



Derryoobur National School Policies

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Homework Policy

1. Introduction

Derryoobur National School recognises the importance of homework in reinforcing classroom learning, fostering independent work habits, and promoting parental involvement in their children's education. This policy aims to ensure consistency in the assigning, completion, and monitoring of homework across all class levels.

2. Aims of Homework

Homework is assigned to:

- Reinforce and consolidate classroom learning.
- Develop self-discipline and responsibility in students.
- Foster independent learning and organisational skills.
- Strengthen the partnership between school and home by involving parents in their child's education.
- Prepare pupils for future study habits and self-directed learning.

3. Assigning Homework

- Homework is assigned from **Monday to Thursday** for all class levels.
- **Homework can be assigned on Monday for the full week** to allow children to plan their workload effectively.
- No homework is assigned at weekends, except for:
 - Unfinished work from the week.
 - Project work or research assignments for senior classes.
 - Specific study tasks where necessary.
- Occasionally, teachers or the principal may give a **night off homework** as a reward or for special occasions.

- Extra homework may be assigned if classroom work is incomplete or untidy.

4. Content of Homework

Homework is structured to provide a balance across different subjects and activities. It may include:

- **Reading** (English/Irish books, comprehension exercises).
- **Writing** (sentence construction, spelling, grammar work).
- **Numeracy** (maths exercises, problem-solving tasks).
- **Learning activities** (spellings, tables, poems, prayers).
- **Project work** (research-based assignments, presentations).

5. Time Allocation

The time required to complete homework varies for each child. The following are general guidelines:

- **Junior & Senior Infants:** Up to 20 minutes
- **1st & 2nd Class:** Up to 30 minutes
- **3rd & 4th Class:** Up to 45 minutes
- **5th & 6th Class:** Up to 60 minutes

6. Homework Journal

- Pupils from **1st to 6th class** use a homework journal to record their daily tasks.
- **Some homework tasks will be assigned on Mondays for the whole week** to promote planning and time management.
- Parents are required to **sign the journal** each evening to confirm homework completion.
- Teachers will check journals regularly and provide feedback when necessary.

7. Role of Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians play a key role in supporting homework by:

- Providing a **quiet, well-lit space** for homework completion.
- Encouraging children to complete work independently while offering support if needed.
- Ensuring homework is **completed neatly and on time**.
- Signing the **homework journal** each evening.
- Communicating with the teacher if homework presents ongoing difficulties.

8. Role of Teachers

Teachers are responsible for:

- Assigning homework appropriate to the age and ability of each child.
- Checking homework regularly and providing constructive feedback.

- Differentiating homework for children with special educational needs.
- Encouraging students to develop independent work habits.

9. Managing Homework Difficulties

- If a child is struggling with homework, parents should **note difficulties in the homework journal**.
- Teachers will adjust homework where necessary to meet individual needs.
- If persistent difficulties arise, parents are encouraged to **speak directly with the class teacher**.

10. Success Criteria & Monitoring

The success of this policy will be evaluated based on:

- Consistent completion of homework across all classes.
- Feedback from teachers, parents, and students.
- Observations during Parent-Teacher Meetings.

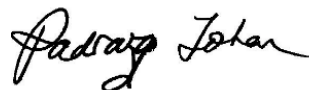
11. Review & Ratification

This **Homework Policy** will be reviewed regularly by the **Board of Management** in consultation with staff and parents.

Signed:

Chairperson, Board of Management: _____

Principal, Derryoover National School:



Date:

19 February 2025
