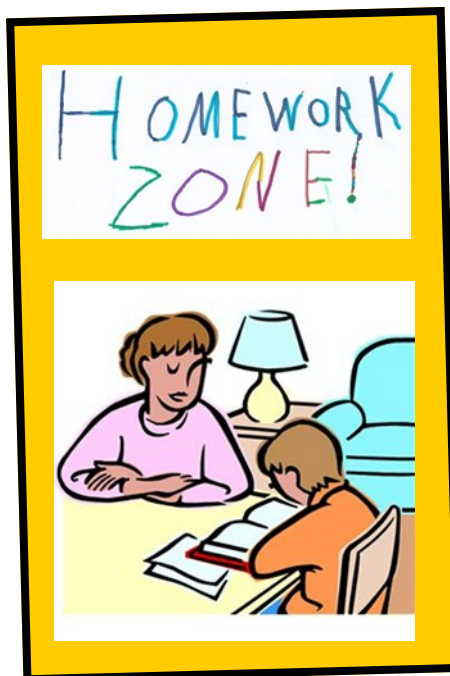


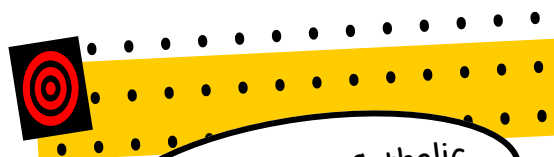
Frequency of Homework Guidance:

Reception	50 minutes weekly
Year 1	1 hour weekly
Year 2	1 hour weekly
Year 3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours weekly
Year 4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours weekly
Year 5	30 minutes daily
Year 6	30 minutes daily



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Introduction

In St. Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools we believe that education is a partnership between parents and the school. A particular way that parents may help their child and contribute to raising his/her standard of attainment is through supporting Homework.

Homework does not just entail children undertaking written tasks without any help from an adult. On the contrary parental/carer involvement is vital. Children need to know that their parents/carers are interested in what they are doing. They need to be encouraged, particularly if they are not enthusiastic about doing the task or struggling with it and they need some kind of positive feedback when they have completed the task.

Where parents/carers play an active role in their child's homework, the experience is far more valuable to the pupils and inevitably the standard of work is higher. This may be by discussing the homework with their child, getting their child to explain what they have to do and how, and going through the learning with their child on completion.

We recognise that some parents can find homework a stressful time, especially if they don't fully understand the work the child has been set. If your child is really struggling with the task or has lost concentration, the best thing to do is get them to leave it and return to it at a later time. Before they return to the task, get them to tell you what exactly they are finding difficult. Sometimes asking questions will help the child recall the knowledge or skills needed for the task. Whatever happens try to remain calm with your child. Positive reinforcement is vital at all times. Children respond to praise, not negative comments.

We have tried to make this policy leaflet useful and informative. Remember, only together can we make a difference. Our children deserve it.

Mrs. Horton
Executive Headteacher



Aims of this Policy:

To inform parents about homework protocols in St. Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools and the EYFS;

To develop a shared understanding of the purpose of homework and consistency;

To clarify the responsibilities of teachers, parents/carers and children;

To raise the profile of homework with children and parents/carers.

The Purpose of Homework:

Homework gives children the opportunity to practise and reinforce skills that have already been taught. Homework activities allow children to apply skills to a range of situations. Children may also be using skills to extend their knowledge of a particular subject.

Homework provides an opportunity for parents/carers to be involved in their children's learning, and research shows that parental/carer support for children's learning is the key to high achievement.

Children also need to develop the idea that learning is an ongoing, lifelong process. It takes place not only in school, but outside as well.

Homework gives children the chance to build, in an independent way, on what they already know, understand and can do.

The Responsibilities of the School:

To ensure that teachers set homework in line with this policy leaflet and that of Learning and Teaching

To provide appropriate amounts of homework;

To ensure that the homework set is at the appropriate level for the child;

To ensure that homework is marked and feedback given to the children.

The Responsibilities of Parents/Carers:

To find out what homework their child has and when it has to be handed in;

To allocate a time for their child to do their homework;

To check the homework on completion;

To ensure they provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place in which their child can do their homework;

To ensure their child hands the homework in on time;

To ensure that their child reads on a regular basis.

The Responsibilities of the Child:

To listen when homework is set so that they have a clear understanding of what they should do;

To ensure that their homework is taken home and returned on the correct day;

To complete their homework to the best of their ability, and in line with the school's presentation policy and to check their work on completion and make any necessary corrections;

To remind parents that they have homework and make sure they monitor completion.

Good Homework Conditions and Reminders:

The children are aware of expectations in St. Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools and these expectations are carried into homework. Please give your child every opportunity to succeed by:

- ✓ Provide a quiet area
- ✓ Prevent distractions: e.g. t.v, radio, ipod/pad
- ✓ Provide a desk or table