



KILL O' THE GRANGE NATIONAL SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

1. What is homework?

Homework consists of written, reading, project and learning work.

2. Why give homework?

To instil a work ethic of life-long learning with strong initial supports from the home.

- To re-enforce what the child learns during the day.
- To provide a link between parents/guardians and teachers.
- To develop a child's concentration skills.
- Homework is meant to be achievable by the child i.e. it provides an opportunity to practise work already done. It is normally prepared by the teacher in the class. Sometimes with senior classes some homework is designed to challenge children's ability, to provide opportunities for creativity and to develop research skills. Children are expected to do their homework to the best of their ability at all times.

3. How often is homework given?

- Homework is given on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. No written homework is given at weekends. However, reading is encouraged over the weekend.
- If homework is neglected or poorly presented it will be reassigned
- Sometimes at the discretion of the teacher or the Principal, children are given a night off homework as a treat.
- Children may earn 'passes' for a night off written homework.

4. How much time should be spent?

Children will complete the same homework in different lengths of time. Homework should be aimed at the average child in the class. **N.B.** Quality and not quantity of homework is what matters.

The following are approximate guidelines for time spent on homework.

J.I.	up to 30 minutes.	3 rd	up to 50 minutes.
S.I.	up to 30 minutes.	4 th	up to 50 minutes.
1 st	up to 40 minutes.	5 th	up to 1 hour 15 mins.
2 nd	up to 40 minutes.	6 th	up to 1 hour 15 mins.

5. How best to support your child

Parents should try to help their children by providing them with a suitable comfortable place and preventing interruptions and distractions e.g. T.V. , other children, phones

- Tables and spellings must be written and heard.
- Check written work thoroughly and correct mistakes with your child.
- In Junior Classes (infants - 2nd), reading/sight words should be heard and revised every evening. In Senior Classes (3rd - 6th), questions should be asked about what they have read.
- Ensure written work is carefully presented.
- Children from Junior Classes should be monitored as they work. Children from Senior Classes should be encouraged to work independently.
- Homework notebooks, where required, must be signed after the homework has been thoroughly checked.



- If for any reason homework cannot be completed a note must be written in the pupil's homework journal.
- 6. What about Learning Support/Resource children and other individual cases?**
- Children receiving learning support/resource may have homework in addition to that set by the class teacher which should be completed first.
 - Class homework may be tailored to suit the needs/ ability of the child.

Ratification and Review

This policy was last reviewed (and updated as required) and approved by the Board in April 2019 and will be reviewed regularly.