



## Homework Policy

*The wellbeing of our school community is at the heart of all that we do and is linked to our Core Values of Belief, Effort, Community & Kindness. These values help us to better understand and improve the wellbeing of our school community with this policy, and all others, being consistent in promoting those values.*

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## **Rationale**

This policy outlines the purpose of setting homework, the form it takes and the role of the school, the children and parents/guardians.

## **Purpose of Homework**

1. To consolidate skills, knowledge and understanding developed in school, with particular emphasis on literacy and numeracy.
2. To help to develop home/school links by means of the homework book.
3. To help children towards becoming confident, self disciplined learners, in order to develop skills necessary to study and learn independently.

## **Amount of Homework**

We believe that the amount and type of homework given to children should take into account:

1. The age of the child, i.e. children in Foundation Phase should not receive the same amount of work as those in Upper Junior classes.
2. The other interests/activities of the children. Homework should not prevent the children from participating in sporting or musical activities etc. if they are able.
3. The ability of the child. Children with additional needs may not be able to carry out every task given, or may need it to be adapted to enable them to complete it.
4. Individual needs. Some children may need to concentrate more heavily on one aspect of their learning at a particular time.
5. Special circumstances. There may be temporary family situations that make completing homework difficult in the short term. (Please inform school in writing if this is the case).

## **Organisation of Tasks**

1. Children in all classes will continue to be required to take reading books home on a regular basis.
2. Children in all classes will be given a Home/School Reading Record Book to record comments by teachers, other staff and parents/guardians.
3. Children in all classes will be given a Homework Task Grid in a Homework Book. This will be given out on Thursday and handed in on Monday
4. Some children may also be given work on spellings and all children from Reception upwards will be expected to practice their times tables.
5. Children from Year 3 upwards will be given an extra formal piece of homework per week. This will always supplement work currently being studied in class. The homework will be literacy or numeracy based.
6. In Reception, as soon as each child is ready, simple sounds will be sent home for parents to practise with their child.
7. Homework will be linked to Class Dojos – one Dojo will be given to a child upon handing in their homework

## **Parental Support**

1. We request that parents/guardians of all children spend regular reading time where the child reads to the adult and also where the adult reads to and with the child.
2. Please support your child in learning tables and spellings when required.
3. Support with homework tasks is always welcomed but the completed work should be that of the child. (It would be helpful if parents/guardians indicated on the work if the child needed a lot of help to complete the task).
4. Please encourage your child to complete homework to the best of his/her ability, to an acceptable standard within the time given. Please initial homework before it is returned to school.

**N.B. we cannot over-emphasise the importance of daily reading practice. This can be kept to short sessions, and can involve the adult reading to or with the child as well as the child reading, but is a crucial aspect of all children’s home learning.**

**Other Considerations**

1. We ask that children read regularly at home and spend some time on spellings and times tables as required. One additional piece of work will be given during the week and children will be given a reasonable period of time to complete it. (Thursday to Monday).
2. Children will be given a Reading Bag upon entering the school. We will provide a Home/School Reading Record Book for all children and a homework book for all children who have homework tasks to complete. We ask parents to pay a small charge towards replacing any reading/reference books or materials if they are lost or damaged.
3. Work should be handed in to the teacher on time. It will be marked, signed and dated by the teacher. It will then be returned to the child. You may note any comments from the teacher and, should you wish, add comments of your own.
4. We understand that from time to time, circumstances may prevent your child from completing homework on time. We would appreciate a note from you if this is the case.
5. We always appreciate your comments or feedback on the provision of homework for your child or on the content of this policy.

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