

# Scoil Íosagáin

## Homework Policy

### Introduction

The Homework Policy was formulated by the Staff of Scoil Íosagáin in January 2019.

### Vision

Scoil Íosagáin seeks to enable each child to develop his potential. Homework encourages pupils to work independently and to take responsibility for their learning.

### The Aims of Homework in Scoil Iosagain

- to benefit pupil learning
- to reinforce work done in the class
- to develop study skills
- to promote a similar approach to homework across all classes
- to allow teachers to monitor pupil's progress with a view to improving standards
- to strengthen links between parents/guardians and school and to inform parents/guardians of subjects being covered in the school.

### Content of Homework

All classes will get homework from Monday to Thursday. Provision is made for children with special needs. Resource/Learning Support Teachers and Class Teachers, in conjunction with the principal, will decide who will assign homework and its content. Ideally, the homework will contain a balance of subjects.

The following is a guideline for Homework

<b>Class</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>Time Allocated</b>
Second Class	Maths, Tables, Spellings, Reading, Gaeilge, Writing	20 – 30 Minutes
Third Class	Maths, Tables, Spellings, Reading, Gaeilge, Writing	30 – 45 Minutes
Fourth Class	Maths, Tables, Spellings, Reading, Gaeilge, Writing	30 – 45 Minutes
Fifth Class	Maths, Tables, Spellings, Reading, Gaeilge, Writing	45 – 60 Minutes
Sixth Class	Maths, Tables, Spellings, Reading, Gaeilge, Writing	45 – 60 Minutes

These times are a guideline. Pupils are expected to complete their homework in the times listed. If pupils are not finished in this time frame and if parents feel the pupil has made appropriate effort, a note of explanation is required to be written in his homework journal.

- Homework set should be at an appropriate level for each pupil.
- All pupils have a homework journal. Pupils are taught how to write down their homework. Teachers will decide when homework will be recorded.
- Homework is given from Monday to Thursday. It may be given at weekends if children have not conformed to school rules. Exemptions are at the discretion of the teacher.
- Extra homework / homework passes may be allotted depending on behaviour.
- If homework is not done, it is expected to be done the following night or at breaktime, at the discretion of the teacher.
- Presentation of work is very important. Work must be done in the appropriate copy. If work is untidy it must be redone. If homework is particularly well done, rewards may be given. The pupil may be sent to another teacher or the principal to show his well presented assignment. A note may be sent to the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- At the beginning of each academic year parents/guardians are made aware of the policy at the general parent/teacher meeting.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Pupils**

- The pupil is responsible for his own homework.
- The pupil should approach the teacher if he is having difficulty with the homework.

### **Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

- Parents/Guardians should provide pupils with a quiet, non-interruptive environment to do their homework. There should be a fixed time for doing homework and parents/guardians should monitor the completion of homework. Ideally, this should be as early as possible after the pupil arrives home from school.
- Parents/Guardians should provide assistance to pupils when necessary and also listen to reading and examine spellings and tables.
- Parents should not complete homework for pupils. If possible, parents should provide an easier explanation. If this fails, a note should be written in the homework journal.
- Parents/Guardians are expected to check that homework has been completed and sign the homework journal to show that they are happy that the work is complete and of a high standard.
- The school is aware of the literacy and educational levels of individual families.

### **Teachers**

- Homework is prepared by the Class Teacher or the Learning Support/Resource Teacher.
- Checking of homework will take place regularly. Observation will play a vital role. General correction may also be used.

### **Homework / Subject Off Passes**

Homework or Subject Off passes may be issued from time to time. Use of a homework pass/subject off pass is subject to a number of conditions, namely,

- Permission to use the pass on a given night is given by the teacher. The teacher will use discretion in deciding if it may be used and take into account the quality of the homework produced immediately prior to the pupil's request to avail of homework/subject off.
- Passes may only be used on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

- Passes do not include Accelerated Reading, which must be completed every night.
- A pupil may use only one homework pass or subject off pass per week.
- A homework pass/subject off pass may be withdrawn due to a pupil's misbehaviour.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on \_\_\_\_\_.

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairperson, Board of Management)

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of next Review : \_\_\_\_\_