



St Francis National School

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Homework Policy

In reading this policy, it should be noted that the term "Parent(s)" also includes Guardians and should be interpreted as such.

St. Francis NS recognises that homework is an integral link in the chain of communication between school and home. Parents can monitor the progress of their children through continual reference to homework and liaison with teachers.

Aims

In general, the broad aims of this homework policy are to:

- promote the use of homework to consolidate learning and work being done at school
- promote consistency and a uniform approach to homework across all teachers and class levels
- keep parents in touch and involved in their children's education
- develop and encourage the habit of independent study
- enable children to develop a sense of responsibility and independence
- enhance self-esteem through the provision of a work menu that is doable
- further develop links between home and school

Our homework practice is as follows:

Homework is assigned to each class at the teacher's discretion and will be differentiated and distributed according to the needs of the children in the class. Homework for the week is uploaded to Seesaw on a Monday, giving the children a full week to complete the homework they have.

This allows for flexibility as children can choose when and how much homework they need to complete each day.

The children should complete their homework in their homework copy and bring it back into school or upload it onto Seesaw by Friday morning.

Homework activities are a revision of learning that has already taken place. Each week, the children will have English, Gaeilge (2nd-6th Class) and Maths homework.

We encourage children to read daily (in English and Gaeilge), with a focus on comprehension.

Maths homework involves a focus on problem solving and reasoning activities based on concepts/skills taught.

Tables and mental maths activities are to be revised daily to reinforce learning.

In addition, we encourage pupils to engage in homework involving exercise, problem solving challenges, helping out with jobs at home, board games, art and family activities, as such active and fun activities are beneficial to your child's well-being and proven to boost children's learning and relationships. We assign active homework only for the month of June to promote engagement with these types of activities.

Communication

This policy will be available in the Plean Scoile and on the school website.

Responsibility for Review:

All members of staff, Parents and BoM.

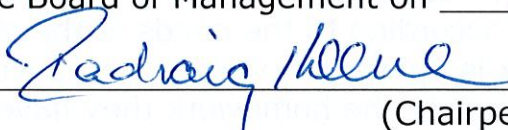
Timeframe for Review:

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or as required to meet the needs of the school.

Next review: June 2026

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Ratified by the Board of Management on 13/6/2023 (Date)

Signed:  (Chairperson, Board of Management)