

Castleknock Educate Together National School

Homework Policy

Homework refers to any work or activities assigned to students as an extension of classroom work.

Importance of Homework

Homework is important because it encourages and develops good study habits, independent learning, initiative and responsibility. It develops self-discipline and prepares students for secondary school. It also provides a link between teacher and parent, which encourages parental involvement in the child's education.

Roles

Role of the Principal

The Principal will:

- Communicate the homework policy to parents.
- Support teachers in the implementation of the policy.

Role of the Teacher

Teachers are responsible for:

- Administering homework based on class work, while explaining how the assignment might be carried out.
- Praising the student for good homework and providing rewards at the teacher's discretion.
- Correcting assignments while providing feedback and help in a timely fashion.

Role of the Student

Students are expected to:

- Take down homework clearly and neatly in their journal on a daily basis.
- Complete homework neatly and to the best of their ability.
- Read independently (or with a family member) on a daily basis.

Both written and learning assignments are of equal importance. (Examples include the learning of tables, spellings, verses of poetry etc.)

Role of the Parent

Parents are encouraged to:

- Provide a place free from interruptions for the child.
- Supervise homework, giving assistance where necessary.
- Check that all homework has been completed and sign the homework journal.
- Encourage reading, either paired or independent.
- Communicate with the teacher through the homework journal if the child encounters difficulty, has spent undue time at homework or cannot complete work due to special circumstances.

Pupils would benefit from parents reading the content of their work regularly for both junior and senior classes, with a view to giving encouragement and feedback.

Duration of Homework (Guidelines)

Junior/Senior Infants	10-15 mins
1 st and 2 nd class	Up to 30 mins

3rd and 4th class
5th and 6th class

30-40 mins
Up to 1 hour

- If homework is **not** done, it is expected that it should be completed the following night except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the teacher.
- If it is not done regularly, the Teacher will contact parents in an effort to resolve the issue.
- If this issue continues, the Teacher and Principal will meet with parents.
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Ratification of Policy

This policy has been drawn up in consultation with the Principal, Teaching Staff, Parents and BOM of CETNS. This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 8th April 2014.

Signed: _____

Billy Quane
Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: _____