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Kilnamona National School Homework Policy

This policy was drawn up by the teachers in conjunction with the Board of Management.

1. Rationale

It is the policy of Kilnamona National School to assign homework on a nightly basis. We think this is necessary:

- to establish good study practices,
- re-enforce class work,
- as a home-school link.

2. Content

- Homework will include both oral and written work and will be given to every class from Junior Infants to Sixth class.
- Each child from First to Sixth class will have a homework journal which must be signed each night.
- In the Infant room the teacher dates the pupils' textbooks for the Junior Infants and the Senior Infants date the work themselves and copy written work from the board.
- Pupils in First – Fourth classes write their homework from the whiteboard, in abbreviated form, in their homework journals.
- Pupils in Fifth and Sixth classes write their homework in their homework journal/notebook at the end of each subject as work is assigned.
- From Infants to Fourth class written homework is corrected by class teacher in the morning. Oral work is checked at relevant subject periods during the day.
- In Fifth and Sixth classes the same applies but on occasions peer correction is used.

- All children will be exempt from homework on the last weekend of every month.
- Children up to Fourth class will be exempt from homework at weekends but will be encouraged to complete unfinished work and to undertake reading of library books.

The following is an approximate guideline as to how long pupils should take in completing homework tasks.

Uninterrupted Homework --Time

Infants	20 minutes approx.
1st and 2nd classes	30 minutes approx.
3rd and 4th classes	50 minutes approx.
5th and 6th classes	1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes approx.

- Due to individual differences and other circumstances there will be a variation in time spent completing homework from pupil to pupil. Any difficulties will be discussed and duly addressed following home/school contact.
- Class teacher will liaise with Special Education Teachers on homework for pupils receiving support learning.

3.Success Criteria

(a) Parents/Guardians

- Parents/Guardians should take an active interest in their child's homework as well as general schoolwork.
- Oral work (tables, reading, poetry, spellings, new vocabulary in English and Irish etc.) is an integral part of home and schoolwork and attention to this area is of the utmost importance.
- Parents/Guardians should ensure that homework is properly presented, completed and examined before the homework journal is signed.

(b)Pupils

- The submission of unsatisfactory/incomplete homework will result in certain sanctions. These sanctions will be imposed at the discretion of the

- teachers. e.g. setting extra work, detention during breaks, referral to the Principal.
- If, for any genuine reason, homework cannot be completed an explanatory note should be forwarded to the class teacher.
 - If there is continuous failure to complete homework Parents/Guardians will be informed and the issue will be addressed.
 - Parents/Guardians may discuss with the class teacher methods to deal positively with difficulties their child/children may experience.
 - Children absent from school are encouraged to complete homework if capable of doing so.

4. Review

This policy was reviewed and endorsed by the Board of Management in February 2004.

This policy has been reviewed and endorsed by the Board of Management in June 2014.

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Signed: David Casey _____ Chairperson, Board of Management.

Signed: Seán Crowe _____ Principal.

Date: 22nd September 2022 _____