

Homework Policy

Introductory Statement

This policy was formulated by the staff of Nicker N.S. It was first ratified by the BoM in June 2010 and once again reviewed in May 2014

Homework provides an opportunity for the pupils to work on a variety of subjects in an oral or written format. Homework might entail revision and reinforcement of work already undertaken in class. Any material which the teacher might consider difficult will not be given as homework.

It is important that homework given by the learning support or resource teacher is completed before embarking on class homework. If a child is finding it difficult to complete both, the class teacher in consultation with the parent will come to an arrangement which focuses on the specific needs of the child concerned. In the allocation of homework assignments, the class teacher might consider any educational, social, family or financial factors that might affect the pupil's performance.

Content

- All classes from Junior infants to 6th Class will have homework each school night, Monday-Thursday.
- Children might have homework off a on special occasions at the discretion of the class teacher or principal
- The maximum time which a child of average ability, when working consistently, should spend on homework, is as follows:

Infants	20 mins
1 st & 2 nd	40 mins
3 rd & 4 th	50 mins
5 th & 6 th	60 mins

- Each pupil from 1st & 2nd class upwards will write their homework from the blackboard. Parents are kindly requested to sign their child's homework on completion every evening.
- Each pupil from 1st class upwards should have a homework journal and enter homework assignments as required. Parents/Guardians should sign journals on completion of homework. Homework journals are available from the school as part of the book rental scheme.
- Pupils who have failed to complete homework assignments should provide the class teacher with a note of explanation signed by the parent/guardian. If a child does not have a note or explanation from their parent as to why homework has not be completed, the child will be encouraged to complete the work at another time, in class, during break time or at home.

If a pupil experiences continued difficulty with homework, parents/guardians might bring this fact to the attention of the class teacher and discuss the matter so as to minimise the difficulties experienced.

Review

This policy will be reviewed by all teaching staff annually. Any amendments or changes to the policy will be made following this review, in consultation with parents and BOM.