



Rolestown National School

Homework Policy

Homework is part of a continuous learning process and in Rolestown National School we regard homework as important for the following reasons:

- It allows pupils the opportunity to revisit, revise and consolidate skills learned in class.
- It can help pupils to make more rapid progress in learning.
- It can involve parents and family in the pupil's work, to their mutual benefit.
- It gives pupils an opportunity for independent learning and study.
- It forms a link with the methods of study crucial to success at secondary school and in later life.

Homework, along with schoolwork, teacher observation, projects, portfolios, diagnostic and standardised tests all lay the foundation for providing an overall picture of a pupil's progress and development as they move through the school.

All pupils are assigned homework appropriate to their age and class level. Some of their tasks may be designed to consolidate the child's classroom learning experiences, while other tasks will encourage the child to work independently and with initiative. Reading practice is a priority for all children. It is recommended that parents continue to read to their children regularly.

The time required for homework varies by class as follows:

Junior Infants:	10-15minutes
Senior Infants:	15-20minutes
1st and 2nd classes:	20-25minutes
3rd and 4th classes:	25-30minutes
5th and 6th classes:	30-45 minutes

We ask parents to support our Homework policy by:

- Providing space and time for their child to do their homework. Turn off the television and other devices until the homework is finished.
- Checking that the homework is completed and signing the homework journal.
- Discussing interesting aspects of the work assigned.
- Using the method suggested by the teacher for the learning of spellings.

- Regularly checking memorisation of tables.
- Informing teachers of problems when they arise.

Homework is assigned Monday to Thursday, (September-June) leaving the weekend free for family activities. However, pupils may be asked to complete unfinished work at weekends. Homework missed due to illness does not normally have to be completed. If you choose to take your child out of school during the school term, class teachers should not be asked to set work for this time.

Pupils with Learning Difficulties

Parents/Guardians of children with learning difficulties should keep in close contact with the Class / Learning Support / Resource Teacher regarding difficulties. Differentiated homework may be given to children with learning difficulties.