

Policy on Homework./ Scoil Bhaile an Iubhair .

Original Policy was drafted by the teachers of Ballinure School in 2000 ,
Policy was reviewed in 2008 school year and changes were made. Policy reviewed in 2017 and
again March 2019..

General Statement on homework.

Homework is part of a continuous learning process and in Ballinure School ,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, ie constant revision and " practise makes perfect"
- It can involve parents and family in the pupil's work, to their mutual benefit.
- It gives pupils an opportunity for independent learning and study.
- It fosters good habits and study skills which are crucial to success at secondary school and in later life.

It also enables the teacher:

- To monitor pupil progress with a view to improving standards.
- To provide pupils and parents with clear and relevant feedback.
- To suggest strategies for improvement and goals to be achieved.
- To seek extra resources to support those pupils in need of additional help or additional challenge.

Each teacher assigns homework.

A homework guideline is sent home to all parents in September ,outlining the type of homework . and approximate time frame for completing it in.

It is our policy not to give homework on Fridays or on other special occasions .

Students are expected to complete homework with care and attention. A diary is used from 1st-6th class , which should be signed by parents and teachers keep a check on the diary also

The time required for homework varies by class as follows:

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: 50 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, please confer with the teacher.

Parents are provided with tips re .homework , ways they can help their child through the Home/School Link on the Monthly School Newsletter. Teachers are always willing to offer help and advise re. Homework.

Signed _____