

# Castleblakeney National School

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## Homework Policy

### Rational:

The homework policy aims to inform teachers, parents and children of all aspects of homework in the school.

### Aims:

Homework:

- Reinforces class work.
- Involves parents and guardians in the education process.
- Encourages the child to work independently by using the skills of investigation and observation
- Develops a routine of study which will form the bases of post-primary studies

### Homework style and duration:

#### Infants (10-15 mins approx)

Homework normally consists of letter and word recognition exercises together with a short written exercise.

#### First and Second Classes

15-20mins including both oral and written work consolidating work completed in class.

#### Third and Fourth Classes

15-25mins including both oral and written work.

#### Fifth and Sixth Classes

20 – 30 mins approx of written and oral work

*Homework is given four nights: Monday – Thursday with the children being excused homework on weekends provided their work has been conscientiously and satisfactorily done on the other nights.*

**Procedure:**

- Parents are encouraged to supervise children's homework, check, sign and ensure that it is neat and in keeping with the standard of work in the school.
- Homework should be done on relevant copies and not on sheets unless part of project work.
- If homework is not completed, it is expected that parents write a note giving a reason to the class teacher.
- Where a note is not supplied, the child will be asked to complete the homework during break time.
- Homework journals may be used as a link between parents and teachers where children may be experiencing difficulties with homework.

This policy was revised and endorsed by the B.O.M. on January 2020

Signed: Mr. Martin Giblin