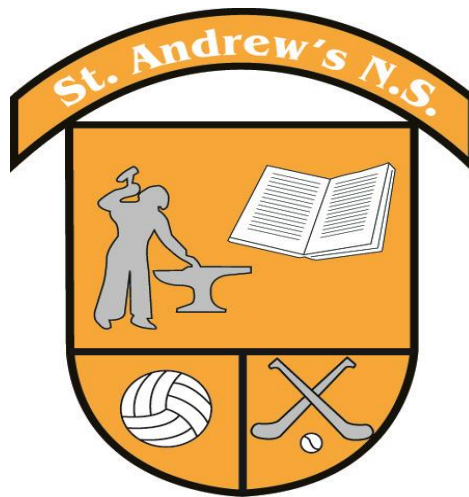


St. Andrew's National School

Homework Policy



Ratified by Board of Management 29th of May 2020

Homework can be seen as our most valuable home-school link on a continuous basis. It is school policy that official homework be given to all classes, from Infants to 6th from Monday to Thursday.

As a general guideline the following are the time limits that children should be expected to spend at homework.

Class Group	Time Guideline
Infants	10-15 minutes
1 st Class	15-20 minutes
2 nd Class	20-30 minutes
3 rd & 4 th Classes	30 to 45 minutes
5 th & 6 th Classes	45 -60 minutes

Content of homework

Homework should have an oral and written content.

Oral content

Oral content is taken from the following:

- (a) Phonics
- (b) Spellings
- (c) Tables
- (d) Short poem
- (e) Reading
- (f) Fact memorisation

Written Content

Written content is taken from the following:

- (a) Maths:
 - Maths based on work done in class
 - Number formation (Infants)
- (b) English writing: (any of the following)
 - (a) Letter formation
 - (b) Elements of grammar
 - (c) Vocabulary extension
 - (d) Short paragraph writing
 - (e) Punctuation exercises
 - (f) Comprehension passages
- (c) Exercises from workbooks
- (d) Project research
- (e) Written Irish exercises
- (f) Creative writing

Correction

It is generally accepted that it is not possible to do a detailed correction of every child's homework on a daily basis. However we should be conscious of the fact that it is the one area of school life where parents have a major input. It is very important that the homework be corrected regularly as this ensures that the children feel that their homework is valued in the classroom.

Important guidelines

- (a) Consistency is one of our guiding principles. Spellings and tables are given on a nightly basis and a written test is carried out in 1st to 6th classes at the end of each week.
- (b) All children should be capable of doing independent homework. The parents' role should only be supervisory.
- (c) A time check is done every so often to see how long the children are spending on homework. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the teacher via homework diary if issues arise with homework.
- (d) We give special consideration to the varied abilities of children when assigning homework.
- (e) Parents are expected to sign pupils' homework diaries nightly.

Sanctions for incomplete homework:

- (a) Complete homework the following night.
- (b) Communicate with parents.
- (c) Steps as per Code of Behaviour for minor misdemeanours

Implementation & Ratification

This policy has been implemented since it was ratified by the Board of Management on 9th March 2009 and reviewed in October 2011, November 2014, November 2018 and May 2020

Signed: _____
Chairperson, Board of Management