

Scoil Mhuire Moylagh

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## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

| CLASS                 | TIME SPENT*         |  |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| INFANTS               | Junior - 15 minutes |  |
|                       | Senior - 20 minutes |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> CLASS | 20 – 30 minutes     |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> CLASS | 20 – 30 minutes     |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> CLASS | 30 minutes          |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> CLASS | 30 minutes          |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> CLASS | 40 minutes          |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> CLASS | 40 minutes          |  |

(\*Times include learning e.g. spellings, tables and reading)

## **Notes to Parents:-**

- It is appreciated that some children take longer than others to complete work because of personality/ focus/ ability. If parents see their child has diligently spent the recommended time at homework and it is still unfinished jot a note to teacher to this effect.
- If there is a persistent difficulty with the amount of time spent on homework, please speak to the teacher.
- It would be of great benefit if written homework (not Journals) be signed, so parents are aware of the quality of work their child is producing at home.
- Parents should make themselves aware of listed homework in Homework Journals.
- Spelling and Table Tests should be signed, so parents are aware ongoing test results.
- It is essential that of parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class do not sit down to do <u>written</u> homework with their child. They should just check and sign when completed.
- Homework may occasionally take additional time especially from 3<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> class. The above are guidelines only.
- It is necessary for a Parent to write a note to the Teacher when homework is not done.
- There is a general policy of no homework at weekends. However, in certain circumstances a Class Teacher may assign homework or project work at weekends when deemed necessary.
- Children may be assigned extra homework or weekend work from time-to-time if individual pupils do not get certain work finished in class.
- It is important that Parents check oral work, reading, spellings and tables.
- Homework can also include activities such as collecting items e.g. pictures from magazines, leaves
  or measuring or other specified activities.

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| Date Ratified: |                            |  |
|----------------|----------------------------|--|
| Signed:        |                            |  |
|                | Colin Smith<br>Chairperson |  |
| Signed:        |                            |  |
|                | Emma Colgan<br>Principal   |  |