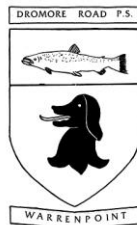


Dromore Road Primary School



Dromore Road is a small controlled Primary school situated in the town of Warrenpoint. We provide a broad and balanced education for children from P1 - P7 and have a current enrolment of 77 pupils.

HOMework POLICY



Homework is an integral part of a child's education. We in Dromore Road Primary School value homework for the following reasons:

1. Reinforces and consolidates teaching and learning
2. Encourages responsibility and self discipline
3. Supports research projects carried out in school
4. Nurtures links between home and school
5. Supports a child in resolving any academic problems they may be experiencing
6. Revises or prepares for assessments
7. Completes work not finished in class *

** Work not completed in school*

If class work has not been completed by the child, they may be asked to complete the work at home.

We depend on the support of parents/guardians to take an active role in their child's homework in order that homework becomes a meaningful experience for the child and adult.

All homework should be:

- ❖ On time
- ❖ Well presented
- ❖ Completed by the child
- ❖ Signed by the Parent/Guardian

On time

All homework must be handed in to the teacher on the correct day. If homework is handed in late or is incomplete, a note written and signed by the parent/guardian must be given to the teacher, with an appropriate explanation. If a note is not given, the child may be asked to repeat the homework, either the next evening or during school hours. If homework is frequently not completed the parents will be contacted by the school to discuss the issue. All children must complete homework set.

Presentation

Homework must be set out using the following criteria:

P1- Neat presentation and where applicable, the correct letter/number formation.

P2 & 3 - Work set out carefully and neatly presented.

Correct letter/number formation, paying particular attention to the size and orientation of letters/numbers and spacing between words.

P4-P7

- Date
- Title
- Page number
- Spacing - Work set out correctly and neatly presented
- Use of a ruler to rule lines

If the homework does not conform to the above criteria the teacher will highlight how the homework may be improved in line with the marking policy within the school.

Completed by the child

It is important that all homework is completed by the child, and not by another child or parent/guardian. It is essential that teachers see children's work; from this the teacher can assess the child's understanding.

This includes SEN homework activities. If the pupil finds his/her homework difficult they are to complete it to the best of their ability and the teacher will go over it again with them.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

It is essential that parents/guardians are involved with their child's homework and take time to ensure that it is completed to the standards expected by the school. Parents can communicate with the class teacher through their child's homework diary and write any relevant comment in relation to their homework.

All homework must be signed by parent/guardian.

Forms of homework

Forms of homework will include: Daily reading, spellings, mental mathematics/problem solving, scripts/poetry, music, World Around Us, and written exercises involving all subject areas and research.

Homework for individual classes will be made up from the following:-

FOUNDATION STAGE

Primary 1

- ❖ Children will be expected to learn poetry, lines for drama and songs.
- ❖ Numeracy, literacy and reading activities to reinforce class work.
- ❖ Problem solving games are given to reinforce concepts in numeracy/literacy.
- ❖ World Around Us activities and investigations

Homework should take <u>no longer</u> than 10 - 15 minutes. *
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Primary 2

Children will be expected to complete daily reading, spellings and a written/learning exercise.

These exercises may include:

- ❖ Numeracy and literacy activities to reinforce class work.
- ❖ Mental Mathematics/problem solving activities
- ❖ Games based on school learning
- ❖ Nursery rhymes, short poems and songs
- ❖ World Around Us activities and investigations

Homework should take <u>no longer</u> than 15 - 20 minutes. *
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KEY STAGE ONE

Primary 3

Children will be expected to complete daily reading, spellings and a written/learning exercise.

These exercises may include:

- ❖ Number stories
- ❖ Poetry - short poems and songs
- ❖ Numeracy and literacy activities to reinforce class work.
- ❖ Mental mathematics/problem solving activities
- ❖ Games based on school learning
- ❖ World Around Us activities and investigations

Homework should take **no longer** than 25 - 30 minutes *

Primary 4

Children will be expected to complete daily reading, spellings, tables and a written/learning exercise. These exercises may include:

- ❖ Spelling activity
- ❖ Numeracy and literacy activities to reinforce class work
- ❖ Poetry/drama
- ❖ Problem solving activities
- ❖ World Around Us activities and investigations
- ❖ Music/Recorder

Homework should take **no longer** than 30 minutes *

KEY STAGE TWO

Primary 5/6/7

- ❖ Reading

Children are given a reading homework every day. We recommend that children should spend the following amount of time reading at home. The recommended time spent on reading each night is:-

P5 10 minutes *

P6 15 minutes *

P7 20 minutes *

It is crucial that reading is not completed in isolation and that parents take time to discuss and question their child on the text.

Children will be expected to complete daily reading, spellings, tables and a written/learning exercise. These exercises may include:

- ❖ Numeracy and literacy activities to reinforce class work
- ❖ Poetry/drama
- ❖ World Around Us activities and investigations
- ❖ Mental mathematics/problem solving activities
- ❖ Music/Recorder

Homework, including reading should take **no longer** than:-

P5 30 - 35 minutes *

P6 35 - 40 minutes *

P7 40 - 45 minutes *

*** Exceptions to the length of time spent on homework.**

Homework may take less time or indeed more time for different children. It should be noted that the times given are simply a guideline to the amount of time that should be spent completing homework. If a child is taking much more time completing homework, the teacher should be informed immediately. In the same instance if a child is completing homework in under the recommended time we welcome parents to inform the class teacher so that advice can be sought.

Project work

Children in Primary 2 to Primary 7 will be expected to complete a project, usually in term 3. Project work e.g. research, interpreting and editing relevant information will be carried out by the child. Children will give a presentation to demonstrate their understanding of the topic. All projects must be the children's own work. Children are not expected to exceed the recommended homework time, therefore provision and direction will be made available during the school day.

Children in P4 to P7 must have their homework diary signed by parent/guardian to show that the required reading has been completed.

All children are encouraged to take time and check over their homework for any mistakes.

Assessment and monitoring

All homework is marked in line with the marking policy within the school. Occasionally children in Key Stage 2 will have highlighted success criteria attached to their written activities to ensure they have a better understanding of what is expected of them. The principal regularly evaluates the children's work.

Agreed by Board of Governors at a meeting held on _____

Date:- _____ Chairman:- _____

Date:- _____ Principal:- _____