

St.Patrick's Primary School's Homework Policy

General Statement:

Homework gives a child the opportunity to consolidate, reinforce and practise learning experiences from school and also gives the child an opportunity to research, question and experiment independently. Homework also allows parents to become involved in their child's work. Therefore, it promotes home/school links. All homework should match the ability of the child and it is with this in mind that regular contact should be maintained between teachers, parents and pupils.

How Parents Can Consolidate Class Work at Home:

Children are encouraged to take home books and novels to read and we advise parents to find time to read with their child/children and to discuss the story with them. If parents require advice on how to deal with this, the class teacher will be pleased to assist. All children and parents are welcome to borrow books from class libraries. Parents can also get involved as a result of the Paired Reading course organised for the P.3. children and their parents each year. All homework from P.4.-P.7.in classes is recorded in each child's homework diary. We advise parents to check this regularly and to make contact with the school if a problem arises.

Homework Categories:

Children's homework can vary in content from written, mental to oral work. Children may be asked to undertake tasks at home such as practising their Music, learning spellings/ times tables, English written work, Maths exercises, R.E. and the research elements of other subjects.

Duration:

The period of time a child should spend at homework can vary. However, this is a general guide:

P.1. /P.2. 10-20 minutes nightly

P.3./P.4. 20-40 minutes nightly

P.5. 40-60 minutes nightly

P.6. /P.7. 60-90 minutes nightly

In the event of the child spending longer than these prescribed times, parents are advised to sign the homework off in the diary.

How To Access Information Regarding Homework:

- Annual Parent/Teacher Meeting
- P.1. Induction Programme
- P.2. Information Evening
- P.3. Information Evening
- P.5. Information Evening
- P.3. Paired Reading
- P.3. Paired Maths
- School Website