

**HOMEWORK POLICY FOR**

**ST. MALACHY'S P.S.  
AND NURSERY UNIT**

**CAMLLOUGH**

# Homework Policy

Homework is a very important part of the work of our school and is a point of regular contact for many parents with the school. Each child will be given homework, suitable to his/her ability in order to:

- a) reinforce work done in class
- b) keep parents up to date with their child's work
- c) give parents an opportunity to become involved in their child's work.
- d) help him/her develop a habit for personal study and develop research skills (Key Stage 2)

The content will vary according to the work being done in class but will generally be based on:

- a) reading
- b) written exercises (especially in English and Maths)
- c) spellings
- d) practical work
- e) oral investigations
- f) learning by heart e.g. part of a poem/song, times-tables
- g) a particular task set for Religious Education.

Written homework will be given by every teacher Monday - Wednesday. On Thursdays pupils will be expected to complete any unfinished homework or corrections. Any homework/corrections not completed by Friday will result in the pupil being kept in at lunchtime on Friday, under supervision, to complete same. We also recommend that pupils reinforce spellings and number bonds, catch up on additional reading, work on Lexia/IXL, revise times-tables (primary 3+) etc. The length of time to be spent on homework will also vary with the age of pupil. In setting homework, staff will follow the guidelines below which suggest an approximate length of time spent on homework:

Primary One Time - approx. 10-20 minutes (written homework to begin in Term 2)

Primary Two Time - approx. 10-20 minutes

Primary Three Time - approx. 20-30 minutes

Primary Four Time - approx. 30 - 35 minutes

Primary Five Time - approx. 40 minutes

Primary Six Time - approx. 45 minutes

Primary Seven Time - approx. 50 minutes

It is essential that parents should involve themselves in homework by: -

a) listening to their child read. Encourage enthusiastically and assist where necessary. Talk about what has been read and its meaning

b) checking written work. Insist that this is done as neatly as possible. Parents are asked to sign all written homework after they have checked it for content and neatness. This will indicate to both your child and the teacher that you are actively interested in his/her progress at school.

Parents should ensure that their children do homework at a suitable time and in a quiet place where they will not be disturbed by other children or television/radio.

Should your child experience obvious difficulty in completing his/her homework please indicate this on the homework book or speak to class teacher.

It is most important that, in addition to any written work which may be given, all children should spend time reading each night. Children are also encouraged to read library books as much as possible but especially at the weekends.