



Francis Street School – Homework Policy

Why give homework?

- To re-inforce what the child learns during the day
- To provide a link between teacher and parent
- To develop a child's concentration skills and develop a work ethic
- Homework is meant to be achievable by a child, i.e. it provides an opportunity to practise work already done. However, sometimes with senior classes, some homework is designed to challenge children's ability and provide opportunities for creativity
- Children are to do their homework to the **best of their individual ability – no more, no less.**

How often is homework given?

- Homework is on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but not on Fridays.
- Sometimes at the discretion of the class teacher or the principal, children are given "Homework off" as a treat or as acknowledgment of some special occasion

How much time for homework?

The following are guidelines for time spent at homework. Different children will complete the same homework in different lengths of time. Time spent will vary from day to day and from the beginning to the end of the school year. It is important to remember that it is the quality and not the quantity of homework that matters. The following are general guidelines only:

Junior/Senior Infants	Up to 20 minutes
Rang 1&2	Up to 30 minutes
Rang 3&4	Up to 45 minutes
Rang 5&6	Up to 1 hour

Homework at infant level generally consists of:

English reading (2 books per week)
Maths (in workbook/worksheet)
Phonics practice (sounds/word games/workbook)

Homework from 1st -6th class generally consists of:

English Reading + Summary
Mental Maths exercises
Maths Game to reinforce tables (Hit the button etc.)
Spellings
Gaeilge

Homework in our ASD class is dependent on the individual need of the child.

How often should parents monitor homework?

- Parents should check and sign a child's homework journal every evening
- The pupil's journal is an important record of the child's homework. It is also a valuable means of communication between parents and teachers
- Ideally, all written messages to your child's teacher should be put in the homework journal (additional pages available at the end of the journal)

- Please check that your child records his/her homework neatly in the correct page and ticks each item of homework when completed

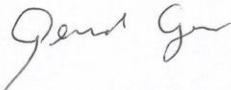
When should parents communicate with the teachers about homework?

- When your child cannot do homework due to family circumstances
- When your child cannot do homework because she/he cannot understand some aspect
- If the time being spent on homework is often longer than the recommended amount of time.

When should homework be done?

- Each family situation is different - both parents working, child minders, etc. Ideally, homework should be done before any television is watched soon after school while your child is still fresh, however, some children need a break before starting homework
- Homework should never be left until morning time before school
- If homework is a stressful experience between parent and child on a regular basis, **please contact the class teacher.**

This policy was ratified on 19/10/2021

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Chairperson