



## **HOMWORK POLICY**

This policy was devised in answer to Department of Education & Science directives and as the existing policy was due for review.

The policy was discussed and reviewed by the teaching staff of the LSP on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2004

LSP seeks to enable each child to develop his/her potential. Homework encourages pupils to work independently and to take responsibility for their assignments.

The LSP hopes:

- To benefit pupil learning
- To reinforce work done in class
- To develop study skills
- To promote a similar approach to homework across all classes
- To strengthen links between home and school

The duration of homework is gradually increased between first and sixth classes:

Infants	10-15 mins
Rang I	20-30 mins
Rang II	30-40 mins
Rang III	40-50 mins
Rang IV	50-60 mins
Rang V	60-70 mins
Rang VI	70-80 mins

The staff recommends that children adhere to the specific time allotted for homework Monday to Thursday, there is no homework given at weekends. It is worth noting that the time specified should be work time exclusive of T.V., dreaming or eating! If homework is not completed within the allotted time, it may be signed off at the discretion of the parent.



**The content of homework depends on both the class level and the prevailing circumstances.**

At infant level homework will include:

1. Review
2. Library books, shared reading
3. Occasional written work may be sent home

The following is the usual content of homework at Ranganna I – VI:

1. Spellings ... English & Irish (3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>) – words into sentences.
2. Reading ... English & Irish (3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>) – perhaps History & Geography
3. Maths .... Exercise and Tables
4. Written work ... may include  
English/Irish/History/Geography/Social & Environmental Studies/Religious  
Education Core Curriculum and
5. At Senior levels, there may also be some research/study spread over a period  
of time.

The time spent by parents listening to reading and hearing spellings and tables is of most benefit to the child.

Children should be capable of doing written work independently, with adult supervision if necessary.

Problems encountered in Maths and written work are generally best made known to the class teacher – rather than risking confusion because of different explanations from home/school.



**Classes from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> have homework journal.**

Parents are expected to check work and sign homework journal every night. Teachers will check homework journals daily. Homework is given Monday – Thursday. Generally homework is not given at weekends.

Homework is checked & assessed on a daily basis.  
Unfinished homework is completed during break time in school library.  
Pupils are taught study skills and parents get a copy of these suggestions e.g.

Spelling – Look  
Cover  
Say  
Write  
Check

- Homework Policy is circulated to parents at parent/teacher meetings on an annual basis.
- Family circumstances are taken into consideration.
- Parents should put an explanatory note on unfinished homework.
- It is parent's responsibility to provide an environment conducive to work.
- Homework up to 2<sup>nd</sup> class should be fully supervised. From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> copies should be monitored and oral work should be examined.
- Parents should consult the class teacher if a child is experiencing continued difficulty with homework.