

Scoil Mhuire Homework Policy

Introduction and Rationale

The homework policy for Scoil Mhuire was reviewed by staff in April 2016 to ensure that it reflected current practice in the school.

Aims and Objectives

1. To encourage pupils to practice skills and knowledge learned in the classroom.
2. To involve parents and guardians in pupils' work.
3. To develop self-confidence and self-discipline in pupils
4. To encourage pupils to develop the practice of independent study.

Time Allowances for Homework

As children work at different rates, the following times are a useful guide for pupils, parents and teachers on the amount of homework that is deemed appropriate.

Junior Standards	10- 20 minutes
Middle Standards	20 – 30 minutes
Senior Standards	40- 60 minutes

Each child from First Class to Sixth has a homework diary in which each night's homework is written down by pupils. Parents should sign the homework diary to indicate that they have reviewed their child's work. This diary can also be a good source of communication between parents/guardians and the pupil's teacher.

Homework Guidelines

Class teachers will ensure that home work is as consistent as possible in that

- it will roughly take the same amount of time each night
- it will include some writing and some learning
- it will cover work that has been prepared.

Generally homework is not given at weekends but this is at the discretion of the teacher.

When homework is incomplete or not done, a note of explanation from the child's parent/guardian is expected.

Each time homework is not completed correctly a note will be sent to the child's parent/guardian via the homework diary. If there is a continuation of incomplete homework the teacher will seek a meeting with the pupil's parent/guardian.

Success Criteria

The degree to which homework is completed and the quality of that homework will be assessed on a continual basis by staff. Discussions with parents and pupils on an ongoing basis will form part of that analysis

Ratified by the Board of Management on November 29th 2016.