

Homework Policy

It is the policy of Shronell N.S that students will have regular homework to:

- encourage students to become independent learners.
- avail of the learning opportunities and resources of the wider community.
- link home and school learning.
- practice and apply what is learned in school.

Homework is the student's own responsibility:

Students are responsible for doing their own homework independently. If they have any difficulties, they will ask the teacher for help the next day.

If a student does not make his/her best effort, the teacher and student will agree the consequences e.g re-doing work at break time in school or at home. If difficulties are on- going the student parent / carer and teacher will meet so they can plan together how best to support and encourage the student in doing homework.

Supportive role of Parent/Carer:

- signed and timed at night
- to give encouragement
- to read stories to younger children and to listen to the child reading texts and recommended books
- to provide proper conditions – quiet time / place (tv free) with suitable work surface and light
- to help out, not teach
- to feed back comments to the teacher (e.g. a few words on the homework notebook). This is especially important if the child is having any problems e.g. difficulty understanding work, taking longer than the recommended time.

Recommended Times:

Infant classes	10 minutes	} (+ 20 minutes independent or shared reading for enjoyment)
1 st & 2 nd class	20-30 minutes	
3 rd & 4 th class	30-40 minutes	
5 th & 6 th Class	40-60 minutes	

There will be no homework at weekends (except in a situation where the teacher deems that homework has not been completed to a high standard during the week).

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