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HOMEWORK POLICY

INTRODUCTION.

The Homework Policy of Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala was drawn up in consultation with the teachers, Parents Association, Board of Management and senior pupils of the school to document, access and revise current unwritten practice thus ensuring a whole school approach to homework which would be familiar to all and accessible to the whole school community.

Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala seeks to enable each child to develop his/her full potential. Homework encourages pupils to work independently and take responsibility for their assignments.

AIMS

Through homework the school 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

ORGANISATION

- All classes get homework.
- All pupils in a particular class will get the same homework except those who for various reasons access the curriculum in a differentiated way.
- There should be a balance between oral, reading and written work.
- Non-written tasks to include reading, spellings, poems, tables, research, prayers.
- In assigning homework consideration should be given to the access the child has to the materials required for the tasks set. Eg. access to I.T., reference books etc. Children will be encouraged to make an effort, however limited, and encouraged to access the library and the local youth Information Centre and ICT.
- From 1st class upward a diary is to be kept for recording homework assignments. Children will be given time to record homework in diary.
- Parents are expected to sign the homework journals when requested.
- Teachers will check homework journals occasionally.

ALLOCATION AND TIME

- Homework is given Mon – Thurs.
- Children who have not completed homework or class work during the week maybe requested to do so at the weekend.

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- Homework may be rescinded on special occasions/class reward/the week preceding Christmas holidays/the week approaching the Summer holidays etc.
- Homework passes maybe given at the teacher's discretion to individual children/classes or groups as a reward.
- Homework should not be used as a sanction but always viewed as positive enhancement of the pupil's work.
- Time limits should apply in relation to age/class/ability.

Guidelines:

Infants	15 minutes (approx)
1 st /2 nd	30 minutes (approx)
3 rd /4 th	30-45 minutes (approx)
5 th /6 th	1 hour (approx)

Teachers check homework in the following ways:

- Check copies individually
- Give answers orally
- Hear oral work
- Class correction occasionally
- Taking up finished projects

When homework is not done the following steps are to be taken:

- A reason is asked for
- A note is written on child's copy or diary which the parent has to sign
- Lapses are recorded in the class record book
- Parents are informed about persistent lapses

When homework is poorly/untidily done the child is asked to correct it.
Parents are informed if it is consistently unsatisfactory.

Difficulty with homework – steps to be followed:

- Pupils should be given clear directions on how to approach homework assignments.
- They are encouraged to ask for clarification where necessary.
- Should a pupil have a problem in relation to homework assignments he/she should ask the teacher the following day.
- Each class teacher should make the pupils aware of procedures to follow when experiencing difficulty.
- Parents/guardians should ensure that a homework routine is established taking the following into consideration, time, place, preventing interruptions.
- Parents/guardians should monitor homework by ensuring that it is attempted and neatly done.
- Parents/guardians should not do homework for their child. The mechanism for dealing with difficulties as laid out above should be employed.



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SUCCESS CRITERIA

Practical indicators of the success of the homework Policy are

- Feedback from teachers, parents, pupils.
- Satisfactory homework exercises and assignments are submitted by pupils.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Class Teacher assigns and corrects homework.
- SET liaise with class teacher re pupils homework.
- Pupil records accurately, remembers constantly and takes responsibility for doing homework independently as far as possible.
- Principal has a minimal role, mainly to co-ordinate the overall policy and to be aware of habitual offenders as reported by staff.
- Parent/Guardian should support, encourage and provide a suitable environment for the child when doing homework.
- Parents of younger children should listen to reading and read to their child.

Autism Classes

The pupils in the ASD classes work on individual programmes so their homework is based on his/ her individual programme.

Homework for children who are absent

If the absence is due to holidays or other similar events then the advice is that the child should read during the time off.

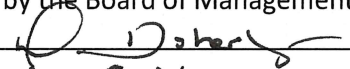
At all times it is school policy to encourage children to attend school every day where possible. In this way all children will receive an equal opportunity to learn.

Ratification and Communication:

The policy was ratified by the Board of Management on the 13th May 2026. It will be appropriately communicated to members of the school community.

This Homework Policy will be reviewed after there has been a material change in any matter to which this document refers.

Ratified by the Board of Management

Signed: 

Date: 20-05-26

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management and communicated to parents thereafter.

Chairperson:  Date: 20-05-2026

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