

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

Homework Policy

POLICY

The school is of the opinion that homework is important since it reinforces and extends the teaching and learning that occurs during the day. Homework encourages parental involvement in children's learning and helps to develop independence. It is important however to remember and make it known to parents, that when a child has worked for a full day in school he/she may not respond positively to having large amounts of homework.

AIMS:

Our aims of providing homework are to:

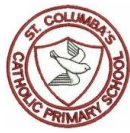
- Ensure a consistency of approach throughout the school
 - Ensure progression towards independence and an individual responsibility
 - Ensure the needs of the individual are taken into account
 - Ensure that parents/carers understand our expectations of them
 - Improve the quality of learning experiences offered to the children
 - Extend and support learning
 - Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work in partnership
 - Provide opportunities for children and parents to share learning experiences
 - Encourage children to develop long term strategies for future needs
 - Prepare Year Six children for the secondary phase of education
- The table below gives the agreed amount of homework for children.
In Key Stage Two, children will use homework books for Numeracy and Literacy.

For children to make the most progress **reading, spelling and multiplication/division facts need to be practised nightly**. The recommended time for each class is detailed in the brackets below.

Foundation (10 mins reading) + one piece of homework on a Friday.

Year One (10mins reading and/or spelling) + 1 Maths and 1 Lit/Topic homework on a Friday

Year Two (15 mins reading and/or spelling) + 1 Maths and 1 Lit/Topic homework on a Friday



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Year Three and Year Four (15 minutes Reading/Spelling/No. Facts) + 2 Maths and 2 Lit/Topic homework on a Monday and Friday

Year Five and Year Six (15 minutes Reading/Spelling/No. Facts) + 3 Maths- Mon, Wed and Fri and 2 Lit/Topic homework on a Monday and Friday

Children should be encouraged to discuss any problems they are having with their teacher. It is not acceptable for children to struggle excessively, causing upset at home. Obtaining parental support is of paramount importance.

A Homework Club will be provided if needed for children who wish to do some of their homework at school and support will be provided. One day's leeway will be given regarding the deadline for handing in work. Unfinished or missing work will need to be completed during lunchtimes. If a child does not complete their homework on more than three occasions concerns will be discussed with parents.

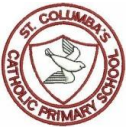
Homework will:

- Increase as children get older
- Be interesting and relevant to the class work
- Be encouraged by a positive approach
- Encourage parents to support their children's work by providing where possible a quiet undisturbed environment
- Be marked by the class teacher.

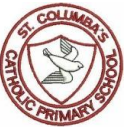
Following these guidelines will help children to develop independence, realise their full potential and prepare them for the next stage in their education.

Although there is no legal requirement to have a Homework Policy, the guidelines have been drawn up in line with recommendations.

Policy agreed by Governors on	September 2017
Signature of Chair of Governors	Mrs J Sims
Signature of Head Teacher	Miss M Evans
Date to be reviewed	September 2018



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