

St. Mochulla's Homework Policy

Introduction

Following a recent staff meeting (October '06) these guidelines were agreed upon with regard to homework.

Rationale

Homework is given to reinforce and consolidate school work and to develop in the child a structured and organised study pattern.

- Each class from Junior Infants to 6th Class inclusive is given formal homework on a regular basis. Junior Infants are given some work to do at home, at the teacher's discretion, on an informal basis.
- 1st – 3rd classes will be given homework four nights per week.
- Children in fourth – sixth classes are given homework at the weekend, except at long weekends.
- Homework should be based on three areas; writing/sums, learning, reading, and based on work done in the class. Teachers should discuss amounts of homework regularly with class groupings
- On the night of their birthday, a child is excused from doing their homework.
- Parents are asked to sign their child's homework journal each night.

The following guidelines are the approximate time any child should spend at their homework. Where a child is spending longer than the guidelines on a regular basis, or has a particular problem, then the parent should discuss the situation with the class teacher.

Guidelines

Senior	First/Second	Third/Fourth	Fifth/Sixth
15 mins	30 mins	40 mins	1 hour 15 mins

This time should be focused, free from interruption and in a quiet area – quality time.

Supervision

It is envisaged that children should be working independently by 4th class, but there may be situations where parental support is required.

Homework – Sanctions for homework not done:

In the case where homework is not done, parents are requested to write a note in the homework journal.

1. Note home for signature from parents. Child does the homework that night.
2. Repeated offence – detention in 5th class room to do homework during school hours. Teacher on yard duty to be informed.
3. Note to parents again or send child to Principal.

**Amendments were made on 30/09/05.
Reviewed October 2011.
Reviewed January 2014.
Reviewed November 2016.**

- **Policy to be reviewed annually.**