



St. Patrick's GNS, Hollypark

Homework Completion Guidelines



Importance of Homework

The school considers that homework is very important:

- It fosters independence, self-reliance, self-esteem, responsibility and life-long learning skills.
- It provides the child with the opportunity to consolidate her learning and so is an aid to her progress
- It provides families with useful insights into their children's learning and needs
- It gives pupils the opportunity to develop the practice of independent study and to form good habits for secondary school
- It affords pupils the opportunity to use alternative materials and supports from those available in the classroom
- Occasionally, at the discretion of the class teacher or the principal, children are given 'homework off' as a treat or as acknowledgement of some achievement or special occasion.

Parents Role

- Parents can help by making sure their child has a suitable time and place set aside for homework with no distractions.
- Check your child's homework is completed to the best of her ability.
- If you feel your child is trying really hard, remember to praise their efforts, especially if it's something they find difficult.
- Parents can hear oral elements of homework such as maths tables.
- If your child is experiencing difficulties completing her homework, please discuss this with your class teacher.
- Check your child's homework journal daily and fill in the time taken, along with a signature.

Suggested time guidelines:

Infants	Class teacher will advise
1 st /2 nd	20 – 30 minutes
3 rd /4 th	30 – 40 minutes
5 th /6 th	40 – 60 minutes

For additional homework tips for parents of primary school children please visit:

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