



Homework Policy

'Our school is a Catholic Christian environment inspired by, and rooted in, the values of the Gospel, where everyone is encouraged to grow in faith and moral responsibility. Our school strives to be a place where everyone, through hard work and service to others, can reach their full potential and be formed for their eternal destiny.'

Homework is anything that children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning in response to guidance from the school.

The Value of Homework

For parents it...

- Gives parents an insight into what is happening at school.
- Provides parents with insight into their children's ability.
- Develops parents' understanding of the time and processes involved in their child's learning.
- Makes possible a sharing of school activities between child and parent.
- Stimulates parental support and assistance.

For children it...

- Helps to reinforce and consolidate ideas and concepts presented in class during the day.
- Is a time to share reading with family members.
- Develops independent working habits and self-discipline.
- Extends skills, such as reading and writing.
- Provides children with opportunities to take literature from school to home.

Our Homework Programme

NURSERY and RECEPTION: Homework is introduced gradually over the year, including learning sounds and spellings; and Maths/Number weekly. Daily home reading and sharing books is important.

YEAR 1: Homework is given out on Wednesdays, to be completed and handed in the following Monday. Spelling lists are given out on Fridays, to be learned and tested the following Friday. Daily home reading and sharing books is important.

YEAR 2: Homework is given out on Wednesdays, to be returned by the following Monday. Spelling lists are tested on Fridays. Daily home reading and sharing books is important.

YEAR 3: Maths and English homework is given out each Wednesday, to be completed by the following Wednesday. Spelling list will be given out each Friday, for testing the following Friday. Daily home Reading is important; children have a chance to change their book daily once the reading record is signed by a parent/carer.

YEAR 4: Maths homework and Spelling lists to learn and practise are set on Wednesdays, homework to be completed and handed in by the following Tuesday, spelling are tested the following Tuesday. Daily home Reading is important; children have a chance to change their book daily once the reading record is signed by a parent/carer.

YEAR 5: Maths and Spelling homework is given out each Wednesday, to be completed by the following Tuesday. Times tables are tested each week (one table at a time) and need to be re-learned at home. Home Reading remains important every day; children have a chance to change their book daily once the reading record is signed by a parent/carer.

YEAR 6: Science homework is given out each Friday, to be completed by the following Thursday. Additional English and Maths homework is given to reinforce school work and for revision. Home Reading remains important every day; children have a chance to change their book daily once the reading record is signed by a parent/carer.

The Consequences of Not Doing Homework

If circumstances mean that a child can't do his or her homework on an occasion, teachers are sympathetic to all situations. Please discuss this with the teachers before or after school.

Consequences for failure to do set homework will be negotiated within each class. Incomplete homework could be completed during the child's own time, break times or activity times; during the school day or at home.

Homework Club

KS1 and KS2 pupils have the chance to go to Homework Clubs on Wednesdays 3:00-3:45pm. If they wish to attend, they need to collect a permission slip and have that signed and returned by a parent/carer in advance.

Home Reading

Reading with your child is expected in addition to any homework set. Even if your child is able to read independently, it is important to take some time to read with them, ask questions to check their understanding and to explain what unfamiliar words mean. Sharing a book with your child will encourage them to enjoy reading for pleasure and knowledge.

Pupils with Different Needs

We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child.

The Role of Parents

Parents have a vital role to play in their child's education, and homework is an important part of this process. We expect parents to encourage their child to complete the homework tasks that are set. We invite them to help their children as they feel necessary and provide them with the sort of environment that allows children to do their best. Parents can support their child by providing a good working space at home, by enabling their child to visit the library regularly, and by discussing the work that their child is doing.