



# All Saints' National School

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## Homework Policy

### Reasons for Homework:

- Homework is given to reinforce work already done in school.
- It is a link between home and school, strengthening the partnership between parents, teachers and children.
- Children get an opportunity to memorise and study work already taught in school – spelling, tables, poetry, history, geography etc.
- Children get an opportunity to work independently at home.
- Parents will be able to observe the child's progress and identify any problems the child may have.

### Guidelines:

- Homework will be given on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- Homework will not be given at weekends unless a pupil has not completed weekly homework.
- Reading of library books is encouraged at all times including weekends.
- Homework will be based on work covered in class.
- Homework activities may be assigned on Seesaw in line with the Internet Acceptable Usage Policy and other relevant policies. Please note parental/guardian consent is required in advance of using Seesaw.
- Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will record homework in their journals.

- A note should be written to the teacher if homework is not completed. If a pupil is spending an inappropriate amount of time on homework the parents/guardians should arrange to meet the teacher with a view to resolving the issue.
- The teacher should be notified if problems exist or arise at home which may prevent or interfere with the child's homework.

It is difficult to specify how long pupils' at various levels should spend on homework as it depends on:

- a) The age of the pupil
- b) The pupil's ability to listen in class and learn
- c) The pupil's level of concentration
- d) The time of evening when homework is undertaken
- e) Learning environment, distractions, interruptions etc.

#### **Suggested Times**

Infants:	5 – 15 minutes
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Class:	20 – 25 minutes
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Class:	30 – 40 minutes
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Class	45 – 60 minutes

#### **Pupils with Learning Difficulties:**

Parents of children with learning difficulties should keep in close contact with the class teacher and/or S.E.T. regarding any difficulties encountered.

Please note homework content may vary to cater for the varying abilities of individual pupils.

#### **Parents can help by:**

1. Encouraging a positive attitude to homework from an early age;
2. Providing a suitable environment in which to work;
3. Encouraging children to be responsible for their belongings and to be organised for the new school day.

#### **Review:**

This policy will be reviewed as when required.

**Ratification:**

This policy has been ratified by the Board of Management of All Saints National School, Carnew on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2003, reviewed on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020.