



Ard Rí Community National School
Balreask Old,
Navan,
Co. Meath

Roll No. 20352T

Homework Policy
September 2021

Introduction

At Ard Rí Community National School (CNS) we aim to protect the wellbeing of our pupils and staff by providing a safe and nurturing environment. As a Community National School our ethos is underpinned by the core values of: Excellence in Education, Care, Equality, Community and Respect



Ard Rí CNS recognise and benefits from the dedicated working relationship with the families in the school. By its very definition, homework is done in the home where input and support maximises its potential and possibilities. This policy was reviewed and amended in consultation with the staff in September 2021.

Rationale

Homework is part of a continuous learning process and in Ard Rí CNS, we regard homework as important for the following reasons:

- It allows pupils the opportunity to revisit, revise and consolidate skills learned in class
- It can help pupils to make more rapid progress in learning
- It can involve parents and family in the pupil's work to their mutual benefit
- It gives pupils the opportunity for independent learning and study
- It forms a link with the methods of study crucial to success at secondary level and in later life

In our review of this policy, we aimed to provide an outline for what we believe constitutes meaningful homework, for the consistency in the setting and submitting of homework within our school and for inclusion of ICT based resources (i.e. Seesaw) as has been used with success during the Covid19 pandemic.

Homework Aims

We hope homework will be a positive experience for child and parent. The aims and objectives of homework are:

- to enable pupils to make maximum progress
- to promote cooperation between home and school in supporting each child's learning
- to help pupils develop the skills of an independent learner
- to enable all aspects of the curriculum to be covered in depth
- to provide educational experiences not possible in school
- to consolidate and reinforce the learning done in school, and to allow children to practise skills taught in lessons
- to help children develop good work habits for the future



Assigning and submitting homework

All pupils are assigned homework appropriate to their age, ability and class level. Some tasks may be designed to consolidate the child's classroom learning experiences, while other tasks will encourage the child to work independently and with initiative. Reading practice is a priority for all children.

Homework in Ard Rí CNS will take the form of a blended approach of traditional learning and written homework and supplementary learning activities completed online via online learning platforms.

Children from Junior Infants to 1st Class will be assigned a homework sheet at the start of every week. Children from 2nd to 6th Class will write their homework into a homework journal every day. Supplementary activities to boost learning for children in all classes will be uploaded to online learning platforms for the pupils to engage with throughout the week.

Children will be required to present their completed written homework daily to be checked by the teacher, unless otherwise specified. Completion date of activities on online learning platforms will be clearly stated by the teacher on each individual task. Some may be completed throughout the week at the family's discretion, others will have a set completion date

Correction of homework

Homework will be corrected at regular intervals by the class teacher or in some situations, the child's SEN teacher. Teachers may opt to use a selection of approaches in correcting tasks e.g. collect and correct, in-class correction time, self-correct, listening to reading, testing of learning homework, partner correction, in-class presentation.

Completion of homework

Here is a guide to the time that teachers expect the average child in each class to spend doing homework:

- Junior Infants: 10-15 minutes
- Senior Infants: 15-20 minutes
- 1st and 2nd classes: 20-30 minutes
- 3rd and 4th classes: 30-45 minutes
- 5th and 6th classes: 45 minutes-60 minutes

These times are guidelines; some children may complete the work in less time. However, if your child is taking more than the guideline time, and homework is becoming a negative experience please confer with the teacher. Homework is assigned Monday to Thursday. Homework missed due to absence does not normally have to be completed. Children are encouraged to read for pleasure every day and parents are encouraged to read to younger children every day.

The nature of the homework assigned will inevitably change during such times as Book Week, Active Week, Parent-Teacher meetings or other special occasions; occasionally pupils may be given a night off (or a Homework Pass) as a reward for a special effort made by the class or by an individual.



Parents/Guardians:

We ask parents to support our Homework Policy by:

- Establishing a set routine and time for the child to do his/ her homework, in a quiet place free from distractions
- Supervising children's homework- the signing of homework and the homework journal is not mandatory, however, it is a nice habit to get into and teacher can see who supported the child to complete their work.
- Helping and encouraging the child but not to do the homework for him/ her
- Forwarding a note to the teacher if homework has not been completed due to unforeseen circumstances
- Regularly checking reading, spellings and tables
- Informing teachers of problems when they arise

We would encourage parents to supplement their children's learning at home by using; library books, activity books, puzzle books, free writing stations, art materials, board games, educational computer apps and other educational resources available to you to enhance the development of your child.



Board of Management Policy Consultation Log

Please present this form to your BOM when considering the policy at BOM level for ratification

School:	<i>Ard Rí Community NS</i>
Policy:	<i>Homework Policy</i>

Staff Consultation:

Date of Final Consultation:	<i>27.09.2021</i>
Proposed By:	<i>Eoghan Monaghan</i>
Seconded By:	<i>Nicola Clarkin</i>

Parents Consultation:

Date of Final Consultation:	<i>27.09.2021</i>
Proposed By:	<i>Shelley Mercer</i>
Seconded By:	<i>Ciara McManus</i>



BOM & LMETB Ratification/Resolution Process for This Policy

BOM Ratification

Date Ratified by the Board of Management:	<i>28.09.2021</i>
Proposed By:	<i>Darren McManus</i>
Seconded By:	<i>Avril Byrne</i>
Signed	<i>Yemi Adenuga Chairperson Of Board of Management</i>

LMETB Ratification/Resolution of the ETB Board

Date of Resolution of ETB Board	
Signed	<i>(Chairperson)</i>