those learning experiences. Time devoted to reading and learning is as important as time devoted to written work.

The children are expected to do their homework to the best of their ability.

Pupils from 1st to 6th Class have a school journal in which homework assignments are entered. Teachers may also post homework on Aladdin.

1. **Children are given homework:**

- To practice and re-enforce work done in class during the day
- To form a habit of working on their own, and to make a reasonable effort according to their ability.
- To enable children to develop a sense of responsibility and independence.
- To keep parents/ guardians involved in their child's /children's education

2. **Type of homework:**

- Usually homework will contain a balance of reading tasks, learning tasks and written tasks. This balance can vary from day to day.
- Homework will be revision of work covered in class, but in senior classes, research of new material for projects may be given.
- Homework will regularly contain reading spellings, tables, written work, pieces to be learned by heart, drawing /colouring, collecting information items and finishing work started in class.
- The individual needs of children will be catered for when giving homework.



3. How often is homework given?

- Homework is given on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Sometimes at the discretion of the class teacher or the principal, children may be given 'homework off' as a treat or as an acknowledgement of some special occasion.

4. How much time should be spent on homework?

The following are guidelines for time spent on homework. Different children will complete the same homework in different lengths of time.

Infants: Revision of words/reading up to:	15 mins
First and Second Class up to:	30 mins.
Third and Fourth Class up to:	40 mins
Fifth and Sixth Class up to:	50 mins

5. Guidelines for Parents:

- Provide a suitable quiet place for homework, away from the television and devices
- "Learning by heart" is important as is reading and parents should ensure this work is done.
- If a child has difficulty with homework, parents should help the child with further explanation or examples, but should not actually do the homework.
- When homework is not completed a note of explanation signed by the parent/guardian should be sent to the teacher in the pupil's journal.
- Read with children



6. How should parents monitor homework?

- Parents should check the journal every evening, ensuring the child ticks each item of homework when completed.
- Information and letters to parents will be placed in the journal. Please check for notes on a regular basis.

7. When should parents communicate with teachers about homework?

- If the child has a problem with homework, please put a note in the journal.
- If difficulties persist, always contact the teacher.

Ratified by Board of Management on

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Date

Signed:


Chairperson, Board of Management