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Policy on Homework 2022/23

Introduction

Teachers set homework for children with a view to reinforcing work that has done at school and to give children an opportunity to embed the work that has been done/identify any issues with concepts, topics etc. The routine of homework helps children develop study skills, skills of working independently, which will be useful as they progress to second level.

For parents, attending to homework represents a regular link between school and home and offers an insight into children's work.

Practices around homework for Children in St Anne's:

1. It is a policy at St. Anne's to assign homework to students each night from Monday to Thursday.
2. Homework can involve both written and non-written work. Classes may be assigned work involving researching, making, discussing, doing a physical activity, as well as the more formal work such as reading, writing, learning, spelling and maths.
3. Homework for the most part should not be too difficult or time consuming where reasonable effort is made. As a general rule children in the infant classes should spend no longer than 10/15mins on homework, first and second 30mins, third and fourth 40mins. Fifth and sixth 50 mins/1 hour.

4. If an occasion arises when a child spends longer than the times above on homework and has made a genuine effort but has serious difficulty completing the task, his/her parents should please allow the child to stop and sign the time taken on the journal/consult with the class teacher. Homework may be differentiated if needed.

5. Each child from 1st to 6th uses a homework journal. The journal itself is an important record. All homework should be neatly written into the journal each day and dated. **The journal should remain free from graffiti, stickers etc**

6. Parents please sign the journal every night. While it is important that children work towards completing their work independently, we request that parents check that all work is completed before signing (children should be encouraged to tick work as it is done).

7. Teachers and parents will use the journal for brief notes/messages, indicating homework difficulties, or a comment from teacher re work/behaviour etc.

8. Teachers in Infants classes send home a homework sheet each Monday, outlining the work to be covered each evening. This sheet is also used for notes and reminders from Teacher.

10. In some classes, work may be set on See Saw or other online platforms. Please note that this platform are not for messaging teachers.

11. Homework is completed in homework copies or other copies/books, as indicated by the class teacher

It is expected that children attend to homework each evening. In the event of children not completing any/all homework, parents should write a note to the class teacher. The class teacher will write

a note in the journal or arrange to meet /call parents if children are regularly not completing homework.

Parents may wish to consult the National Parents Council website re homework

<https://www.npc.ie/images/uploads/downloads/Homework.PDF>