



Gleneely National School

Homework Policy

The school believes strongly in setting daily homework for each child in the school, whatever form such might take. Homework is given on four nights. There are several reasons for this.

1. It makes children do more practice in the particular subject area set for homework.
2. It instils some degree of discipline and self-discipline within the children and sets good practice for when they move to secondary sector where self-reliance and the ability to work on one's own is paramount.

Teachers will strive to set homework, which is

- (a) pitched appropriately at the children's level in terms of ability and time required to complete it and
- (b) relevant to class work.

The school values parental support and encouragement for all homework tasks. Children are encouraged to take books home to read and we would encourage parents to try and find time to read with their children and to discuss their books with them.

The school in 2001/2002 has introduced a daily Homework Diary book from 1st class up in which everything that children need to do at home will be recorded. Parents are encouraged to check homework diary on a weekly basis

Homework should reflect the organisation and content of work in the classroom. There are several implications in this statement.

1. Homework set should be based on work already introduced in the classroom; the purpose being to consolidate learning. Such work need not focus on the activities of that day; it can be based on work introduced at an earlier date.
2. Work in the classroom does not always require written evidence to support the fact that learning has taken place. This is also relevant to homework. Occasions will arise where the children could be asked to carry out a task without the need for a formal written presentation.



- The work set should take into account the organisation and content of class activities, i.e. it should be based on the abilities of the children and/or the activities of different groups in the classroom. This does not exclude the setting of the same work to all pupils, though standards of performance will vary.

Recommended Times.

It should be noted that homework should be carried out in a suitable environment conducive to study and free from television interference and noisy disruption.

Junior Infants – Senior Infants	10-15 mins
First Class	25 mins
Second Class	30 Mins
Third & Fourth Class	45 mins
Fifth & Sixth Class	45 mins - 1 hr

Parents are urged to keep the pupils where possible within these limits. In the event of homework being unfinished the parent/guardian must write a note of explanation.

Homework for Absent Children

Following a request from a parent/guardian for a teacher to prepare work for a child who is absent for a period of more than one week, the following procedures apply:

- If the child is absent due to illness, the class teacher will endeavour to provide some work in order to ensure that the child will not be too far behind class work on his/her return
- If the absence is due to holidays or other similar events then the advice is that the child should read during the time off.

At all times it is school policy to encourage children to attend school every day where possible, in this way all children will receive an equal opportunity to learn.

Review

This policy was reviewed at a staff meeting in 2017 and will be reviewed in 2022.

This Policy was signed on Behalf of the Board of Management

Signed: _____

Date: _____