

Dear Parents,

Homework is part of school life in Oola N.S. We ask for your cooperation in relation to the following points.

We give homework for the following reasons:

- To provide pupils with the opportunity to revise and reinforce work undertaken in class.
- To expand on work already undertaken in a particular subject.
- To develop independent study skills.
- To develop good work habits.
- To keep parents abreast of their children's learning.
- To ensure that children are adequately prepared for the transition to secondary school homework.
- To help children to organise themselves and to take responsibility for their learning.

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- Homework will be monitored by the class teacher. Homework is prescribed on a differentiated basis where necessary.
- We ask that parents take an interest in their child's homework. Parents should take a guiding, supervisory role. Parents should not complete children's homework for them, but need to ensure that homework is complete to a good standard. Parents are required to check that homework is complete and homework diary signed every evening.
- Learning tasks which are done orally are of equal importance to writing. For example: reading, spellings, tables phonics and revision.
- As a school policy homework is not given at weekends. However, homework/ additional homework may be used as a sanction at any time.
- Children may be asked to complete unfinished classwork at home at the discretion of the teacher.
- If for any reason homework is not completed parents are required to write an explanatory note to the class teacher.

Consultation with parents will be held when:

- Homework is not being completed to a satisfactory standard.
- Where parents need clarification on particular topics.

Please see reverse for homework set for each class level including maximum recommended time. We acknowledge that all children will not complete homework in the same timeframe.

We appreciate your interest and cooperation

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**Junior Infants:**

- Begin formal homework after Halloween break.
- Their homework may include a phonics and reading task with the possible addition of a maths task.
- Maximum recommended time to complete homework is ten to fifteen minutes.

**Senior Infants:**

- Their homework may include a phonics and reading task with the possible addition of a maths task.
- They will also begin formal spelling.
- Maximum recommended time to complete homework is ten to fifteen minutes.

**First Class:**

- Their homework may include reading, spellings, tables, maths and an English written task.
- Maximum recommended time to complete homework is fifteen to twenty minutes.

**Second Class**

- Their homework may include reading, spellings, tables, maths and an English written task. Irish reading and Irish spellings.
- In preparation for First Holy Communion children may be required to learn prayers and complete religion based tasks.
- Maximum recommended time to complete homework is twenty to twenty-five minutes.

**Third and Fourth class:**

- Their homework may include English and Irish reading, English and Irish spellings, tables, maths task and a written task. Revision for tests e.g. History, Geography.
- Maximum recommended time to complete homework is twenty-five to thirty minutes.

**Fifth and Six class:**

- Their homework may include English and Irish reading, English and Irish spellings, tables, maths task and a written task. Revision for tests e.g. History, Geography, Science and Irish.
- In preparation for Confirmation children may be required to learn prayers and complete religion based tasks.
- Maximum recommended time to complete homework is forty to fifty minutes.