



Kilcoskan NS Homework Policy

The Purpose of Homework in Kilcoskan NS is considered to be:

- To consolidate work being done at school
- To keep parents/ guardians in touch and involved in their children's work
- To develop and encourage the habit of independent study and learning

Please note the following:

- Homework will always be an integral part of the subject / curriculum being taught and is given in order to consolidate / practice work done - not as an exercise in isolation.
- Homework will never be given unless the teacher has prepared and explained what is to be done.
- Homework will be consistent, will be age and stage appropriate and will be given in such a way as to form a pattern for the children so that they are more likely to remember it.
- Teachers check that homework is being done and will give extra help where difficulties occur.
- Should a parent/ guardian not wish that their child be given some homework activities, a letter must be forwarded to the school expressing this, which will be kept on school files.
- Infant pupils, pupils with special educational needs and pupils who receive Support Teaching will be given differentiated homework.

2017-2018 Policy for Kilcoskan NS Homework: 1st – 6th Class Mainstream Pupils:

English / Literacy: Not exhaustive

- Spellings to be learned nightly and put into sentences.
- A section of English in Practice to be completed nightly (prepared in class if necessary)
- Reading nightly

Maths / Numeracy: Not exhaustive

- A section of New Wave Mental Maths to be completed nightly (prepared in class if necessary)
- Tables nightly

Gaeilge: Not exhaustive

- Spellings nightly

Guidelines for Parents /Guardians:

Parents/ guardians are encouraged to:

- Establish a set routine and time for their child to do their homework, in a quiet place, free from distractions.
- Supervise children's homework, checking and signing the homework journal / homework nightly upon completion.
- Help and encourage their child with homework but not to do the homework for them
- Forward a note (in journal / communication copies) to the teacher if homework has not been completed due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Decide upon an appropriate point at which to stop doing homework, if parent/ guardian feels their child has made an effort but is unable to complete the tasks for whatever reason within an appropriate timeframe. Please note this in the homework journal.
- Shared reading is not homework in the regular sense and it is simply meant to be an enjoyable exercise between parent and child which is to be encouraged throughout the child's life.

Allotted time that teachers expect the average child in each Mainstream class to spend at homework:

Infant Pupils: 15-20 minutes

1st & 2nd Class Pupils: 25-30 minutes

3rd & 4th Class Pupils: 30-45minutes

5th & 6th Class Pupils: 45 – 60minutes

Homework is given from Monday to Thursday. Normally there is no homework at weekends.